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# St. Paul Radio Club Ground Wave

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### NEWS AND NOTES FOR MARCH 2013 — Volume 73, Issue 3

## March MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 1, 2013

UST OSS LL18

7:30 PM

7:00 PM Socializing

— PROGRAM —

Low Power DXing  
on the Low Bands  
Lou Sica, ACØX

Lou Sica, ACØX, talks about his QST article on getting DXCC on the 80 and 40 meter bands with low power and compromise antennas, plus adds some additional hints, observations and experiences. Come see how to get 100 countries on those last two bands for your 5BDXCC plaque without having to live on a small farm or even having to rewire your radio room for a linear.

Lou has been DXing since the mid 80s, and since then has worked every DXCC entity but two, and has DXCC on the 80, 40, 30, 20, 17,15, 12, and 10 meter bands. All done completely without an amplifier, and often with just single element compromise wire antennas.

The OSS 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 into the UST South Campus. Park in the ramp on your left or the surface lot ahead to the right. In general, on-campus parking re-

## Presidential Ponderings

### THINGS PAST

Ed Jacobson gave us a taste of mobile communicating, as he explained how the network of volunteers helped support the Multiple Sclerosis 150 and The Ride Across Minnesota events this past summer. He also showed us how to mount a VHF/UHF/APRS station on a very nice bike.

The SPRC Board held its February meeting via email. This was to accommodate yours truly, who spent the weekend of Feb 8-10 in Boston, MA, visiting family. Yes, it does snow in Boston – two feet plus of it, plus more in surrounding areas. Watching how Boston handles a storm (that would even present a bit of a problem for St. Paul/Minneapolis residents) was interesting, and since I took a 2m/70cm FM HT along, I enjoyed several QSO's with the Boston area amateurs. If you want to hear more, ask for details at our March 1

meeting during the social period at 7:00PM.

### .THINGS PRESENT

The Technician Class through the St. Paul Schools Community Education program is currently in session, running through March 19.

The March General Member meeting is on Friday, March 1.

As we look for programs that will interest you, I am trying to learn what you would like to see and hear more of in our programming. What makes our SPRC different than other radio clubs in the Twin Cities area? What can we offer that will keep you interested in the club? Please email me at: [georgecpower@gmail.com](mailto:georgecpower@gmail.com) with your comments (or send them to the other SPRC board members).

### THINGS FUTURE

The March program will be Lou Sica talking about the 5BDXCC adventure. Since we did local communications with Ed, this session is for you long distance fans.

Spring Banquet, April 20, 2013, in the UST Student Center.

2013 Field Day, June 22-23, with the Mining Club. We're looking for members to help organize (chair) the usual stations: CW, SSB, VHF and GOTA.

## Save the Date!

Saturday, April 20, 2013

The St Paul Radio Club Spring Banquet will be Saturday, April 20, in the University of St Thomas Anderson Student Center.

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

Enter either building north of the parking ramp and take the elevator or stairs to the lower level. LL18 is at the north end of the main hallway.

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

OSS: O'Shaughnessy Science Hall

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



## Support the League

### Membership Meeting February 1, 2013

A meeting of the St. Paul Radio Club membership was called to order on February 1, 2013, at 7:30 PM by President George Power, KØGCP.

Signed in on Members sheet: 24

Signed in on Guests sheet: 1

Visitors were introduced and welcomed.

Secretary's Report: (Jeff Iverson, WB9DAN) The minutes were approved as printed in the *Ground Wave*.

Treasurer's Report: (Allan Klein, WØNLY) All funds are solvent. Members may request details from Allan.

#### Committee Reports:

Education: George and Allan had a visit with the instructor at the Washington Magnet School. The school's vision of supporting a class does not mesh with our vision of supporting a club, so the project is indefinitely on hold. It is possible it may come back as part of the ROTC program.

Our Tech class in St. Paul Community Education program is now a go with 7 registrants. It will be held Tuesdays from 6:00-8:30 PM at Highland Jr. High School from February 12-March 19. Allan is looking for volunteers to be teachers.

Circuit Builders (Orcy Lyle, WØQT): The lab will be open tomorrow at 9:00 AM.

Auction: The auction netted about \$208, which will be sent to the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund, perhaps rounded up.

There is a possibility the club will get a donated tower – details to come.

The April banquet will be April 20 in the UST Student Union. Field Day is June 22-23. Details are in the *Ground Wave*.

The Mining Club is looking for assistance in providing radio support for a regatta the first weekend of August.

Tonight's program will be Ed Jacobson, WBØVHF, with support from Ralph Bierbaum, NØAWN, talking about radio support for the MS Bike-a-thons.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey A. Iverson, WB9DAN, Secretary

### Board Meeting

#### e-mail February 6-13, 2013

A meeting of the St. Paul Radio Club Board of Directors was held by e-mail from February 6-13, 2013, substituting for the regular Saint Paul Radio Club Board Meeting 02/08/2013

From the Agenda:

Auction updates – Traditionally we round our net profit number up for our ARRL Spectrum Fund donation. I've heard from two folks, with recommendations for \$250 and \$300. Based on a \$208 net profit, I am recommending a donation to ARRL of \$250.00. Agreed.

Programs – March is 5 bands DXCC with Lou Sica. We need a program for April? Jeff is willing to do May's presentation, with a tentative title of "The History of Receivers".

Treasurer's report – Allan said we were solvent with no changes since the general meeting.

Education -- Technician License class in St. Paul Community Education program is on-going, and our great membership has stepped forward with volunteers to teach. Our sincere thanks to Mert Nellis, Jeff Iverson, Ralph Bierbaum, Ted Kinneer, John Faughn,

and especially Allan (who spearheaded this effort).

Education -- Washington School project status – suspended indefinitely.

Membership report – Dale showed 77 members and he had received a few more at the Feb 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. He will pass the new applications to Skip. John Faughn passed on (via Dale) a letter from another radio club with some suggestions on how to attract STUDENTS for our St. Thomas Radio Club. This will provide more fodder for our discussion with Tom Sturm (and, perhaps, Paul) on growing the St. Thomas RC so that we can stay here.

Newsletter -- Ground wave deadline for next issue (Feb 15).

Spring banquet – April 20, 2013 In Student Union. Tom has been sent info on speaker and topic, for the web site. Menu choices were circulated by Jay, and I recommended we go with the Pork Loin and Salmon Summit Buffet, at \$16.95. After more discussion, we will stay with the beef and chicken (Grand Buffet, at \$15.25).

Field Day is June 22-23. Ed Jacobson is the chair. We need to work on getting volunteers to help him.

New business:

Orcy suggested we look for a Coordinator for a Club Table at the Buffalo Hamfest March 23 (Midwinter Madness), to improve our publicity. She has done it in the past, and is not interested in doing it again this year. Deadline for table registration is March 20. We'll discuss at the March 1<sup>st</sup> general meeting and ask for volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,  
George C Power, KØGCP, President

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!



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## ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Meeting locations at UST are subject to change due to changes on The University of St Thomas campus.

Fri Mar 1	7PM Socializing followed by 7:30 PM SPRC Membership meeting. UST classroom OSS LL-18. See page 1.
Sat Mar 2	9AM VE testing followed by EC exams. Roseville City Hall. Contact Leon Dill, WØCOE@arri.net or 651-688-9964
Sat Mar 2	9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Fri Mar 8	7PM SPRC Board meeting, OSS 121 UST campus (Alternate location is OSS 415)
Sat Mar 9	9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat Mar 9	8 AM – 2 PM 26 <sup>th</sup> Annual Eau Claire Amateur Equipment Auction, Grace Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI
Sat Mar 16	9AM SPRC breakfast. Midway Perkins on University Ave east of Snelling.
Sat Mar 16	After Breakfast. Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat Mar 23	9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat Mar 23	8AM – 1PM Midwinter Madness Hamfest, Buffalo Civic Center, Buffalo, MN.
Sat Mar 30	9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Fri Apr 5	7PM Socializing followed by 7:30 PM SPRC Membership meeting. UST classroom OSS LL-18. See page 1.
Sat Apr 6	9AM VE testing followed by EC exams. Roseville City Hall. Contact Leon Dill, WØCOE@arri.net or 651-688-9964
Sat Apr 6	9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Fri Apr 12	7PM SPRC Board meeting, OSS 121 UST campus (Alternate location is OSS 415)
Sat Apr 13	9AM Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat Apr 20	9AM SPRC breakfast. Midway Perkins on University Ave east of Snelling.
Sat Apr 20	After Breakfast. Circuit Builders. OSS 415 UST Campus*
Sat Apr 20	6PM SPRC Annual Banquet. Rogge-Leyden Room, UST Student Center
Sat Apr 27	9AM 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.