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Field Day This Weekend June 25 & 26

Operating Spots Still Available

Contact John (K9NJ) for CW operating position assignments.

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Contact Ron (KØRJW) for any questions or interests in GOTA operation.

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Contact Pam (KD9DIY) at 715-307-8312 If you are or have a Boy Scout interested in the Radio Merit Badge. Classes and operations are scheduled for those that RSVP for this event.

Contact Ed (WBØVHF) for any other questions or suggestions for Field Day 2016 with the St. Paul Radio Club and Mining Amateur Radio Club operation. wb0vhf@arrl.net

What's Different This Year

We are back at Tartan Park for one more year.

Access will be from the west side of the park, on Lake Elmo Ave N (County Rd 17). The gates there will be the only route in. It is just south of the 45/55 MPH speed limit change.

There may not be any running water this year, so the bathrooms may not be available. Porta-potties are yet to be determined.

The Saturday night meal will not be the big picnic affair it has been. The FD crew will be fed as usual.



Sr. Alverna O'Laughlin WAØSGJ, SK

by Patrick Tice, WAØTDA

It is with a heavy heart that I pass along the news that Sister Alverna O'Laughlin (WAØSGJ) became a silent key on May 30th, 2016. She died among friends at Assisi Heights, the Franciscan residence in Rochester, Minnesota, where she had been retired since 2007. She was 84 years old—and many of those years we knew her as "Sweet Grape Juice," SGJ—her ham radio callsign suffix.

Sister Alverna joined the fledgling "Handihams" in the earliest days when founder Ned Carman (WØZSW) came up with the idea of sharing his hobby

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13th annual MAGIC TAILGATER

July 9, 2016, 8 a.m. to Noon

www.magicrepeater.net/fest.htm

Galilee Lutheran Church, 145 N McCarrons Blvd, Roseville, MN 55113

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of Amateur Radio with people who had disabilities. Ned enlisted the help of a group of local nuns, the Sisters of St. Francis, on April 30, 1967. Although their first action was as weather watchers during a thunderstorm that passed through Rochester that day, the Sisters were committed to helping Ned with his new project and several received their licenses. Among them was Sister Alverna O'Laughlin (WAØSGJ) who would eventually become the Educational Coordinator for the Handiham System at Courage Center in Golden Valley, Minnesota.

It was at Courage Center in 1991 that I met Sister Alverna when I started a new job as the manager of the Handiham program. Her kindness and patience lifted me up, helping me to learn how to work with our Handiham members—just as she worked tirelessly to help those around her succeed and reach their goals. Think about how many people joined the ranks of Amateur Radio over the decades, thanks to the guidance, encouragement, and hard work of Sister Alverna! She knew that radio would open a line of communications between those she taught and the rest of the world. Making friends on the radio, learning the math and science of electronics, and striving toward goals were all things that would make the lives of Handiham members better.

Sister knew that.

She was on a mission.

You were going to succeed in earning your ham radio license.

And she was right.

"73", Sister Alverna. You are at peace now and your lifetime of good work lives on in all of the thankful people you helped.

Look What's Been Donated to the Club

Thanks to Br. Bob Walsh (WCØJ), the Club and the ARRL will have some extra funds in their stockings this year. Like many of us hams, we collect gear over the years and keep it under the bed until it finally dawns on us that it has to go somewhere—and it should be a useful location. Br. Bob is working in Racine these days and has a small station there to play with. He decided to donate his extra gear to the Club to use or dispose of like we do in the Auction. Br. Bob liked good things, and now we get to share them. The usual shack gear condensed down to about ten bins, but the outside stuff became an undertaking. Luckily we still have a couple of resources that have outside and inside storage areas, at least temporarily. Temporarily, that's the key in this situation. Ten sections of Rohn 25, five sections of HBX (40ft), many other masts, beams, and roof tripods need to find homes now.

Anyway, long story short, we decided to start selling this gear now. A list will be included here, pictures and video will be available, and we will have most of it at the Magic sale on July 9th. Who do we have to thank for this windfall? First and foremost is Br. Bob Walsh. Not only for the donation, but he alone had everything laid out and ready for pick up Saturday afternoon. He even got the construction crew to pack up the rooftop stuff and lower it down. Next is another Bob—Bob Helwig (KØIKV) for truck and trailer usage and storage out at his Lake Elmo estate. He kicked in for another year's membership too!

President John (KDØCAC) and secretary Don (WA6ZMT) were present for the move as well as that persistent pest and auction chief Dale (NØPEY). Temp was 85+ with 65% humidity; we got a bit wet around the collar.

The towers, beams, and masting will be available by appointment via Dale, n0pey@arrl.net, and Bob in Lake Elmo—mostly evenings/weekends. The radio gear will be offered first at the Magic sale July 9th, then by appointment if much is left over. It will be priced to sell quickly and best offers will be considered.

This will all be considered a part of the 2017 Auction and the sales will be kept in a separate fund for final processing.

Items that SPRC will bring to the Tailgater

Daiwa CN-103L swr/power meter 140mhz - 525mhz, Knwd HF50mhz TS 480DSP, Knwd RCD710 2M control panel-no radio, Knwd SP-230 speaker, Astron RS-35M, Tripp Lite 25amp supply, MFJ-4724 desktop remote ant/transrv switch, Mirage 2m amp B2518G, Knwd TH79A dualband HT, Knwd VGS-1 Voice Syn, CDE rotator AR-22R w/controller and wire, Hy-gain HIV/CD 45 II controller and wire, CDE H-IV/CD 45 II series 1980 and controller no wire, Knwd DSP-100 digital sig processor, Knwd TS850/AT w/DRU-2 YK-88C-1 YK-88SN-1, Knwd TS 440S/AT, Electro Voice 419 desk mic for Knwd radios, MFJ-949E TUNER II, MFJ-921 144 to 220Mhz tuner, MFJ-1112 DC power outlet bar, MFJ-464 cw keyer/reader, Mirage BD-35 144/440mhz amp, Icom SP-23 desk speaker

Antennas and related stuff

2 -2" CK-46 thrust bearings, 2 - 9ft rooftop tripods, other roof tripods, Mosley TA-33 beam, KLM KT-35A 6 el beam, Cushcraft 2M beam, couple mag mounts, and assorted misc. wires and coax.

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If you don't see something here, contact Dale (n0pey@arrl.net)—he has more pictures and videos.



