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# St. Paul Radio Club Ground Wave

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### NEWS AND NOTES FOR APRIL 2010 — Volume 70, Issue 4

#### APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 9, 2010\*  
Socializing — 7:00 PM  
Meeting — 7:30 PM

#### The program will Al Dewey, K0AD on Remote Contesting.

Alan Dewey, K0AD was first licensed as KN9DHN in Munster, Indiana. Contesters he remembers from those Hoosier days in the early sixties include K1TN (then WA9AUM), W9RE (then WA9BWY) and K9LA (then WA9AVT). Al moved around a little and held the calls W1GBG and W0PFV before settling on K0AD in 1977. He has been an active contester for over 40 years often using just wires and verticals. With the addition of a tower and yagi in 2007, he has snuck into a few top ten boxes over the last year. Al recently retired as president of the very active Minnesota Wireless Association and also belongs to the Twin City FM Club, the Twin City DX Association, the A1-Operator Club and CW Ops. His favorite contest are ARRL CW Sweepstakes, NAQP CW, NA Sprint CW, and the NCCC NS Thursday Night Sprints. He also enjoys guest operating at the W0AIH super station as well as roving in the Minnesota QSO Party. Al graduated from Purdue University and is a die-hard Boilermaker fan. He lives with his wife Marianne in Plymouth, MN. Al is currently enjoying his term as editor of the National Contest Journal.

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, DO NOT PARK IN SPOTS WITH PARKING METERS!**

**\* PLEASE NOTE THAT BECAUSE OF ROOM SCHEDULING ISSUES, OUR MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF APRIL (4/9/2010).**

#### SPRC Planning Calendar

- Fri Apr 9\* SPRC Membership Meeting.
- Fri Apr 16\* SPRC Board Meeting.
- Sat Apr 17 SPRC Breakfast.
- Sat Apr 17 SPRC Circuit Builders.
- Sat Apr 24 SPRC Annual Banquet. Rm 304 MHC. Doors open at 5pm, dinner served at 6pm.
- Sat May 1 SPRC VE Session.
- Sat May 1 9am - 2pm Arrowhead Radio Amateur Club Swapfest, Superior, WI
- Fri May 7 SPRC Membership Meeting.
- Fri May 14 SPRC Board Meeting.
- Sat May 15 SPRC Breakfast.
- Sat May 15 SPRC Circuit Builders.

#### 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. On-campus parking restrictions are not enforced after 6:00 PM on Fridays. For detailed maps, see <http://www.stthomas.edu/campusmaps>.

##### Saturday Breakfast:

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

##### VE Sessions:

9:00 AM. Followed by EC Exams - Call David M. Buending AD2B, 952-486-0836, or ad2b at arrl.net for info

#### Dale's Details by NØPEY

How about that, a whole March with no snowfall! That means more time for antenna projects, outdoor Radio Sports and planning for Field Day.

First item: Parking at UST for meetings and events. Something happened last month, and a few people got tickets for parking at expired meters. The Club worked with STRC and UST and cleared up the tickets, but until we hear for sure if the rules have changed, PLEASE do not park at the meters or any signed space in Lot G. For no hassle parking, use the ramp over by OSS and walk over in the nice weather. We will keep you posted.

Officer candidates and volunteers for the May election should contact Fred McCormick. Surprise yourself and the Club and run for office, it's fun and rewarding.

If you are now or have thought about becoming a Volunteer Examiner for the ARRL, this would be the time to do it. Our VE team manager, Dave Buending, AD2B, has decided to retire after 8 years in service. Usually, a team member would step up, but our team members have: already done the job, chair others commitments now, are not here all season. This creates an opening for next fall, we need a VE team Manager: to fulfill the ARRL rules, arrange testing dates, places and attending VE's, complete the paper work and transmit the data to the ARRL. Dave says it's not as hard as it sounds, and he will help the new person get started.

The Banquet is April 24<sup>th</sup>, Ralph Fedor will be speaking, the Ham of the Year will be awarded, some great Door Prizes to win, the food is wonderful and the price is a steal! Save Jay a phone call and get your reservations in now. And I promise some

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## The Four Bones

The structure of an organization is made up of four kinds of bones. There are Wishbones, who spend all their time wishing somebody else would do something about this, or something about that. There are the Jawbones, who do all the talking, but very little of anything else. Next come the Knucklebones, who knock everything that others are trying to do. Finally, there are the Backbones, who get under the load and do the work. What part of the organization's structure are you? If you are a Wishbone, Jawbone, or Knucklebone, what kind of a Ham are you? Are you happy?

Take a good look at the Backbones in your radio club. These people are not always the board members, but they certainly are the "doers" in the club. I can well imagine that the Backbones also have happy family lives, because it seems that hard work and self-confidence seem to extend into family and working partnerships as well. What constantly amazes me is the number of Backbones who spend long hours representing or working for the club. They seem to never tire making the Club's activities successful.

We hear a lot about getting involved. Take it from one who knows, getting involved is the best therapy there is for adjusting to the life of a Ham. You'll

see a change for the better not only in yourself, but in your hobby and your club. You'll suddenly find people are friendlier; there is no spare time to wonder how to fill as there is work to do for each and every one of us in the club. But, most important of all, you will suddenly realize what you are doing for others. What a beautiful example to set for your children.

So why don't you take a personal inventory? If you are honest with yourself and find you are a Wishbone, Jawbone or Knucklebone, there is no time like the present to make the change so you, too, can become a Backbone. The dedicated, hard working Backbones will welcome you joining them. Only in this way can the Club continue to serve amateur radio and the community.

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wonderful anecdotes!

The Generator search is winding down, we should be able to provide reliable power for a large group anywhere, anytime. Field day will be better than ever this year.

The K0AGF Repeater is back up and running like a champ, Thanks to Joe Zwirn. Check in's on the Wednesday Night 7p.m. net are about 3. A new net control would help in the rotation of Dale and John. And, the Ten-meter net is still looking for alternate controls also. Marty has been most generous in his persistence over the years. Someone must have 15 to 30 minutes free on Wednesdays to help us out.

Happy Income Tax Day!  
Dale, NOPEY, SPRC President



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# St. Paul Radio Club Annual Banquet

The St. Paul Radio Club Banquet will be held April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6:00 pm in Room 304 MHCC on the University of St. Thomas campus. If you've been to the Banquet before, you know this is a great chance to get out and enjoy a fantastic meal and a fun program. Dr. Ralph Fedor, **K0IR**, will share stories of his many DXpeditions in a multimedia presentation. Read what Ralph has in store for us in the program description below. Dinner will be 10.00 per person and tickets must be bought in advance. We will also present the SPRC Ham of the Year Award, and have some nice prizes to be given out by random drawing. Directions to Room 304 MHCC can be found below. Menu details and reservation information are listed below as well.

## Program Description

Our speaker will be Dr. Ralph Fedor, K0IR. His talk is entitled, *The Southern Ocean, A DX Odyssey*. He will chronicle his travels in the Antarctic and introduce you to the sea, the ice, the wind, the wildlife, and the unknown surprises inherent to travel in that part of the world.

You will see the stark beauty of barren ice-covered islands and the lush green moss of an Antarctic summer, travel the rough seas of the Southern Ocean, witness the Antarctic winds and storms, and learn about the wild-life this ecosystem sustains.

And yes, he may touch on ham radio a little bit too.

## St Paul Radio Club Annual Banquet Details

When: Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> Doors open at 5:00, dinner served at 6:00 PM

Where: Room 304 Murray-Herrick Campus Center (see directions below)

What: Buffet style dinner with program by Dr. Ralph Fedor

*Fresh Sliced Fruit Display, Caesar Salad and Pasta Salad  
Beef Tips with Wine Sauce, Pearl Onions and Wild Mushrooms  
Flat Grilled Herbed Chicken w/ Sauce Bernaise  
Mashed Yukon Gold Potatoes  
Fresh Seasonal Vegetable  
Assorted Artisan Breads / Butter  
Dessert  
Vegetarian meal option available upon request*

Cost: 10.00 per person - must be paid no later than April 10<sup>th</sup>. Print out this form and bring it with your payment to the meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> or mail it to:

Jay Maher  
3332 Longfellow Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Checks should be written to St. Paul Radio Club – Banquet. Please do not send cash through the mail.

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St. Paul Radio Club Annual Banquet  
Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6:00 PM (doors open at 5:00)

Number of persons attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Names (and callsigns if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you need a vegetarian meal? If so, list number required: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: 10.00 per person – must be paid by April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.  
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If you are unable to print out this form, include a note with all of the above information with your payment.

**Directions to Banquet:** From the Cretin-Vandalia exit on I-94, take Cretin Avenue six blocks south to the St. Thomas campus. The Murray-Herrick Campus Center (MHCC), is off of Cleveland Ave. South, which is two blocks east of Cretin. Enter the parking lot from Cleveland Ave. South, between Ashland and Portland Avenues. Going south on Cleveland, the entrance to the parking lot is at the bottom of a hill. Turn right (west) into Parking Lot G. On the left (south) side, and close to the west end of the parking lot is a loading dock. Take the sidewalk alongside the building, to the right of the loading dock, into the building and go to the elevator on the left. Take the elevator to **Room 304**. Room 304 is toward the southeast corner of the building, in the old part of the building. It is necessary to take the elevator (or stairs) in the old part of the building because the old 3<sup>rd</sup> floor does not hook up with the new 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Parking permits on campus are not enforced after 6 p.m. on Friday, however DO NOT park at a meter or Signed space.

### **Biographical Sketch of Ralph Fedor – KOIR**

Ralph has been continuously active in amateur radio since he was licensed in 1961. He cut his teeth on the CW traffic nets in the 60's but is now most active in DX'ing, contesting, and in planning and executing DXpeditions.

Ralph has been to the Antarctic five times, with two DXpeditions to the South Sandwich Islands and South Georgia Islands, two visits to the island of Peter the First, and a visit to Heard Island in the Australian Antarctic Territory. All of Ralph's Antarctic DXpeditions have been named DXpedition of the Year and Ralph was inducted into the DX Hall of Fame in 2005.

Most recently, Ralph participated in the 2009 K5D DXpedition to Desecheo Island in the Caribbean, netting another DXpedition of the Year plaque.

Ralph recently retired from medical practice. He and his wife, Saundy, live in the country near Waite Park, MN. They have four grown children and seven grandchildren. Their other interests include photography, hiking, fishing, and traveling.



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