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St. Paul Radio Club Ground Wave

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Monthly Meeting

November 4, 2016

UST OWS LL54

7:00 pm Socializing

Membership Meeting 7:30 pm

PROGRAM

Trash to Treasure

John Faughn, KDØCAC

John will share his experience with recycling and explain why one man's trash is another man's trash--or sometimes treasure. He'll discuss some of the methods of recovering valuable materials from junk, and leave us with an understanding of why it's best not to toss our treasures into the trash.

John's fascination with DX led him to amateur radio and his first license in 2007. He upgraded to General and now enjoys HF DX and some contests. His ham hobby fitted in with his long-time interests in exploring tools, taking things apart, and (hopefully) fixing broken stuff—and, do not forget, building stuff from scratch (mostly mechanical so far). Ham radio has encouraged him to study electrical engineering—but it may be too late!

The OWS building is located on the University of St. Thomas (UST) South Campus.

From I-94, take Cretin Ave south about a mile to Grand Ave. Turn right, then park in the ramp on your left or the surface lot on the right. In general, on-campus parking restrictions are not en-

Joe Simonet WØTBC (SK)



Joe Simonet passed away October 21st at age 92.

Joe was an active Ham for more than 60 years. One of the founding members of the Stillwater Amateur Radio Association, he was active with SARA until recently when his health began failing. He was also a member of Rotarians of Amateur Radio

His complete obituary is available in the October 23rd Pioneer Press.



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forced after 6:00 p.m. on Fridays, but do not park in spots with parking meters unless paying or displaying a handicapped placard.

Enter the building just north of the parking ramp and take the elevator (in the hallway to the right) or stairs to the lower level. LL54 is not far

Presidential Ponderings

Well what should I come up with this month? Since we are still short of volunteers for Vice President, Program Coordinator, Snack Supervisor trainee, Door Prize Person and others, I could repeat last month's plea—but you can find that in last month's Ground Wave.

Did you know that you can find previous Ground Wave issues at www.stpaulradioclub.org?

So, with the official business out of the way, I can get into something more interesting--and since the Ground Wave Editor insists I do an article, I may as well write about something interesting to me (anything technical). Do not forget--anyone can play and submit something of interest (send it to wa6zmt@arrl.net).

To me, any hobby that I get into, I need to play with building and fixing and learning more about the hobby at hand. All my hobbies have been some type of hand-eye, tool-needing type. I may be related to raccoons; I had one as a pet years ago and their hands seem to be busy even in their sleep.

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from the stairs.

For detailed maps, see www.stthomas.edu/campusmaps.

OWS: Owens Science Hall

Contact Kim Schumann in Disability Services at 651-962-6315 or kjschumann@stthomas.edu for any accessibility requests.

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And I have to admit I have a tool jones--I have owned or used tools that many have never heard of.

As I remember, my first welding class was in about 7th or 8th grade, same with machining and wood-working. Maybe earlier for the wood part--I lived with Grampa, a carpenter, and got into all kinds of trouble with his tools.

Then, getting close to the age of driving, I started playing with motors, mini-bikes, and working on neighbors cars.

Then there were the job-related tools. After being injured as a union carpenter in the mid-80s, I got into three professions at the same time to replace my livelihood: auto repair shop, law enforcement (very briefly) and gold mining. I got claim jumped in the early 90s, and about \$60,000 in mechanic's tools was stolen in the late 90s. I never really recovered after that, so started my handyman phase.

From 1962 to early 2000s, I was into lots of competition shooting, another hobby that requires more tools.

Although I wasn't licensed until 2007, the ham-radio bug nibbled at me in 1962. After going through most everything Radio Shack had in kits, my parents gave me a Heathkit catalog. I didn't start hamming it up right away and, later that year, they sent me to military boarding school; there were no hams there so I forgot all about it until a friend came to the coffee shop with an HT a little over ten years ago.

FACEBOOK USER?

Look for our group:

"St. Paul Radio Club"

Back on the hobby band wagon! Now this hobby comes with an ever-increasing need for space, besides the need for large areas for the antenna farm. Dang! Now I'm in an RV park. I collected some stuff in the past, but nothing like ham radio. And being around other hams, this seems to be a common issue--there is never too much stuff, just not enough space. So now I am collecting ham gear, ham tools, and test gear, mostly dead or damaged, for the purpose of doing the hobby cheaper and to learn more about the hobby.

Which brings us to recycling, my topic for this month's program.

73 de John, KDØCAC

Dale's Details

Dale Maroushek, NØPEY

We are still looking for that special member to step up and become our Vice President to fill out the Board. Bueller? Bueller? Anyone?

November, the beginning of the Holiday season, white fungus and Black Friday. Also the radio sport contest season while we spend more time in the shack and not enjoying the great outdoors. We did our last campout last weekend, down on the river in Winona. Thursday was frostbite and the rest was wonderful. Prime fall colors to look at and of course, the Eagle valley--we saw five. Now it's time to winterize the gear and store it until spring.

We are also looking for one or two members to become the door prize committee, since President John doesn't want to be there anymore. Bueller?

Fusion UHF repeater is still waiting for the amps to be repaired. If they can't be, we may get it going on low power until we find a good amp.

We are also looking for a refreshment helper for Jay to pick up the goodies for the meetings. Bueller?

Programs are always better when presented live, but they are hard to find right now. If you have a presentation or know of someone who has one, please inform a Board member. Mining Club has had videos too, but they did make a journey to WØAIH in September. If you are interested in the "farm" contest station in Eau Claire, youtube has many videos, including the most recent installation of an 80-meter three-element beam at 180 feet!

It is doubtful that we will find a new Field Day site that would have the necessary setup to include our annual Picnic as we did in the past. So we are looking for members to form a Picnic committee to take over that operation. Bueller?

Membership applications continue to role in, Thank You. Keep them coming, I think we are over 80 now. This month's mailing will be addressed to the current members, last year's members, and others that need to reenlist.

I missed the Board meeting this month so I may be behind on current affairs--I do my best to keep up. I will have more free time coming up after November 18th. That will be my last day as a courier, after 16 years at an average of 50,000 miles a year, I figured the odds are against me now. Unfortunately, the Honey Do List will keep me busy for about five years!

Happy Veterans Day and Thanksgiving,

Dale, NØPEY

Have You Renewed?

Each fall, we renew our membership in SPRC. Please complete a membership application and bring it to the meeting or mail it to the PO Box.



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

- Fri Nov 4 7PM Socializing followed by 7:30 PM SPRC Membership meeting. UST classroom OWS LL-54. See Page 1.
- Sat Nov 5 10AM VE testing. Ramsey County Library, 3025 Southlawn Dr., Maplewood. Contact Leon Dill, WØCOE@arrl.net or 651-688-9964
- Sat Nov 5 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
- Fri Nov 11 7PM SPRC Board meeting, OSS 121 UST campus (Alternate location is OSS 415) **
- Sat Nov 12 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
- Sat Nov 19 9AM SPRC Breakfast. Midway Perkins on University Ave east of Snelling.
- Sat Nov 19 After Breakfast. Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
- Sat Nov 26 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
- Fri Dec 2 7PM Socializing followed by 7:30 PM SPRC Membership meeting and Holiday Party. UST classroom OWS LL-54.
- Sat Dec 3 10AM VE testing. Ramsey County Library, 3025 Southlawn Dr., Maplewood. Contact Leon Dill, WØCOE@arrl.net or 651-688-9964
- Sat Dec 3 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
- Fri Dec 9 7PM SPRC Board meeting, OSS 121 UST campus (Alternate location is OSS 415) **
- Sat Dec 10 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
- Sat Dec 17 9AM SPRC Breakfast. Midway Perkins on University Ave east of Snelling.
- Sat Dec 17 After Breakfast. Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*

*Circuit Builders is each Saturday morning if someone is available to open the lab and there is no conflicting activity. Check the SPRCCB Google Group to confirm that the lab will be open.

** Depending on business to be considered, Board Meetings are sometimes held electronically. Check with an officer or board member to confirm that the meeting will be at UST.