



# June Newsletter

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## The St. Cloud Amateur Radio Club

[www.w0sv.org](http://www.w0sv.org)



### Message from the President - The Prez Sez...

I have been a bit under the weather here and still recovering from Dayton Trip as well. Will keep it short and sweet.

I would like to just indicate that This month's meeting is an Auction night too and I would respectfully re-

quest that everyone bring one or two items or more for the auction. They do not have to be new or Ham related either.

Also I wanted this meeting to be a picnic at the Clubhouse starting at 6:00 p.m. and for everyone to try and

bring at least something to share. The Club will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken and the buns and condiments that usually come with such fare.

Yall Come - See Ya

73,  
Your Pres,  
Art Carlson, WAONJR

### Dates to Remember:

#### June:

General Meeting	16th
Field Day	25-26

July Board Meeting 14th

July Gen Meeting 21st

Aug Club Picnic TBD

Aug Gen Meeting 18th

Sept Gen Meeting 15th

Oct Board Meeting 13th

Oct Gen Meeting 20th

Nov Annual Meeting 18th

Dec Gen Meeting 15th

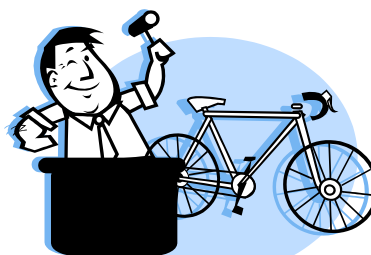
### June Meeting Agenda

6:00 Start of Picnic—bring food item to share!

Following Picnic Brief Meeting

1. Discuss Field Day plans
2. Approve New Dues Policies for W0SV members
3. Other business

Following Meeting Auction Fundraiser—bring item or items to sell at the auction, this is a fundraising event that helps make our club possible. Please donate and also purchase items!



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## May General Meeting Minutes

The May 19th meeting was called to order by former President Scott Hall, NOUV in absence of other officers who were attending Dayton hamvention. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

The Treasurer's report was as follows:

Checking	4,048.04
Savings	1,210.53
Rest. Savings	238.98
CD	<u>1,032.15</u>
Total Balance of	\$6,529.70

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

The April meeting minutes were accepted as printed in the May Newsletter.

The member dues policy changes that were discussed at the April meeting have been drafted, a copy was passed around. No action was taken to approve these policies, due to low attendance with Dayton going on, voting will take place at the June meeting.

### Vote on Dues Policies in June

Following the June meeting will be another club auction fundraiser, please bring items to donate to the club to be sold at the auction, they can be ham related, but don't need to be. Also prior to the June

meeting will be a picnic at the Clubhouse.

### Picnic and Auction at the June Meeting

Scott Hall, NOUV shared his recent discovery that to put up a tower in St Cloud, there is a permit that is required from the planning commission. It refers to an exception if the tower is camouflaged, the question is the extent that it would be needed to be camouflage. Also there is a setback that is needed to be met. Scott is working with the City of St. Cloud to get his permit.

### Fr. Jim Cashman, KCOEQE turns 90!

Phil Jorgensen, N1ARM shared about the group that attended Fr. Jim Cashman, KCOEQE's 90th birthday party! Planning was a bit of a task for this surprise party and ended up with some 87 people at the party, including many people from WOSV and from the Milaca Group. Gifts ranged from Lifetime membership status granted by WOSV, a Desk Mic, a beam antenna for in the rafters and personalized signed picture from Alan Alda, who was a student of Fr. Jim's. It was a great time and Fr. Jim was certainly surprised with this party. There are pictures on the WOSV website

and more information on Page 4 of this newsletter.

Coming up in June we have Field Day on the 25-26th, it will be at the clubhouse this year.

### Plenty of Summer Ham Activities Coming up!

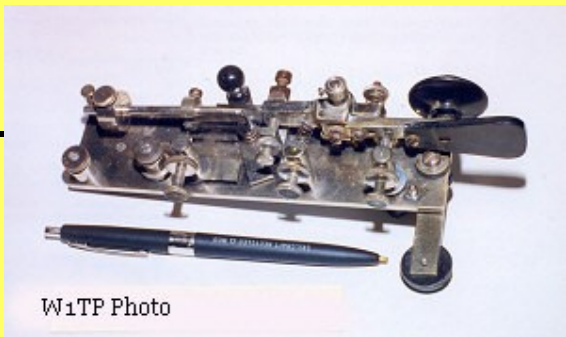
Tour of Saints and The Heart of the Lakes Triathlon are both on July 17th, at these events members and area hams assist by providing radio communications between different points in the routes. Contact Scott Hall, NOUV in regards to helping with the Tour of Saints event and contact Lee Lorentz, WBOTRA in regards to helping with The Heart of the Lakes Triathlon event. Also see the Newsletter for BikeMS events that need radio communication assistance as well.

In August is the picnic on the 13th, it was discussed as to were to hold the picnic and we will try to do the electronics recycling again or not.

Phil Jorgensen, N1ARM won the \$5 door prize.

At 7:40 the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Parker, KCOUEA.



W1TP Photo

**Midget (Martin's smallest Bug)**  
**1918-1920**  
**(The Gil Schlehman - K9WDY Collection)**  
 From [Vibroplex.com](http://Vibroplex.com)

## “Key” members of the Month!

Thank You to Scott Hall, NOUV for running the May membership meeting while a number of club officers attended the Dayton Hamvention!

Thank You to Phil Jorgensen, N1ARM for coordinating with Lake Song for Fr. Jim Cashman's 90th Surprise Birthday party and providing a write-up about it for the newsletter!

If you have suggestions or additions to the monthly newsletter or to join the club's email reflector, please email Mike, KCOUEA, the newsletter editor at [kc0uea@gmail.com](mailto:kc0uea@gmail.com)



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Tower Work at the Clubhouse

We still have some antenna work to do, as well as install anti-climb panels on the tower.

### Radio Use Activities

**BikeMS Fundraising Events**—Chris Schultz, KCOYFX  
 July 24th to 29th—MS TRAM, a week long tour in the Rochester area of SE Minnesota.

**Tour of Saints**—Scott Hall, NOUV  
 July (date not known yet) - starts and ends in St Joseph  
<http://www.tourofsaints.com>

**Heart of the Lakes Triathlon**—Lee Lorentz, WBOTRA  
 July 17th—Annandale area <http://holtri.org/>

## Weblinks of Interest

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tgO4Gd4RhvM>

A climber's view going up a 1768 foot guided tower.

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aqlr9qxUXxc>

Watch a Radio Tower being built recently near Bemidji, MN—from this you can learn all the steps involved in assembling a guided radio tower.

## Current Board Members

### President

Art Carlson—WAONJR

### Vice President

Dave Leigh - WODZW

### Treasurer

Jerry Dahlager - KCOWCF

### Secretary

Mike Parker - KCOUEA

### Trustees

Tom Weyhrauch - KDODOS (2011 - 13)

Harold Hoffman - KCOFAX (2010 - 12)

Larry Snodgrass - KCOSMM (2009 - 11)

### Past President

Scott Hall - NOUV

### Webmaster

Phil Jorgensen - N1ARM



Mike, Dave, Art, Jerry

## Fr. Jim Cashman, KCOEQE Surprised and Speechless at 90

By: Phil Jorgensen, N1ARM

What do ham radio operators in Central Minnesota, Alan Alda, members of St. Louis parish in Foreston, MN, the residents of the Lake Song Assisted Living Complex, and the Crosier Priests and Brothers at their Priory in Onamia have in common?

Lives of all of them have been touched by a very loving, compassionate, Irish priest; Fr. James Cashman, OSC.

Early this year my wife, Marva, and I began brain storming what could be done to help Fr. Jim celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. In mid-March 2011, I suggested to members of the St. Cloud Amateur Radio Club that we consider holding a surprise birthday party for our club chaplain. However, there was a slight 60 mile logistical problem that needed to be addressed.

Fr. James Cashman, KCOEQE, is a member of the Crosier Priory in Onamia, MN and lives in the assisted living complex called Lake Song.

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, I contacted the Priory and asked if they had any pending birthday plans for Fr. Jim. Fr. Kermit Holl, Prior, replied that they didn't but would be willing to piggy-back on anything we might like to do. Fr. Kermit put me in touch with the activities director at Lake Song and that got the ball rolling.

Initially, the participants were to include members of the St. Cloud Amateur Radio Club, the Crosier fathers and Brothers, and the residents from Lake Song. A short time later, the invitation was extended to members of the radio club in the Milaca/Mora area. That is when the fun began.

Fr. Kermit said that they would provide the food, but would like me to maintain somewhat of a head count. This seemed to be a simple task until word about the party leaked out and people began inviting themselves. This was later resolved when the parishioners from Foreston planned their own party, for the next weekend.

Of all of the students he mentored during his multi-decade teaching career at Archbishop Stepinac High School in New York, he fondly remembers Alan Alda and Jon Voight. I sent invitations to both individuals. By return mail, Alan Alda sent Fr. Jim an autographed portrait with the notation "Happy 90<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Jim! Alan Alda".

Because of crippling arthritis in his hands, Fr. Jim often has difficulty holding onto his radio microphones. He has even been known to talk into the back side. With generous donations from club members, I was able to locate an ICOM SM-8 desk microphone that club members rewired to work with his Yaesu FT-1802 radio. This and an Honorary Life Membership to the St. Cloud Amateur Radio Club were presented to Fr. Jim at the party. Hardly a week goes by that he doesn't comment on how easy this microphone has made life for him and that no one has told him to turn it over.

The weekend before the party, I contacted Fr. Kermit and gave him my best estimate of guests planning on attending. I told Fr. Kermit that I was sure that the invasion of Normandy didn't require as much planning or exchange of e-mails. His reply was "let the invasion begin".

To everyone's amazement, we were able to keep the party a complete secret. When Fr. Jim entered the room and saw 65 of us, he was totally surprised. In addition, he was speechless, which is very rare for a true Irishman.

The next day, Fr. Kermit sent my wife and me an assessment of the event. "*Fr. Jim was thrilled. Thank you so much for initiating what turned out to be a wonderful party! It was great, and yours was the originating energy. Many thanks for everything. Excellent call!*" Fr. Kermit

Pictures from the party are posted on the club's web site at [www.wOsv.org](http://www.wOsv.org)



Fr. Jim with his ICOM SM-8 desk microphone



The Birthday Party attendees from WOSV.

## Local Area Repeater Details

<u>Repeater</u>	<u>Offset</u>	<u>Tone</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Information</u>
147.015	+	PL 100.0	Collegeville, (St Johns)	WOSV—Superlink Access w/Remote Rx at Cold Spring
146.940	—	No Tone (Soon 100 Hz)	Sauk Rapids	WOSV—Autopatch
147.420	Simplex	No Tone	Echolink	KCOEQF—See DTMF commands at <a href="http://www.echolink.org">www.echolink.org</a>
146.835	—	PL 85.4	St. Cloud	
147.105	+	PL 85.4	Avon	
224.800	-	No Tone	St. Joseph	
444.350	+	No Tone	St. Cloud	
442.225	+	No Tone	St. Cloud Hospital	
443.650	+	PL 85.4	Avon	
145.270	-	No Tone	Paynesville,	
147.255	+	No Tone	Sauk Centre	
146.520	Simplex	No Tone	Nationwide Simplex	
146.640	Simplex	No Tone	Nationwide Simplex	

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[scarcmn@yahoogroups.com](mailto:scarcmn@yahoogroups.com)

## About the St. Cloud Amateur Radio Club

The St. Cloud Amateur Radio Club is 89 years strong! It all started back in 1921 with Robert "Bob" Witchen, WØSV, licensed as 9SV. The St. Cloud Radio Club call is registered as WØSV in honor of Bob Witchen, first licensed ham in the area. Since then, the club has grown by leaps and bounds serving in many useful ways among the surrounding tri-county area. For a more detailed history visit our website at: [www.w0sv.org](http://www.w0sv.org)

