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SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 10, 2010
Socializing — 7:00 PM
Meeting — 7:30 PM

The program will feature ARRL Dakota Division Director Greg Widin, KØGW, who will give us an update on ARRL happenings. There have been many important happenings lately.

Greg will also present the winner of the QST Cover Plaque Award for May to SPRC member Mert Nellis, WØUFO, for his article "Build an Ampere-Hour Meter for Portable Operations." Congratulations Mert! The winner of the QST Cover Plaque award -- given to the author or authors of the best article in each issue -- is determined by a vote of ARRL members on the QST Cover Plaque Poll Web Page.

We will also have a club discussion about planning and future program wants and Auction ideas.

See you there!

SPRC Planning Calendar

Fri Sept. 10 SPRC Membership Meeting.
Sat Sept. 11 SPRC VE Testing
Sat Sept. 11 Rush City Hamfest
Fri Sept. 17 SPRC Board Meeting.
Sat Sept. 18 SPRC Breakfast.
Sat Sept. 18 SPRC Circuit Builders.
Fri Oct. 1 SPRC Membership Meeting.
Sat Oct. 2 VE Testing
Fri Oct. 9 SPRC Board Meeting.

Calendar Details

Unless otherwise specified, the following details apply to SPRC events:

Membership Meetings:

7:00 PM Socializing; 7:30 PM Business Meeting & Program. Room 155 of the Murray-Herrick Campus Center at UST.

Board Meetings:

7:00 PM. Room 435 (4th Floor Lounge across from elevators) of the O'Shaughnessy Science Hall (OSS) at UST. (Alternate location is the 2nd Floor Lounge).

Circuit Builders:

11:00 AM. Room 415 of the O'Shaughnessy Science Hall (OSS) at UST.

The University of St. Thomas (UST) is located at the intersection of Cretin & Summit Avenues, about 6 blocks south of the Cretin Exit on I-94 in St. Paul. In general, on-campus parking restrictions are not enforced after 6:00 PM on Fridays, but do not park in spots with parking meters.

For detailed maps, see <http://www.stthomas.edu/campusmaps>. Please contact Kim Schumann in Disability Services at 651-962-6315 or kjschumann@stthomas.edu for any accessibility requests.

Saturday Breakfast:

9:00 AM. Perkins in the Midway on University east of Snelling.

VE Sessions:

9:00 AM. Followed by EC Exams - Call Leon Dill, WØCOE at 651-688-9964 for more information.

Dale's Details by NØPEY

When last we left off, the final planning and implementation of Field Day and the Club Picnic were underway, and plans for a relaxed summer followed.

Our Friday set up teams did well and most left for shelter at home as the storm rolled in at dark. Lots of wind and water, and fantastic lightning. A few hardy soles, kibitzed around the fire, solved the world's problems and stayed up way to long. But the morning brought clear skies and Breakfast was served to all comers. Lunch offerings we prepared, Station setups were completed, Generator problems solved and the logging network established.

I'll let the others give the details, but the Picnic was great with plenty of food and fellowship, and many happy operators were logging points. Then the Storms returned and drowned us off the air until about 4a.m. The wind blew a few things out of the kitchen, but I cleaned it up and had breakfast ready for the hungry crowd. We also did the lunch feed after shut down and before takedown, which really works well. Once again, everything was cleared and on it's way home by 4 p.m.

Thank You to all the volunteers and participants. Same time next year! Over the summer the VE Team made some changes in management. Dave Buending has retired and Brian McInerny will get Leon Dill up to speed to become the new manager. They will be ready to go on September 11th, Roseville Fire Station, Lexington and County Road C. I will be furnishing refreshments to all attendees.

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Then a few of us helped Mining Club handle the Woodbury Country Mile support communications on August 29th. This is the place to learn about backup communications, without pressure and just a fun event to be part of.

So, what do we have coming up this year? We are searching for programs, what do you want to see and hear about? Do you know someone or can you do a program about something yourself? The usual Holiday Party and Games, the spring Awards Banquet, and then there is the Auction.

The Auction has been a successful and fun event at every location SPRC has been over the years, on that cold January Friday night. Although Room 304 is usually available and free, it really is a problem to get in and out of and parking is limited, and the sale goes rather late for the older crowd. The Board has been discussing the possibility of changing the location, day and time for the Auction. Make it more like a Saturday morning Hamfest at a venue with easy access and location. Maybe do some advertising and offer food and drink for cash. What do you think? Know any cheap venues? Maybe a better month? Let us know.

After this FD without a full complement of CW ops to cover the times, I've been contemplating a plan to Grow new CW ops from Hams like me who learned it and let it go. I've had a large stroke of luck within the past week. Phil, K0UBC contacted me about something related and we got this going. Then Jerry, NØRIG, who has his own CW mission going, sat with me at the Woodbury Country mile and we talked it over, and John K9NJ, the CW chair, was there so he got in on it. Now I have three WILLING volunteers from both clubs ready to get this going, and I'm sure once the members read this, more "trainers and trainees" will step up. No real plans yet, but the trainers will have to work out those details. CW Rules! Who's In?

Dale, NØPEY

Saint Paul Radio Club Picnic a Success —by Jay Maher

We had another great Field Day Picnic at Tartan Park on Saturday, June 26th. The weather mostly cooperated, with just a few sprinkles. Nothing like the rain the night before and certainly nothing that could dampen the enthusiasm of the attendees. The traditional spaghetti and meatball supper was spearheaded by Allan Klein, WØNLY, who took on the tasks (usually split between three of us) of pasta and sauce preparation. Allan has found a new calling and is looking for a formal event (250 guest minimum) to solo cater as his next challenge. Fred McCormick, KBØNVC, and Dale Maroushek, NØPEY worked tirelessly from preparation to clean up as usual. Did you save room for dessert? I hope so because there were lots of choices and everything was good. Dale's sister-in-law Lisa took the blue ribbon again for her assortment of baked creations



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SPRC to Offer Fall Technician Class

The club will sponsor a new Technician class beginning Thursday 9/30 – 12/2 (Thanksgiving excepted), 7-9 PM, at the Basswood Room in the Roseville Fire Hall.

To register or for more information, contact Allan Klein, WØNLY at allankmn@cs.com

Needed: Ground Wave Editor

As the masthead says, the current *Ground Wave* Editor/Publisher situation is an *Interim* one. Both persons have other time-consuming commitments to the club. If you are interested in stepping up, please contact Dale, NØPEY.

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