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NEWS AND NOTES FOR MAY 2021 – Volume 81, Issue 5

NEXT (ON-LINE) MEETING: FRIDAY MAY 7, 2021

- 6:00 PM Board Meeting (all are welcome to watch)
 - 7:00 PM Fellowship and (your own) Refreshments
 - 7:30 PM Short Business Meeting with Program Following
- (Zoom details are at the end of the newsletter)

Program

Our program is not yet determined at press time. Join us for fine conversation in any event.

Secretary

We have a new Secretary. Art Thell N0IWQ, has agreed to serve and was duly elected at the April meeting. Welcome Art!

SPRC Breakfast

We have resumed the third-Saturday SPRC breakfast via Zoom. Watch your email for the Zoom link (It's the same as last month).

Program Suggestions

An important part of our member meetings, be they on-line or in-person, is our programs. The board will meet to plan the whole year's programs during the next couple months and we would like your suggestions of what you would like to see in a program over the next year. If you would like to present a program, that's a great idea, too! Please send your suggestions, including potential presenters' contact information if appropriate, to dk@donkelly.biz (or WA6ZMT@arrl.net, if that's easier to remember).

Sound Bites from the President – Lou Michaels WD8NOV

I hope all was well in April for you. April Showers bring May flowers, and Hams in the Park. It will be a great time to play radio with old friends and new friends as well. I hear we will be fine tuning our logging network system for Field Day, which is coming up in

June. The location of Hams in the Park is Long Lake Regional Park in New Brighton (the 2nd Saturday at noon – ed.). Field Day will be at Benson's Airport in White Bear Lake.

A big Thanks to Art Thell, N0IWQ, for stepping up to fill the Secretary's position that we have needed for many months. Welcome to the Board Art! Follow that up with another Thanks to Don Kelly, WA6ZMT, for filling in as Secretary, a true champion.

I'm working on an idea to create a new award called Ham of the Month. I will be the single judge, and if I see or read something from a Club member that has benefit to the Ham community, I will present them with a nice Certificate to decorate their shack wall with.

Stay Safe, remember Social Distancing

Dale's Details by Dale Maroushek NØPEY

April 24th was a dark and dreary day, 44 degrees with a mist to light rain... a perfect Ham sales day! What else could be expected?

It didn't make any difference, people came from all over, even normal garage/yard sale searchers that quickly looked and departed. With Ray selling his ancient to unknown gear down the block, and my antennas and supplies, we made many people happy. A lot of time was spent helping new people with questions and answers from some of our expert engineers and experienced Hams that just happened to be around.

I heard a few comment that doing this progressive Hamfest idea was a good way to buy and sell radio gear. For regular garage sale chasers, it's just an added feature. I used to find old radios at estate and garage sales years ago. I continue to support the Progressive Ham sale and will work for another round in the fall. If you are interested in selling your stuff, let me know.

I still find myself with too many Butternut HF6V antennas of various vintage and style. Yes, it was produced in different designs. Some fit in your car, and others don't. I'm going to clarify the three I have left and let you know later. I also found three fourths of a Hustler 4BTV, no top. If you have one and want spare parts, it's all yours!

It's May, next month is June which is the home of Field Day. For SPRC and MARC, that means setting up at Benson Airport up in White Bear Lake. Check the ARRL FD locator page for directions. Hopefully we will have a good turnout of volunteers to participate in the whole weekend adventure. It takes a lot of people power to put it all together. I missed last year, and I hear of some wonderful mobile towers and generators that can be used for multipurpose functions. I suppose I can furnish so sort of "safe" food service, and hopefully send the "kitchen" home with the next chief cook and bottle washer. Any takers?

Field Day by Pete Guldán KDØSQJ

This year's Field Day will be June 26-27. You can get info from the League here, <http://www.arrl.org/field-day> or the full rule packet here, <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2021/2021%20Field%20Day%20Packet.pdf> As of press time there were only 3 stations in Minnesota listed on the League's locator page. (yes we are listed). The ARRL has once again allowed all home stations to make contacts with any station including other home stations. They are putting a 150 watt limit on those stations because last year there were concerns about stations running legal limit and jamming others. Also, if you do run a home station you are again able to submit your club affiliation with your results so we can compare our combined results with other clubs.

We have been invited to use the Benson's Airport area we have used for the last few years for our club stations. The planning is still ongoing, and it looks like we will have some improvements from last year's event. There will again be space for tent and RV camping and to tie down your plane if you would like to pitch your tent under a wing. At this time, it we will limit the stations inside the RV's and trailers to only the folks who have had their covid shot(s). We appreciate the owners of these who make them available for our use and would like to continue to be able to use them in the future. We will have the ability to have stations inside screened tarps with plenty of fresh air so you can get on the air if you haven't had yours yet. (by the time you read this I will have had mine). We are not planning a giant feast like we have had in previous years. Sorry no steak or spaghetti this time. The current idea for food is to have some burgers, brats, hot-dog type stuff so all the helpers who set up and run the gear will have something to grab so they can still maintain their social distance as they see fit. Because this is the last Ground Wave for the season and there will be more updates and communication back and forth please make sure I have your contact info so I can keep you in the loop. kd0sqj@arrl.net is the best way to get that to me. I hope to see you there for Field Day.

April 9, 2021 Board Minutes

Lou: Called the ZOOM meeting to order at 6:12 pm.

He reported that there is not a lot to report. Art Thell-NØIWQ, has agreed to accept a nomination for the Secretary position that is open.

Board members present: Lou Michaels-WD8NOV, Don Kelly-WA6ZMT, Bob Walsh-WCØJ, Ben Otto-KEØRFZ, and Kevin Welna-W5LNA. Allan Klein-WØNLY-Treas. was excused.

Other attendees: Pete Guldán-KDØSQJ, Jay Maher-NJØM, Art Thell-NØIWQ, Jeff Iverson-WB9DAN, Erik, and Kathi.

Don: Gave Allan's Treasurer's Report—current fund balances:

General fund	\$7233
Repeater fund	\$812
Education fund	\$1222

Bob: Reported on the CDH Radio Club and station. The club is part of the STEM center and is for the benefit of both students and faculty.

His (two) presentations to the student body were well received. It included pictures of the tower and antennas on the roof. Also included was a YouTube video from ARRL regarding Ham Radio. The presentation also included a sign-up book. Six students signed up.

Ben: Reported on repeater conditions: The new gear is working great.

He also commented that they are looking into some conflict between SPRC and Magic Repeater.

Don: Reported on Budget for 2021-22. There is no new input. He solicited requests and noted that requests should go through board members.

Ben: Reported on club equipment:

The inventory is unchanged. The club has a sizable amount of equipment.

Pete noted that we need to consider needs for the CDH Club Station.

The club should schedule a trip to review equipment with the view of allocating to club uses, hamfest, or other.

Open discussion indicated that this will be done through Br. Bob sometime after May 7.

Pete: Introduced the Field Day subject. Location at Benson's Airport in White Bear Lake on June 25-27th.

Discussion appeared to indicate a goal of 5 operating units on various modes and included needs for food, power, antennas, enclosures, and other necessities.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm—motion by Don, 2nd by Ben. Unanimous.

Opened by Kevin, 2nd by Don.

Question: Accept minutes of the March 5 Board Meeting.—Unanimous.

Move to adjourn move by Don, 2nd by Art.

Adjourn.

April 9, 2021 Member Meeting Minutes

Meeting on ZOOM called to order by Kevin at 7:30 PM.

23 attendees

Vote for secretary.

Call for nominations. No nominations from the floor.

Call for acclamation vote by Don, 2nd by George for nominee Art Thell N0IWQ
Unanimous.

Treasurer report by Don—Accounts are ok. Numbers will be in GW.

Program items needed—Give your ideas to Don.

Bob reported on his presentation to students and faculty on the CDH club station. He noted that students and faculty are included in the station plans. Six students signed up. He will need volunteers for antenna installs. The antenna installation is dependent upon the build schedule for the STEM facility, possibly in fall 2021.

Other reports:

The club needs to sell some equipment inventory and hold back selected units for the CDH Club Station.

Field Day opportunity to get new active participants on June 25-27 at Benson's Airport in White Bear Lake.

Repeater is doing well.

VE Exams: 17 in March, 14 in April.

Tailgate Swap Fest July 5 at Galilee Lutheran Church at 145 McCarron's Blvd. N. at Rice St.

Fox Hunt April 24 at 11:00 am. W. St. Paul. Details on NØFOO.com.

Hamfest at Ray Johnson's in Maplewood is moved from April 17 to April 24.

Marathon coming up—Erik will advise.

Move to adjourn by Don. 2nd by Pete. Adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Editor's Notes – by Jeff Iverson, WB9DAN

I would like to remind everyone about our St. Paul Radio Club Facebook page. We have 109 members who are interested in what we are doing. Find the group and ask to join.

Remember, contributions to the *Ground Wave* are always welcome. Send them in a Word document (.docx) or Open Office document (.odt) as an email attachment to jaiverson@juno.com. Deadline is one week before the next meeting.

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Zoom Information

Until further notice, our monthly meetings in the new SPRC year will be in Zoom. Simply click the link below or call in from any phone. If you're not familiar with Zoom and would like to arrange to practice, text Don at 651 276-4838 or email dk@donkelly.biz.

SPRC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: SPRC Monthly Meeting

Time: First Friday, 7:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

You may join at 7:00 for the half-hour "ragchew," or at 6:00 to sit in on the SPRC Board meeting.

Click to Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83683855241?pwd=Zi9tR2FVanlsVEFoTENCZlI0WTJWZz09>

Or, using any telephone, dial 312 626-6799

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If you use a calendar, download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files.

Monthly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZcrf->

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SPRC Calendar

Fri May 7	6PM Virtual SPRC Board meeting.
Fri May 7	7PM Virtual SPRC Membership meeting (7-7:30 ragchew, 7:30 meeting).
Sat May 15	9AM SPRC Virtual Breakfast.
Mon May 24	On this day in in 1844, Samuel Morse sent the first telegram from Baltimore to Washington, DC "What hath God wrought?"
Tue May 25	Towel Day, don't leave Earth without one.
Sun Jun 13	James Clerk Maxwell was born on this day in 1831.
Sat Jun 19	9AM SPRC Virtual Breakfast.
Sat Jun 19	7AM-Noon TCFM Club Spring Tailgate Swap Meet. West Medicine Lake Community Club. 1705 Forestview Lane N, Plymouth, MN 55441
Jun 25-27	Field Day Weekend. SPRC at Benson Airport, details to come