



September 2010 Newsletter

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**NEXT MEETING**

Saturday September 11th  
Fall Picnic & Fox Hunt

## 2010 Fall Picnic and Fox Hunt

**Date: Saturday September 11th**

**Location: Hayward City Park**

**Fox Hunt Start Time: Noon**

**Picnic Start Time: 4:30 pm**

### *Minutes to the August Meeting*

Beneath a clear blue sky and under the watchful eyes of soaring turkey buzzards playing on the hot rising thermals overhead, the alfresco meeting of the Austin Amateur Radio Club was called to order by Prez Tom KC0VII, at 9 a.m., August 7, at the Mower County Fairgrounds. Club members were encouraged to look lively and remain animated so as not to appear to be easy pickings for the feathered fliers. Attendance:

Tom KC0VII AI N0RZO Dean KA0RMP Erv WB0LSG Don KC0CSF  
John KB0SPM Hayward Mike KC0YQU Mary KB0SVG Dillon KD0DTX  
Brownsdale Mike KC0AAB Vern KB0ZBU Denny KD0CSY Vince KC0NPG  
Visitor Brian Hessedal

Denny KD0CSY made a motion to accept the July 10 meeting minutes; motion seconded by Mary KB0SVG: motion carried. Treasury report was clarified to transfer money from the general account to the maintenance account to cover the purchase of a muffler for the generator. AI N0RZO made a motion to accept the minutes as clarified; motion seconded by Vern KB0ZBU: motion carried.

The Mower County/Red Cross disaster drill will be conducted in Rose Creek on August 28 starting around 9 a.m. and lasting between 2 and 3 hours. There will

be a need for at least 8 ham operators to work various duties such as shadows, net control station, and provide communication liaison to the Red Cross shelter manager. The simulated disaster will involve anhydrous ammonia; setting up a decontamination station, grain silo fire fighting, transporting mass casualties via bus/ambulance/helicopter, and removing victims from crashed automobiles. Hams volunteering will need 2-meter hand held radios programmed for 146.520 simplex, extra batteries, orange vest, and they are to be mindful they are working within a controlled net, net discipline is absolutely essential. Be prepared. Club coordinators are Vince/KC0NPG, John KB0SPM and Mike KC0YQU.

Hayward Mike KC0YQU brought his neighbor Brian to the meeting. Brian is studying for the Tech License exam and he is collaborating with AI N0RZO in fleshing-out the Club web site. Thanks Brian, thanks, AI.

Assignments for manning the club station and antennas at the Mower County Fair starting August 10-15, was discussed. Station hours are 1 pm to 8 pm, Sunday 1 pm to 5 pm. The club members will be selling parking lot tickets on Saturday for the Historical Society.

Brownsdale Mike suggested the club purchase a 36-inch long carpenter's level for use in setting up antenna tower/ trailer. Dean/KA0RMP suggested purchasing a 50 feet roll of orange color plastic fence, 4 ft. high, for use to surround the antenna trailer for safety purposes.

Brownsdale Mike had already spotted the antenna trailer and it is ready to be assembled. All those attending today's meeting volunteered to help raise the antenna, ever mindful that working within ones limits, every little bit helps.

The next meeting will be held at the picnic/fox hunt on September 11. Hunt begins around noon, picnic about 5 pm. Stay tuned for more details.

AI N0RZO made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Denny KD0CSY; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10 a.m., peace and harmony prevailing.

Submitted by Dean Johnson, KA0RMP, AARC Secretary

## **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was unavailable at press time and will be sent out separately next week prior to the fox hunt / picnic / meeting.

## **Mower County Red Cross and Emergency Management Appreciate and Need Ham Radio Communications**

Austin Amateur Radio Club Hams and the Mower County Red Cross spent the morning in Rose Creek, MN of Aug. 28 participating in a Mower County Emergency Management Drill . There were many lessons learned during the drill but primarily it highlighted that a group of motivated Hams can adjust to changing conditions and perform a professional communications job. We are not big city here and the Hams and the Red Cross were practicing how to take care of their own communities. Lessons and Techniques learned in Rose Creek will be remembered if a disaster should happen in their towns. There will be follow up sessions by responders to evaluate the drill and make any necessary improvements for the next drill or real disaster. As Minnesota has shown this year, it is the tornado capital of the US with the highest number of tornadoes this season. The chances for the Austin Hams to be called again for any type of disasters or near disasters is high and this real life practice will provide the margin of safety that will protect our neighbor's lives and property. Following the drill, Elaine Hansen of the Red Cross expressed their appreciation to the Austin Amateur Radio Club for the vital assistance provided to the Red Cross and the Emergency Management team. 73 Vince KC0NPG

### Participating Hams:

Justin Herold KD0BFO, Austin	Mike Hansen KC0YQU, Hayward
Erv Schmidt WB0LSG, Austin	Dennis Herold KD0CSY, Austin
John Nystrom KB0SPM, Austin	Vince Lynch KC0NPG, Austin
Paul Spevacek KD0KRX, Mankato	Dan Stewart - Marines, Austin
Dean Johnson KA0RMP, Austin	Ray Aaby KG0UG, Austin
Steve Cooklin KD0DTU, Austin	

## **2010 Mower County Fair Station**

Contact Dean KA0RMP for full details of the Mower County Fair Station Operation

## **New Web Site Updated Information**

**<http://www.austinarc.org/>**

Al NORZO has been able to establish a cleaned up and simplified web site for the club. Al received much appreciated assistance from newcomer Brian KD0MPK. All members, please check out the new web site and contact Al with your ideas and suggestions. Also in the list of club members, there is space for e-mail addresses. Anyone wishing to have their e-mail address listed, contact Al.