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NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 5, 2010
Socializing — 7:00 PM
Meeting — 7:30 PM

The program will feature
Jerry Dehaven, WØACF,
speaking on:

LTSpice - A Circuit Analysis Program

This free and powerful version of SPICE is one of many modern programs for doing circuit analysis. It features intuitive schematic entry, numerous types of analysis and an active support group on-line. He will show how to get the program from Linear Technology, how to enter a few simple networks and a few of the analysis capabilities.

Jerry was first licensed in 1961 as WNØACF. Most of his operating is on CW. He has also operated on the RS series of satellites, some PSK and 2 meters. His ham radio background prepared him very well for four years in communications in the U.S. Air Force plus eighteen years in the Minnesota Air National Guard. He has a BS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla. He has worked for Motorola, E.F. Johnson, and Honeywell as an RF and Analog design engineer.

Auction Discussion

At our September meeting, a large number of members supported making some changes to the way we run our annual auction. After the presentation at our November meeting, Dale will lead a discussion on new auction possibilities.

SPRC Planning Calendar

Fri, Nov 5 SPRC Membership meeting
Sat, Nov 6 VE exams
Sun, Nov 7 Daylight Saving Time ends
Fri, Nov 12 SPRC Board meeting
Sat, Nov 20 SPRC Breakfast
Sat, Nov 20 Circuit Builders
Fri, Dec 3 SPRC Membership meeting
Sat, Dec 4 VE exams
Fri, Dec 10 SPRC Board meeting
Sat, Dec 18 SPRC Breakfast
Sat, Dec 18 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. In general, on-campus parking restrictions are not enforced after 6:00 PM on Fridays, but do not park in spots with parking meters.

For detailed maps, see <http://www.stthomas.edu/campusmaps>. Please contact Kim Schumann in Disability Services at 651-962-6315 or kjschumann@stthomas.edu for any accessibility requests.

Saturday Breakfast:

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

VE Sessions:

9:00 AM. Followed by EC Exams - Call Leon Dill, WØCOE at 651-688-9964 for more information.

Dale's Details by NØPEY

What did you do on Vacation last month you ask? Too many things for now, but my biggest highlights were revisiting Ft. Leonard Wood, MO - forty three years later, and seeing what my second cousin Ruth Ann has done with getting her dad's antique radio and electronics collection ready to sell.

Short and sweet on the Army base, all things change and yet stay the same. My son was very surprised that we were just passed right through the gates. Some bases are like that, others are far more secure. We drove to the triple Museum covering the Engineers, Chemical Corp and Military Police, all with current and past histories at FLW. The buildings and ground have changed in many ways, not much is now as it was then. Troops were seen in training mode with current tech equipment and lots of vehicles of every shape and size. I'll try to bring some pictures.

Ruth Ann is my age, retired and the soul person left with the remains of a 1950s radio and TV repair shop inventory and 50 years of her father's collection of radio and electronics gear. She has been organizing and selling stuff since he died. This includes two double garages full, one with an attic with 14,000 tubes in it, the basement and most of the unoccupied areas of the house. To spread this out

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for display would take a stadium. She sells on eBay as "rad1230_1" and specializes in knobs for old stuff. Enough about that now.

I would like to have better news about upcoming Club activities, but I don't. Try as we may, finding speakers for monthly programs has grim returns. Our

CW training program has hit some snags It needs a new chairperson and will be delayed. But we do have a Holiday December meeting agenda! And all our Friday meeting dates for 2011 are booked with UST! Now we need to fill them with programs.

For November, I will be presenting my new Auction plans, titled: The New Adventures of the Old SPRC Auction. Wouldn't want to miss that now would you?

Just a reminder for meetings: feel free to bring items to add to the Door Prize table, or just to pass along to someone who needs it; if you have a "show and tell project" we would love to see it.

Dale, NØPEY, President



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MORNING SHOW BREAKFAST

For FUN, for FOOD, great entertainment and PRIZES, you just can't miss the big Morning Show Annual Breakfast! It all happens just once a year, the day AFTER Thanksgiving!

Put Friday, November 26, 6:00 AM on your calendar for the breakfast jammed with fun! It's the fastest 90 minutes of your life! The Breakfast fills fast and there is no guarantee of seating after 6 AM!!!

The Annual Morning Show Breakfast is jammed into the Perkins on Hwy 394 and Louisiana Exit in Golden Valley! You order on the Perkins menu, then get ready for the Prizes, a spirited short talk by your ARRL Dakota Division Director Greg Widen, KØGW and the fun vocals and guitar strumming pop styles of Steve, KN0F! The Morning Show Annual Breakfast is in its 10th year but be aware the room gets packed by 6 AM!!! Its the Morning Show Annual Breakfast the day after Thanksgiving November 26, 6 AM at Perkins off 394 in Golden Valley for a fun time you wont forget!

Again, get there early as the seating is limited!

SIMPLE CALLSIGN LOOKUP

If you are tired of amateur radio callsign lookup sites that have become glitzy, full of ads, AND SLOW, here is the site for you. It is sponsored by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and can be found at:

<http://callsign.ualr.edu/index.shtml>

It offers not only a web-based interface, but what is really cool is a Firefox search plug-in. If you use Firefox as your browser, you can have the callsign lookup always available on your toolbar.

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