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NEWS AND NOTES FOR MAY 2026	Volume 86, Issue 5
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NEXT MEETING: Friday May 1st, 2026

- 6:00 PM Board Meeting (all are welcome to attend and observe)
- 7:00 PM Meeting Socializing
- 7:30 PM Membership Meeting Followed by Program

Entrance to CDH for our meeting

Meetings are held at Cretin-Derham Hall High School located at the intersection of Hamline and Randolph in St. Paul. Park in the lot off Hamline near the athletic field.

Enter door 21 at the Ryan STEM Center addition. The meeting room is down the hallway on the right (the Commons). Door 21 will lock at 7:45; if you arrive after that, please call Br. Bob at 612-201-0818 to be let in.

Program

Our May meeting program is by Randy Gawtry, KØCBH, long time member and owner of Timewave Tech right here in St. Paul, will present a program of a variety of old and new equipment and building his company. Things from an old keyer to a new antenna noise canceler and a Q/A session to address any related subjects. Bring your questions for Randy to help you with.

See you at the meeting!

Dale's Details

by Dale Maroushek NØPEY

Sorry for not having a real program. The presenter got a call to do his paying job someplace else and had to be out of town that night. We are a volunteer organization, so you must take it on the chin sometimes. If you have something you would like the club to see, bring it on down, you will have center stage.

April brought May flowers and boy are they growing fast. Bed already spread 32 bags of red mulch around the yard. Now they are preparing the new areas for tilling which means I must play mechanic and get the fleet running. They want to grow some food this year too, so that requires more labor for me. Before that I must do the winter to summer change over in the front garage. That should be fun though, I have been buying Menards Flash specials and will be getting 50 items from the new Amazon Haul cart this week. Some of that will end up at the raffle table this month.

My medical prognosis has improved in some areas and worsened in others. Lost 12 pounds and have good control of blood pressure and blood glucose. Ozempic is slow but it does work if you watch the diet, which lets me reduce the insulin rate and CPAP lets me sleep better. Better but I still have day and night confused some times. I was diagnosed with a right eye cataract last year, and it is bigger now. And now they found one starting in the left eye. I will be going to the VA again for more examines and then laser correction. This week it's a return to the Dentist for the six month checkup and cleaning.

I suppose I'm not alone with the poor first quarter investment reports. We will be talking to our guy and hopefully find a safer place to invest in. I could stuff it in my mattress, it won't gain any interest, but at least it won't disappear.

Club stuff, May is election night for the officers. We have not had to resort to a paper ballot for many many years. We are usually lucky to have one candidate for each office. This year may be different as we have replacements "in training" for Secretary and Treasurer, and the VP is happy with another term. We will entertain any other nominations or volunteers at the meeting. The President is running for Past President, which means we need to find that special person that can take the club and improve what ever part they shine in. The By Laws dictate how elections work for the club. Short version is the current officers' terms end with the election of new people, and they take office at that time. If there is no candidate, the office remains open and is revisited at each meeting until the position is filled. Let's try not to have that happen.

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May Ham fest at Superior WI is usually a good one. I haven't been up there lately, but I do remember the nice drive up and back. I used to drive up after the meeting and sleep in the car by the building and was ready when it opened.

June brings the Tailgater Fest on Rice Street near Hwy 36. Same place where we do our license exams. Good location and time of year to sell your spare antennas. They have some nice door prizes too. And food!

Then comes Field Day, at Benson Airport in White Bear Lake MN, *NOT* Benson, MN. We have some new Chair people and can use a few more. I will be head Chef again, and I'm willing to train anyone to take over the job in the future. Pete is lining up the staff and continues to do a great job, but he should be training his replacement too.

Signing off for May.

Dale Maroushek, NØPEY, President again 73

Ramblings from the VP's Work Bench by Kevin Welna W5LNA

I'm starting this in the very beginning of April as I will be on the road till the 27 of the month. So it will be a short article... maybe... then again, I might bring my computer along and write as I travel.

Lets start with Ham radio:

It's done!! and it works. My 4th QRP Labs transceiver (this one was a QCX+) is up and running! Not with out a hiccup though. It had a bad resistor or two or three.... Or, I wrecked a resistor or two... I'm not really sure. But, a quick post of a question on the QRP Labs Group IO page describing my issue and within 6 hours I had a response and even better an explanation of why it was not working as expected and what to do to fix it. While I am not a fan of failures and having problems, it seems that when I do, I tend to learn a heck of lot more than just being successful. In any case, the buttons are now functioning as they should and I am a happy camper... Pun intended.

On with the radio(s): Mike (W8AO) has finished his QCX+ as well and again it mostly worked right away. But, interestingly, Mike's radio had an intermittent back light on his LCD display. According to Hans, this is the first time he has ever seen this issue. That's after 50,000 plus radio kits sent out and built. Again a quick note to QRP Labs and boom, problem solved. A new replacement board and display are being sent out to replace the defective one. No charge!

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This brings me to my next point and maybe a bit of a sales pitch for QRP Labs. The customer service and responsiveness of Hans and QRP Labs is by far the finest of any Ham radio manufacturer I have ever dealt with. Mike sent off a message and it was answered, by the owner Hans. It was addressed in less than 24 hours (as far as I know) WOW!!!

Again, if you ever had an inclination to build your own QRP rig, these are the people you want to deal with. The whole QRP Labs community is unbelievably friendly, non-judgmental and knowledgeable. What a great company and group. OK, Sales pitch over.

Week 1:

As I write this part, we are exactly 1/3 of the way though our road trip. Maybe I should call this the Hillbilly Road Trip. Anyway, we have finished our time visiting friends in Florida and are now heading back to Kentucky. So I thought I'd fill you in on whats been going on so far. Of course, nothing is ever simple for me and some where in my past I must have insulted the plumbing gods. Anyway, I did not want to fill up the RV at home as the outside spigot at home was sending out gray water. Mold must have grown in the pipes over winter. So better safe than sorry! I figured we'd fill up at the first stop. Well, so such luck! I get all hooked up and turn on the water valve at the camp site and the next thing I know, there is water pouring out of the water control compartment! Seems I left some water in the water filter housing over the winter. It must have frozen and cracked the water filter housing. (I know better for next winter!) Anyway, we had to wait till our next stopping point to go shopping for plumbing parts to bypass the filter housing. Of course the tubing used on an RV is not normal and they did not have all the fittings so I had to wait another day to get to a plumbing warehouse to get the weird parts and again they did not have everything I needed but I was able to cobble up a bypass of the filter in any case. Once bypassed I then turned on the water pump to confirm all is well... NO water! Over the winter, the water pump died as well! This is not a really big deal as when I'm hooked up to a campsite water it provides all the pressure I need. But as for now, when on the road driving between campgrounds we can not flush the toilets.. A bit of an inconvenience but not too big a deal. In any case we made it to Florida getting about 8 miles per gallon. This I thought was pretty good considering we were bucking a headwind the whole way and towing a car! Well, except that its a diesel motor home and most places were asking \$5.50 to \$6.00 a gallon for fuel. Still, its cheaper than flying, especially if you include hotel rooms, renting a car, and eating all your meals at restaurants. More importantly, I don't have to deal with airport parking, TSA, crowds and lines! I dislike flying almost as much as snow. (Have I ever mentioned that I don't like cold and snow?)

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We did a hot glass "make and take" while in Florida. It was a bit different than what we are used to\expected. We ended up only lamp "torch" working the base for pre-blown bourbon glasses. I don't think we really got our moneys worth from the experience. We were not cheated, but it was far from a great class. Lesson learned! We need to ask what we will actually be doing during a class and not assuming things. I did learn a little bit and it may be a viable alternative if and when I try and make blown liquor glasses in my shop.

While in Florida, I did have enough down time to actually figure out how to get water to the refrigerator\ice maker and the washing machine so we now have clean clothes and ice for the rest of the trip. (Its been in the mid 80's all week with bright sun and very little humidity. So needless to say the ice is quite a blessing.) As are clean clothes as we only brought a weeks worth. With Florida behind us, we are stopped for the night in Macon, GA and the last load of laundry is just finishing up. Our next stop is Richmond, KY to attend the "My Bills are Paid" tour hosted by the TV personalities on the 1000lb Sisters TLC TV show. If you have never seen the show, watch an episode! And you will get an idea of what it is all about. It is worth a watch. (Well we think so anyway....Hi Hi.) I'll give you highlights in next weeks installment.

Week 2:

Well, the meet and greet event in Richmond, KY went great. We met the whole featured family and got pictures taken with them. They are very friendly and nice. Really great people! It was worth the diversion in our road trip. Super fun group of people!

Our next stop was Dollywood. So the campground is nice... once you get there. But getting there was a harrowing experience. Let me say this about Tennessee. They have no idea how to build a straight road. As far as we can tell, they were trying to avoid cutting down any trees! We were on a well traveled and numbered county road. Taking a 38' RV that's towing a car on a multi hairpin turn road is nerve wracking! It was 10 miles of sharp turns, "S" turns and hairpin turns. I saw a sign at one point that said the speed limit was 40 MPH. No way in Hades you could go more than 10 MPH even with just a car!!! On top of that there were fallen trees that had been cut off no more than 6" from the "pavement" on both sides of the road. The road was 2 lanes... almost... with 6" shoulders then 4" of grass and then trees with branches hanging into and over the road. After the 4" of grass you had a drop off of from 3-4 feet to 20-30 feet. I actually scratched the side of my car on one turn on a post and I was at least 12" over the center line! I'm not joking, the road sucked. Pretty sure this is the last time I drive through Tennessee, but, if I have to, it won't be on anything but an interstate.

Dollywood was fun and about what you would expect. I will say that I thought the prices for food and things seemed almost reasonable. Way less than prices in Minneapolis - Saint Paul.

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We are now 1/2 way through the road trip and we have been cooped up in a 8' x 38' box and no one is dead..yet. OK, that's not fair. We are actually doing well together and still like each other... I think.

We are now in Benton, KY and on our way back home. This leg of the trip was not without its challenges. You see there is this knob on the dash that controls the RV's "Comfort Drive". I was told by the people at the RV dealership that "Comfort Drive" is an exclusive feature added to this particular brand of RV. It assists the driver when driving/steering in a strong cross wind... NOPE! As we left the last campsite, we had to drive about 30 miles on some very crappy roads. (See the Dollywood paragraph above.) I figured that it might fight me on these crummy roads so I figured I'd make sure it was off. So, I set it to "0". Now, what this little knob really does, is set the amount of air pressure in the air springs/bags between the chassis and the RV body. With it set to "0" the body was basically sitting on the chassis. Every bump, dip, pothole was transmitted and amplified into the body. On multiple occasions, both my wife and I were almost thrown out of our seats. We would have been but we were wearing seat belts. On at least 4 occasions, I swear the RV was airborne. As it was, all of the stuff in all of the cupboards was strewn out into the RV, all our pills and toiletries were scattered throughout the bathroom. It was the most awful 30-40 miles I have ever traveled!!! We pull into a Freightliner repair shop and asked if they can take a look at what was going on as we had no idea and the RV was basically un-driveable. After 2 hours of going through everything the Technician come to me and asked when I turned the knob to 0. I told him and he basically and very nicely explained that I am an idiot. LOL He then explained what the knob actually did. I now know what not to do ever when driving an RV.

In my defense, I was not told that this is what the knob did. Anyway part of the mission of this road trip was to become more familiar with the RV and really give it a "Shake Down " cruise. Mission accomplished in more ways than one!!!

Well we stayed overnight in Benton, KY and had a great time with my friend who lives there. We got a personal tour and I must say it looks like a great place to live. Kind reminds me of a bigger more modern Mayberry (think the Andy Griffith show). Alas, I have to cut this story short as the editor wants this submitted by Thursday. So, I think that's it for now.

I'll try and finish it up next month.

As usual

May your signals be strong and your antennas have extra .gain. 73

Kevin - W5LNA kwelna@gmail.com

Once again, a few pics for your entertainment are on the next page.

Stopping in FL.



A little Lunch – *I love seafood!*



When a Minnesotan spends 2 hours on the beach in FL. You can just see my wife's arm. She was worse than me! Started peeling 2 days later... It was worth it!!

Tennessee Bridge built like their roads...



A couple of really good looking tourists at Dollywood!



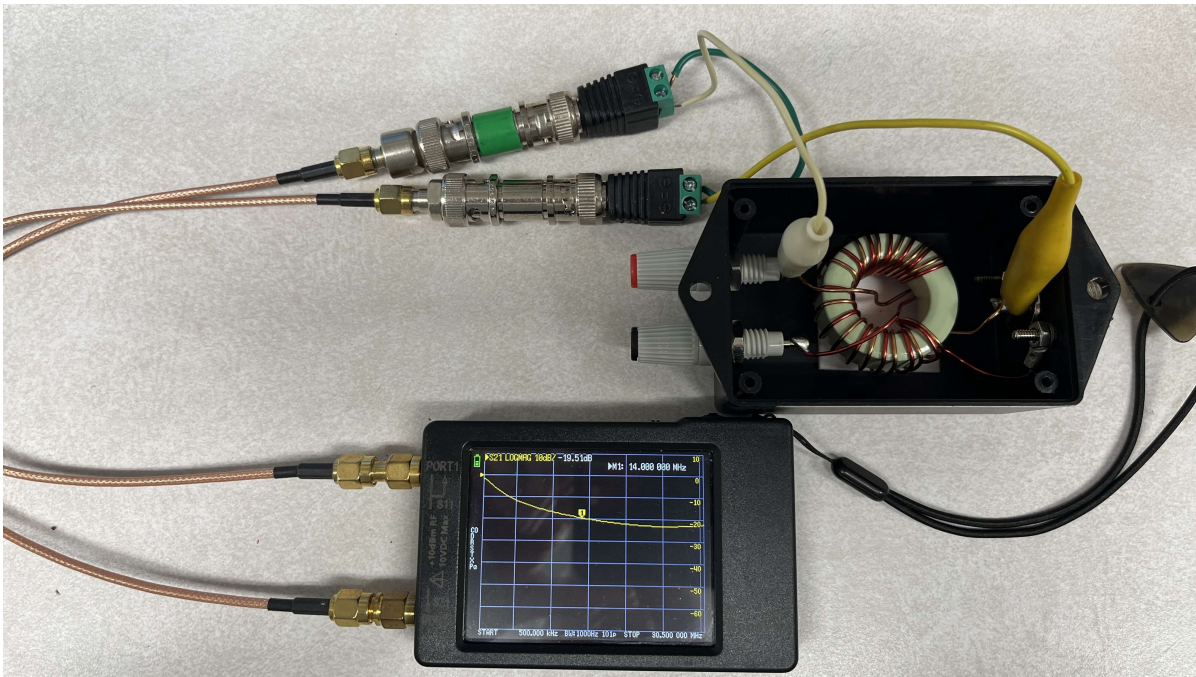
Moon Radio **by Scott NØAR**

With all the attention of going to the moon I had to ask what about radio? A few facts to ponder. If you compared the size of the moon to the earth it would be the difference between a basketball and a tennis ball. On earth the ground curves away from you at about 8" per mile distance. On the moon that would be 29.5" every mile. So a person on earth sees the horizon about 3.1 miles, on the moon you'd only get 1.5 miles distance. Last December I asked: "Here's a question for you to ponder... If you had your HT with you on the moon could you talk further away than if you were on Earth?" Now you know.

The added range increase on earth from the "radio horizon" effect is about 10% on average, depending on the frequency. On the moon there is no contribution from the atmosphere so that increase is lost. I've read that the astronauts that walked on the moon talked about how they found the contrast between light and dark areas to be enhanced. I wonder if the lack of air/moisture would cause the radio signals abruptly cut off when you went behind an obstacle.

With no ionosphere above the moon you might want to leave that HF radio at home. Though you might find that being a rare DX for EME would keep you active.

I bought a 1:1 balun / common mode choke at one of the hamfests. You can never have too many and the price was right. Usually I just roll my own from scratch. Toroids from DigiKey, water proof boxes from Menards and connectors from the junk box. Assembly is pretty straight forward. If you need directions YouTube has about a two years worth of videos on how to's (as always, "trust but verify" the source). I always check the end build with the VNA. So before I put my hamfest find in line I tested it. Not OK! The common mode rejection was terrible and the thing had the equivalent loss of adding a hundred feet of coax! Here's a few shots of the setup on the next page.

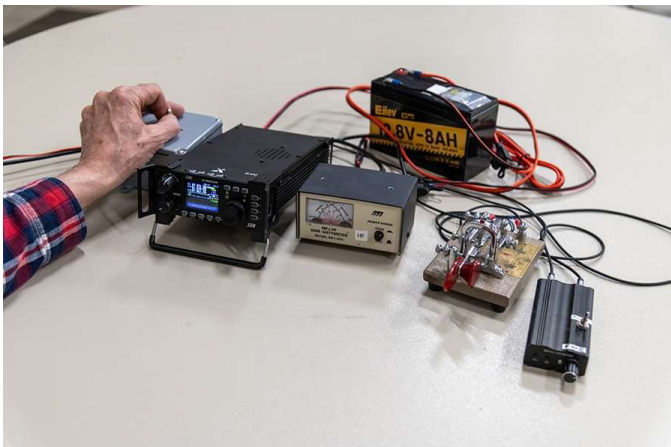


Measuring is pretty straight forward. You could add more parameters but this configuration tells you enough for the most part. The rule of thumb is that you should see at least 20 dB of loss on the frequency of interest. This choke just squeaks by at 20 meters. The other choke is just ten turns of coax around a FT 240-31 core it shows a bit over 31 dB of loss.

My plan is to reuse the box with a better choke configuration.

73 Scott

May Meeting Photos By Dawn Holmberg WXØZ



Carl NXØB demonstrating his portable HF station and loop antenna.



VE Report by Steve Scott WA7HPK

We opted to cancel the April VE exams due to a conflict with the Easter holiday weekend and a noted lack of candidates. Hope everyone enjoyed having the month off. We'll plan to gather again on May 2 and already have four candidates lined up.

It's been the trend for too many years that we get a lot of new members by virtue of providing a complimentary one year membership in the club after taking a VE exam from us but few stick around to become active members. One possible reason is we tend to ignore them once they sign up. This can be a frustrating (and expensive) hobby. It took me a couple of months before I had the courage to hit that PTT button after I got licensed and it was confusing where/when scheduled nets were held. The optimum mix of radios/power/antennas can also be daunting for newcomers. I have few ideas I'll toss to the board for consideration that we may want to refocus on more basic topics for our monthly presentations.

Hope to see everyone at the Friday meeting on the 1st.

Steve Scott
WA7HPK

More May Meeting Photos By Dawn Holmberg WXØZ

Bob NØKLC holding 'core' memory, made up of hundreds of tiny torridal cores.



Above – The new Field Day sign thanks for John NØKCJ

Below – Bob NØKLC telling us about the history of computers, the internet and the basics of how E-Mail works.



Oh, for Pete's Sake!!! by Pete Guldán KDØSQJ

Exciting News!!! Hold on to your cellphone, the Port-O-Potty has been reserved for Field Day!!! Field Day is June 27-28.

First on the training front. We're waiting for one of our students to take their test but so far all who have studied with us and have done the work have passed their upgrade test with flying colors on their first attempt. There are a few who are kinda doing the Hokey-Pokey with their studies and that doesn't work. Next winter and spring if you want to "Turn Yourself About" join the study group. It's free to join and when you do the work you will get your upgrade.

Iron Mike Tyson said "Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth." Fortunately for our Field Day planning we have several Heavyweight Champions on the team and you can join us. You don't need to have the Rocky Theme song stuck in your head. (Sorry/not sorry). A bunch of us have been there, done that, and got the t-shirt.

<https://home.arrl.org/action/Store/Product-Details/productId/2087281083> If you are new or have never been to Field Day there will be someone there to help you learn the ropes. We welcome newcomers and encourage them to participate.

Next month will be the Field Day Special Edition of the Ground Wave, so get your submissions to Dan. Here is the schedule and info as it stands.

Deadline for Ground Wave: June 15th.

Final location walk through: Saturday, June 20th Noon. Benson Airport 5860 US61 N, White Bear Lake MN.

Final Planning Meeting with Mining ARC, SPRC: Tuesday June 23rd 5PM Culver's 2065 Old Hudson Rd St. Paul MN (near 3M HQ and Sunray).

Setup at Benson begins Friday June 26th 3PM.

QSO's start 1PM Saturday June 27th.

QSO's end 1PM Sunday June 28th.

Takedown begins after lunch and we leave no trace and all that good stuff.

Toodles 73 Pete kd0sqj



Public Service Events

By George Power KØGCP

If you have never participated in a public service event, please consider doing so. It helps to keep the participants and public safe, and it allows you to practice your amateur radio skills, have a lot of fun, and meet many like-minded people. Stay tuned!

DATE	Event
2026-05-02	Waconia Half-marathon E-Mail Don kcØqna@yahoo.com or web https://www.lakewaconiahalfmarathon.com/
2026-05-03	MS Twin Cities Walk (Mpls) https://events.nationalmssociety.org/2629
2026-05-09	MS Twin Cities Ride (Mpls) https://events.nationalmssociety.org/2503
2026-05-16	Superior Spring Trail Run (50k,25k,12.5k) https://www.superiorspringtrailrace.com/
2026-05-16	Headwaters Road Rally https://www.americanrallyassociation.org/headwaters
2026-05-??	Prairie Island Nuclear drill training (ARES group) https://www.mnwashcoares.net/ (see Events tab on the Washington County ARES web page)
2026-05-30	Tour de Cure (ADA) ride (Mpls) https://tour.diabetes.org/735
2026-06-06	NEW Mightyssippi 10M & relay https://www.minnesotarunningseries.com/mightyssippi
2026-06-??	Prairie Island Nuclear drill (ARES group) https://www.mnwashcoares.net/ (see Events tab on the Washington County ARES web page)
2026-06-13/14	MS-150 https://events.nationalmssociety.org/2740
2026-06-??	FreeBike bike ride (aka MN Ironman) (Shakopee) https://thefreebike.org/
2026-06-27/28	FIELD DAY (<i>setup on the 26th</i>)
2026-07-04	Afton Trail Run (Rocksteady Running) (50km, 25km) https://www.aftontrailrun.com/
2026/07/04	NEW Stars & Strides (10K, 5K, Kids Run) https://www.minnesotarunningseries.com/starsandstridesminneapolis
2026-07-??	Tour of Saints ride (St. Joseph) https://www.bikemn.org/all-events/tour-of-saints/
2026-07-27/31	MS-TRAM https://events.nationalmssociety.org/2665
2026-07-26	Richfield Urban Wildland marathon https://www.richfieldmn.gov/around_town/wood_lake_nature_center/urban_wildland_half_marathon_and_5k/index.php

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- 2026-08-01 **Tour de Tonka** (Orono)
<https://www.minnetonkaschools.org/district/mcec/events/tour-de-tonka>
- 2026-08-06/08 **Gaylord Eggstravaganza**
<https://www.exploregaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce/eggstravaganza-2-2/>
- 2026/08/15 **NEW RBC Race for the Kids** (10m, 5m, 3m & Kids run)
<https://www.rbcraceforthekidsmn.com/>
- 2026-08-27/29 **Ojibwe Forests Rally** (Park Rapids)
<https://www.americanrallyassociation.org/ojibwe>
- 2026-09-11/12 **Superior Fall Trail Race** (100mi,50mi, 26.2mi)
<https://www.superiorfalltrailrace.com/>
- 2026-09-12 **NEW Elm Creek half marathon**
<https://www.minnesotarunningseries.com/elm-creek-half>
- 2026-09-?? **River Falls Autumn Trek**
<https://www.rivervalleytrails.org/autumn-trek/>
- 2026-09-26 **NEW Green Isle Heritage Festival**
More information coming soon.
- 2026-10-04 **Twin City Marathon** (Mpls)
<https://www.tcmevents.org/allevantsandraces/medtronictwincitiesmarathonweekend>
- 2026-10-10 **North Star Radio Convention**
<https://northstarradio.org/>
- 2026-10-?? **Belle Plaine half-marathon**
<https://belleplainefestivals.org/event/scenic-byway-half-marathon/>
- 2026-10-16/17 **Mankato Marathon**
<https://www.mankatomarathon.com/>
- 2026-10-31 **NEW Minneapolis Half Marathon**
<https://www.minnesotarunningseries.com/minneapolis-halloween-half>
- 2026-10-31 **NEW Anoka Gray Ghost** (5K, 1m)
<https://www.minnesotarunningseries.com/anoka-gray-ghost>
- 2026-11-26 **NEW Turkey Trot** - St. Paul (10k, 6K)
<https://www.minnesotarunningseries.com/turkey-trot-st-paul>
- 2026-12-6 **Nemadji Forest Rally** (Kerrick)
<https://www.americanrallyassociation.org/nemadji-trail>
- 2026-12-? **Arlington "Arlidazzle"**
<https://www.arlidazzle.com/>
- 2026-12-19 **NEW Reindeer Run** (15K, 10K, 5K & Kid' Run)
<https://www.minnesotarunningseries.com/reindeer-run>

Below are events that have been completed for 2026 and may be repeated in 2027; If you are interested mark the approximate date:

- 2026-01-31 **SPRC auction**
- 2026-01-31/2-1 **MN Loppet**
- 2026-04-10/11 **Zumbo Endurance Run** (100mi, 50mi, 34mi, 17mi)
- 2026-04-12 **Goldy's Run** (10M, 10K, 5K, Kids Run etc.)

Thank you very much for helping!

Assistance Needed

I'm looking for help to remove a hexbeam antenna from the roof of Silent Key Ray, KCØURL in Crystal. Although there's no need for hurry per the surviving spouse, it would be great to complete it sometime in April. John KC0G and I figure three folks are needed. I'm definitely one. I would not classify this as extremely tricky, but it is on a typical roof. Please contact me at K9ALV@ARRL.Net

Saint Paul Radio Club Breakfast

Third Saturday of each month at 9:00 am



Denny's Restaurant
1664 University Ave. W.

One block West of Snelling Ave.
(Across from Ax Man)

Club Wearables

Many different items with the Saint Paul Radio Club logo may be ordered at: <https://www.hamthreads.com/> They have our logo in three sizes, hat/chest/back, so you can have it positioned on your favorite item wherever you like. You can shop on-line, pick the clothing piece you want, list the logo, name, and callsign-- then pay. Sit back and it comes to your house. If you have questions, give them a call at 817-602-1834.

Saint Paul Radio Club
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Board Meeting Minutes
04-03-2026

Board members present: (If * or E or R)

Dale Maroushek (Pres.)-NØPEY *	Kevin Welna (V. Pres.)-W5LNA R
Art Thell (Secy.)-NØIWQ *	George Power- (Treas.)-KØGCP *
Br. Bob Walsh-WCØJ *	Don Kelly-WA6ZMT R
Ralph Bierbaum-(P. Pres.)-NØAWN E	

Also present (If * or R):

Jay Maher-NJØM *	Jeff Iverson-WB9DAN	Dan Meyer-NØKFB *
Pete Guldán-KDØSQJ	John Crabtree-KCØG	Ben Otto-KEØRFZ
Janet Bierbaum KDØBZZ	Dawn Holmberg WXØZ	Steven Scott-WA7HPK
Andy Parent-KFØMJQ	Doug Lueck KØDLX	John Kristian-W6JMK *

6:04 Pres. Dale called the meeting to order.

President: Call for added agenda items:

President:

Old Business:

Secretary's Report:

Move to accept Minutes as published in the Ground Wave: Art Second : George
Passed

Treasurer's report: George

General Fund: \$6546.23, Repeater Fund: \$1371.09, Education Fund: \$931.06,

Total Bank Cash on Hand: \$8848.38. Pay Pal Acct.: \$20.00

So noted and filed: Secretary

CDH ARC Report: Br. Bob No change

Repeater Report: Dale: Working

Membership Report: Dale, 111 current plus VE's.

Website report: (saintpaulradioclub.org)

VE Report: April session cancelled. Only 1 candidate.

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Training Report: Pete

.Field Day: Set up: June 27. Benson's Airport, White Bear Lake.
Operate: June 28 & 29. No update.

New Business:

Club Breakfast: April 18 at 9:00 AM. (Normally third Saturday)
Place—Denny's at 1664 University Ave. W.—Across from the AxMan

Adjourn:

Move: Dan Second: George Passed

6:18 Adjourn.

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Member Meeting Minutes
04-03-2026**

7:30 Call to order by Pres. Dale.

32 Members present plus Remote.

President call for other agenda items _____

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report,
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Membership report, Dale: 111

Midwinter Madness: acquired 4 new members.

A new sign is created for events. Thanks to John Hines NØKCJ.

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Repeater Report, Dale: Working fine

VE Report: No activity for April

Training Report, Pete: Unchanged

Field Day: Same as March
Need volunteers to chair functions.

Special request: Ref. Last page of GW. Dan, K9ALV.
Help needed with removing hex-beam antenna from property in Crystal preferably wk. 3 or 4 of April.
Part of Auction business.

Election of Officers—May Meeting, Two positions

New Business:

Other operating events: (Need not be Board-initiated)

Club Breakfast: Normally Third Saturday---- April 18 at 9:00 AM.
Place: Denny's at 1664 University Ave. Across from the AxMan.

Move to adjourn: Art Second: Bob

Adjourn: 7:53

Program to follow:
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SPRC Calendar

Fri May 1 6PM SPRC Board meeting, Commons Meeting Room,
John R. Albers Center, Cretin-Derham Hall High School. *

Fri May 1 7PM Socializing followed by 7:30 PM SPRC Membership meeting.
Commons Meeting Room, John R. Albers Center, Cretin-Derham Hall High School.

Sat May 2 9:30 AM Amateur Radio testing administered by the Saint Paul Radio Club
volunteer examiner team. Galilee Lutheran Church, 145 N McCarrons Blvd,
Roseville, MN. Reservations required; Contact Steve Scott, WA7HPK,
pipemajor2@gmail.com, 651-503-7441

Sat May 16 9AM SPRC Breakfast. Denny's, 1664 University Ave, west of Snelling.

Sat May 30 9AM Northern Lights Radio Society Aurora '26 Conference.
West Medicine Lake Community Club. <https://www.nlrs.club/>

Sat Jun 6 9:30 AM Amateur Radio testing administered by the Saint Paul Radio Club
volunteer examiner team. Galilee Lutheran Church, 145 N McCarrons Blvd,
Roseville, MN. Reservations required; Contact Steve Scott, WA7HPK,
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Sat Jun 6 7AM-Noon TCFM Club Spring Tailgate Swap Meet.
West Medicine Lake Community Club.
1705 Forestview Lane N, Plymouth, MN 55441

Sat Jun 20 9AM SPRC Breakfast. Denny's, 1664 University Ave, west of Snelling.

Jun 27-28 Field Day Weekend. SPRC at Benson Airport, details to come.

Sat Jul 11 8AM-Noon 21st Annual Magic Repeater Tailgate Hamfest.
Galilee Lutheran Church. 145 N McCarrons Blvd, Roseville, MN 55113.

Sat Jul 18 9AM SPRC Breakfast. Denny's, 1664 University Ave, west of Snelling.

2026 All yr ARRL "America 250" WAS award.

See <https://www.arrl.org/america250-was>

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

Zoom Meeting Information

SPRC Monthly Meeting

Time: 1st Friday of the month, 6:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

To Join the Zoom Meeting use **Meeting ID: 651 842 1000** and **Passcode: 6512764838**

Or this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6518421000?pwd=djluU3dha0FBN1hERIRoUVA0RVNUQT09>

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For audio-only, dial 507-473-4847 and follow the prompts

To find other dial-in numbers, see: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kuWkJhGiz>