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# St. Paul Radio Club Ground Wave

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## NEWS AND NOTES FOR DECEMBER 2016 — Volume 76, Issue 12

### Holiday Party December 2nd

7:00 pm, UST OWS LL54

The holiday party will be mostly socializing and potluck munching plus a very brief business meeting and a short program.

Come hungry and bring something yummy to share—the club will supply a meat and cheese tray, as well as coffee and soda.

Dan Fish, KBØXC, will talk about Ham Radio Communications in Today's Environment. The digital world is fast moving. news and data is changing the way we interact with the world. Will ham radio participants still be effective communicators?

Dan has owned Radio City in Mounds View since 1982 along with his wife Maline. The ham radio division was created in 1986. Dan has been licensed since 1973 and currently holds an Extra Class ticket.

### Presidential Ponderings

Watch your email from the ARRL about supporting initiatives important to hams with mail campaigns to our elected officials. In a recent mailing I got from the ARRL I was happy to see that they had set-up a system for everyone, members and non-members, that makes it easy to get letters off to the representatives in your area. So look through your emails (and spam folders) to see if you got one and hopefully get some letters off to help them know we are out here and need the bands, rights for antennas, etc. You can keep track of issues at <http://www.arrl.org/regulatory-advocacy>.

If you're not a member of ARRL, and amateur radio is important to you, check this out: <http://www.arrl.org/membership>.

An important issue for an active ham is having, or not, space for an antenna farm. I've been lucky for the last 3 locations over about 10-11 years, although each new space for my Airstream has been smaller with more limitations on putting up an antennas. We try to find the best

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### Dale's Details

Dale Maroushek, NØPEY

Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, I signed out of the courier job just before the first winter storm hit. Lots of wind, not much snow unless you are north and west of the cities. Glad I didn't have to drive much at all.

Now I have all week to prepare the Thanksgiving feast and start the Christmas planning. One smoked turkey--and one brined--mashed and sweet potatoes, three different dressings and all the trimmings.

We still have a couple of decisions to make before we get the Fusion repeater on the air. The amps we have need some work so we may get it on the air barefoot for now.

The Auction preparations are moving along with the new computers and printers. We will be testing the system and make sure it works as we expect it too. Hopefully, it will increase the speed of operation at the final checkout crunch. If you want to help run the event, please let me know, we can use a few extra hands.

We still need members to volunteer

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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-

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

from the stairs.

For detailed maps, see [www.stthomas.edu/campusmaps](http://www.stthomas.edu/campusmaps).

OWS: Owens Science Hall

Contact Kim Schumann in Disability Services at 651-962-6315 or [kjschumann@stthomas.edu](mailto:kjschumann@stthomas.edu) for any accessibility requests.

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options for the conditions; I'm not sure what the options are yet--at least with propagation being what it is, I can tell myself I'm not missing much. The worse the conditions, like the low end of a bad 11 year sun-spot cycle, the more effort required. And that effort means, generally a bigger and higher antenna farm! Some have moved into apartments and may have gotten higher off the ground, so maybe that's an advantage (if they're able to sneak an antenna in at all). In the location that I am leaving, one of the issue's has been high noise in the area—I'll be glad to leave that behind. I did buy one of the ARRL books, *Small Antennas for Small Spaces*, Now to read through that!

73 de John, KDØCAC

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for the office of Vice President, helpers for the refreshment and door prize crews, and a picnic planning team. Without people to support these events, they will go away.

I will be sending the GW out like last month with a header of your membership status. I received some error corrections from that and did a major editing and found more, which are now hopefully correct. If you think you find another error, please let me know.

December brings the Holiday party at the meeting. We always have plenty of food thanks to your donations and the Club's sandwich fixings. I think I'll bring Lutefisk and Lefsa this year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Dale, NØPEY

## addendum

### Joe Simonet WØTBC (SK)

Members of the Stillwater club (SARA) reading the article about Joe Simonet in the November Ground Wave were surprised that it did not mention that he was a past President of the SPRC. The Ground Wave "staff" were not members in the 80s when Joe was president and are sorry for the omission.

We've learned that Joe was a member of the SPRC until 1992 when he became a founding member of the Stillwater Amateur Radio Association where he lived and worked. SARA entered into an affiliation with the Courage Center where Joe became an active volunteer in helping the Courage Handi-Hams. Sometimes known as "The Big Cheese" (WØTBC), he was truly a gentleman who always greeted people with a smile. He was a humble man who was quick to offer his help when needed.

## FACEBOOK USER?

Look for our group:

"St. Paul Radio Club"

This space is NOT intentionally left blank. It's available for your input to the Ground Wave—and you haven't submitted anything to fill it!



Support the  
League

- Fri Dec 2 7PM Socializing followed by 7:30 PM SPRC Membership meeting and Holiday Party. UST classroom OWS LL-54. See Page 1.
- 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\*
- Fri Jan 6 7PM Socializing followed by 7:30 PM SPRC Membership meeting. UST classroom OWS LL-54. See Page 1.
- Sat Jan 7 10AM VE testing. Ramsey County Library, 3025 Southlawn Dr., Maplewood. Contact Leon Dill, WØCOE@arrl.net or 651-688-9964
- Sat Jan 7 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus\*
- Fri Jan 13 7PM SPRC Board meeting, OSS 121 UST campus (Alternate location is OSS 415) \*\*
- Sat Jan 14 9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus\*
- Sat Jan 21 9AM SPRC Breakfast. Midway Perkins on University Ave east of Snelling.
- Sat Jan 21 After Breakfast. Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus\*
- Sat Jan 28 8:30AM – 1:00PM SPRC Auction. Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 401 Concord St., St. Paul, MN 55107

\*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.