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NEWS AND NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 2019 — Volume 79, Issue 2

NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2019.

6:00 PM Board Meeting (all are welcome to attend)

7:00 PM Fellowship and Refreshments

7:30 PM Short Business Meeting with Program following.

Program

As of press time, we have no formal speaker planned for our February 1st meeting. Before you go blaming our Board, remember that finding a speaker is a very hard thing to do 9 months a year plus a banquet. It is also not just the Board's responsibility. All of us know people that would make good speakers. If you have any ideas, please send them to a Board member. I am sure they would be willing to do the leg work and make the calls. Sometimes it is the idea that is the hardest part.

All meetings are in the Commons meeting room in the John R Albers Center at Cretin-Derham Hall High School, 555 Hamline Ave. S., St. Paul MN 55116. From the intersection of Randolph Avenue and Hamline Avenue S., take Hamline southward for 3 blocks. The parking lot entrance is on the west side of Hamline Ave. opposite Watson St. The Albers Center building is about 400 feet west of the lot entrance—use the double-door entrance on the east side of the building.

In any event, sometimes an informal meeting can be informative too. Each of us, new or old-timer, has something to share about our experiences with the hobby. See you on Friday.

Dale's Details by Dale Maroushek, NØPEY

We picked the right day for the Auction, just before the area falls into the Arctic. We were lucky, there were 250 items to sell, 76 buyers registered, and it was another fun day.

First, we say thank you to Brother Bob for sponsoring our use of this fabulous place, and he already had an idea to make next year's plan better. Then we thank the new helpers that jumped on board this year to learn the ropes to keep the Auction going. Kevin and Ben and Ron and Leon and Pete and Ted, welcome aboard. Our three fantastic auctioneers, Jay and Ralph and Tom for a professional and entertaining event. The rest of the team: George, Ed, Jay, John, Don, Dallas, and the unsung hero of the food table, my wife Deb. Without this gathering of volunteers, the Auction would not exist. An anecdote or two in comparison to last year: only four more buyers but a lot more items to sell; the menu and food costs varied but the food sale profit was only sixteen cents different; almost even ratio of Hallicrafters gear and power supplies – about 10 each.

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We won't have the profit picture until all the calculations are confirmed, but I suspect it will be much better than last year.

I would put one of those save the date things on your calendar for Jan 25th, 2020. We will do it all again.

Dale, NOPEY, VP

SPRC — Board Meeting — January 4, 2019

President Don Kelly (WA6ZMT), called the meeting to order at 6:21 PM. Attending: Don Kelly, Dale Maroushek (NOPEY), George Power (K0GCP), John Faughn (KD0CAC), Jay Maher (NJ0M)

Reports and topics discussed.

Club Storage

We are still looking for an inexpensive used trailer (10' long, enclosed, single axle, under \$1000) for storing non-temperature sensitive equipment for club events, such as field day and the auction. This is a low priority item.

Repeater

We added a PLL tone of 114.8 to our VHF repeater, and George updated our repeater listing information with the MN Repeater Council.

Finance

No report.

Banquet

Jay contacted the CDH food service (Taher) and found conflicts over dates. He contacted the University of St Thomas's food service and we have tentatively scheduled our banquet at UST for April 27, pending our speaker's commitments.

Website

Jay is working with a new site host, QTH.COM, to get our website up and running with current information. The hosting service will charge \$5/month (plus fees), for the basic package. George will help.

Auction preparations

The auction dates are: setup on 1/25/2019 and auction on 1/26/2019 at CDH. The space has been reserved. The sound system is available. We have as auctioneers: Jay, Tom, Dale, Ralph, and will welcome any other volunteers (just contact Dale). Operations staff: Don, George, Ed. Food options are being arranged.

The meeting was closed at 7:00 PM

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SPRC — Member Meeting — January 4, 2019

President Don (WA6ZMT) opened the business meeting at 7:30 PM. We had 31 present plus our speaker.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Secretary George (K0GCP) reported that the minutes for the December Board meeting and the Member meeting were posted in the *Ground Wave*, with an invitation to correct the same by emailing George. Since no corrections were received, both sets of minutes were accepted as posted.

Vice-President Dale (N0PEY) reported that our 2018-2019 membership is over 104 as of tonight.

Treasurer Allan (W0ONLY) reported (via email) that the club's three funds are in good shape.

President Don reminded us that the next regularly scheduled VE session occurs tomorrow (1/5/2019).

General discussion:

The board continues working on auction preparations (see board minutes).

Our meeting map/instructions need revision, as Googling our address of 555 Hamline puts the meeting on the northern side of the CDH campus. The written instructions are accurate, and direct visitors to the south side of the campus. Nobody volunteered a solution to the problem.

2019 Field Day activities -- We are looking for sites for the event. Suggestions include school parking lots, field and track areas, a spot near Woodwinds Hospital in Woodbury, and the north parking area of the U of M's St. Paul campus. Some caveats: we need 24 hour access (no closing at 10:00 PM rules), and the ability to park our two or three RV operating stations and to be able to run generators all of the time.

The business meeting was closed at 7:46 PM

Program:

John Kruk, N9UPC, presented a short history and explanation of Yaesu's System Fusion. He is a Yaesu employee and is a staunch supporter of the Fusion system. He enjoys talking to radio clubs about the Fusion advantages. The main advantage that Yaesu offers is having one repeater for both digital and analog communications, with automatic switching between the modes. It also offers the Wires-X function, to allow radio communications around the world by internet, between two Wires-X repeaters. John's presentation was well received, and a long session of questions (and answers) followed.

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Our usual raffle operator was absent, but Dale held an impromptu raffle for packages of his cooked hot dishes.

The meeting ended at 9:05 PM, but the crowd stayed on to socialize much longer.

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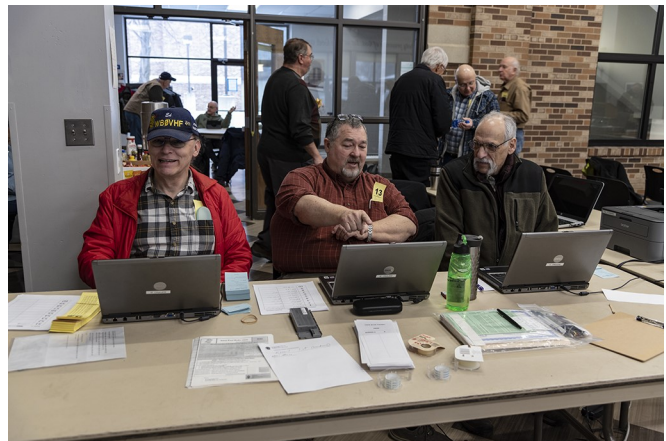
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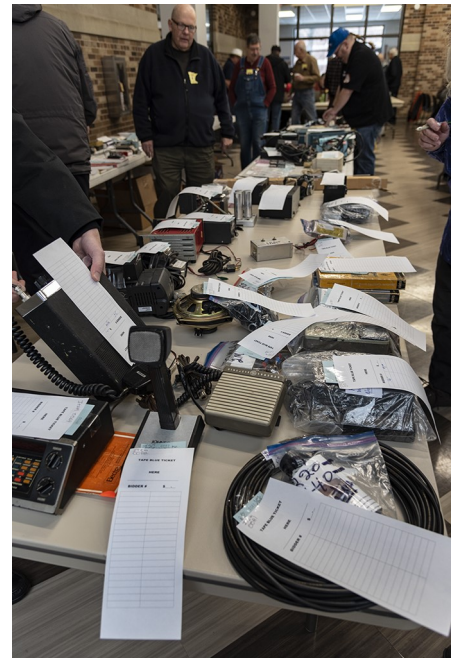
I am sorry I did not make the January meeting. In case you didn't know, our 25-year-old son Blake, has a particularly virulent form of brain cancer called glioblastoma. Some days we are just wiped out from a week's stress or are concerned about leaving him alone very long. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

I am sorry I missed the meeting because Yaesu gear makes up most of my station. I have an FT-450D, FT-817ND, VX-150 and FT-60R. Lately I have strayed and purchased a Tytera MD-380 for DMR work and a Baofeng UV-5RX3 because of its 222mHz capability. By the way, if you get a Baofeng, be sure you know what "flavor" it is. Baofengs are imported by BTech, Luiton, Radioddity, and Baofeng itself. There might be more. They all have the Baofeng branding and many have identical model numbers, but the feature sets can vary slightly between importers. It's all very confusing. Mine happens to be from Radioddity and I had to tell the CHIRP programming software exactly that or it did not work.

The auction photos below are by Dawn Holmberg.

73, Jeff, WB9DAN
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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

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Sat Feb 2	10AM VE Groundhog testing. Ramsey Cty Library, 3025 Southlawn Dr., Maplewood. Contact Leon Dill, WØCOE@arrl.net or 651-425-0338
Sat Feb 9	9AM - ? St. Cloud Amateur Radio Club Cabin Fever Reliever Hamfest. National Guard Armory, 1710 Veterans Drive, St. Cloud, MN 56303
Sat Feb 16	9AM SPRC Breakfast. Denny's, 1664 University Ave, west of Snelling.
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Sat Mar 23	8AM – 1PM 38 th Annual Midwinter Madness Hobby Electronics Show, Buffalo Civic Center, Buffalo, MN

* Depending on business to be considered, Board Meetings are sometimes held electronically. Check with a Board member beforehand to confirm a meeting.