



January 2011 Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING

"CHRISTMAS PARTY"

Saturday January 8th @ 5:30pm
at the Crane Community Chapel

MINUTES to the December 2010 AARC Meeting

President Tom KC0VII, called the Austin Amateur Radio Club meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., Saturday, December 4, 2010, at the American Red Cross Building, Austin, MN. A quorum was present. Attendance: 15 and 1 visitor.

Bob K0IHV	Tom KC0VII	Don KC0CSF	Jan W0LUX	Carl WA0RLY
Jr. NX0P	Dean KA0RMP	John KB0SPM	Steve KD0DTU	Erv WB0LSG
Al N0RZO	Denny KD0CSY	Mary KB0SVG	Vern KB0ZBU	Hayward Mike KC0YQU

Al N0RZO, made a motion to accept the November treasurer's report as posted; seconded by John KB0SPM, members voted unanimous approval. Mary KB0SVG reported the \$607.61 transferred from maintenance fund to checking account was completed, and the bills are paid.

Jan W0LUX made a motion to accept the November secretary's report as posted; seconded by Erv WB0LSG, members voted unanimous approval.

Planning for the winter party continues. The event will be held at Crane Community Chapel, January 8. Hy-Vee will cater the buffet style dinner consisting of 2 meats as well as veggies, rolls, etc. Mary KB0SVG will need a dining head count by Jan 3. She will also email members the buffet cost and other details. Guest speakers and music is planned for entertainment.

Club dues of \$20.00 for 2011 are due. Please pay Mary by December 31st, if possible.

The antenna trailer is now in winter storage at KB0UCN Rick's place near Rose Creek on the family farm.

As a token of appreciation to Brownsdale Mike KC0AAB and Rose Creek Rick KB0UCN for providing year around security shelter for the antenna trailer, Dean KA0RMP made a motion to waive their 2011 club dues; seconded by John KB0SPM, motion unanimously approved.

The reelection of current club officers was approved by unanimous ballot. The club officers for 2011 are:

President: Tom Crowley, KV0VII
Vice President: Hayward Mike Hansen, KC0YQU
Secretary: Dean Johnson, KA0RMP
Treasurer: Mary Nystrom, KB0SVG

New Business: Al N0RZO is donating a Pentium 4 laptop computer to be used as a club fund raiser. Al will post the computer's pedigree and horsepower on the club website.

It was agreed that asking \$5.00 donation per ticket is a reasonable amount. Mary KB0SVG will make available tickets to record the donations. This is a wonderful opportunity to help our club increase its visibility of Ham Radio with in our respective communities. See Mary for tickets...you can solicit donations up to 9 am, February 4, 2011. The winning ticket will be drawn at February monthly meeting. "Atta boy's" are in order to Al for his generous donation.

Round table discussion: Tom KC0VII stated his St. Ansgar, Iowa repeater is now atop the Grain Miller's silo. This host location is at a much higher elevation thereby increasing the effective radiation of pattern. Ask Tom for more details.

Tom reported the digi-peater, VHF and UHF repeaters at the Twin Towers, Austin, are working just fine.

The Austin 73 repeater, because of its location on the tower, does not radiate effectively to the north, it puts out a poor signal in the direction of Blooming Prairie. The east, west and south radiation pattern is very good. Al N0RZO and Carl WA0RLY held an interesting and lengthy discussion on establishing a 73 link in Owatonna to further enhance the signal as well as optimum placement for antennas. Mary KB0SVG will check with the MN Repeater council for more information about radio links.

Austin business G&G Heating offered to donate their business band antenna to the Austin Amateur Radio Club. This piece of equipment can be modified for amateur service. See Al N0RZO for more details.

Mary KB0SVG was recognized for her unselfish contribution to public service to the American Red Cross. For many years Mary has donated her professional nurse training to the teaching CPR classes for the Austin Chapter. November students graduating from her CPR class included five club members: John KB0SPM, Dean KA0RMP, Ray KG0UG, Vince KC0NPG and Adams Mike KC0AKT. Congratulations to all.

Recently started is Austin's rag-chew net on 3850 khz, each Friday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. This net is designed to help dispel winter doldrums and assist new club members adjusting to amateur life in the fast lane.

The Albert Lea 880 repeater is temporarily shut down according to Hayward Mike KC0YQU.

Ask Steve KD0DTU for his theory on lead-base paint distorting a radiated signal. Hi hi.

The next meeting will be the winter party held at Crane Community Chapel, January 8, 2011.

Merry Christmas! Travel safely! Happy New Year!

Janet W0LUX made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mary KB0SGV. With peace and harmony prevailing, the meeting ended at 8:15 pm.

Dean Johnson, KA0RMP – AARC Secretary

Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND

Balance 11/28/10	\$1,081.39
Dues Paid	+00.00
Deposit	+00.00
Expenses	-00.00
Balance 01/02/11	\$1,081.39

There will be a deposit made on Monday 1/3/11. I will give you the updated report at the Christmas party.

MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance 01/02/11	\$2,790.22
Dues Paid	+00.00
Deposit	+ 00.00
Donations & Interest	+00.00
Expenses	-00.00
Balance 11/28/10	\$2,790.22

No expenses in the past month.

Submitted by KB0SVG Mary Nystrom / AAARC Treasurer

February Club Meeting

DON'T FORGET the next club meeting will be an interesting event. We will be operating in the Minnesota QSO Party from the Mower County American Red Cross building in downtown Austin, MN. Dean KA0RMP and Vince KC0NPG will set up antennas on the flag pole the day before. The event starts at 8:00 am CST and ends at 6:00 pm CST on Saturday February 5, 2011. We will have a club meeting at 9:00 am CST, so everybody show up and have some fun. Dean KA0RMP will be there operating CW and there will also be voice operation available. DON'T FORGET February 5, 2011. IT WILL BE FUN !!!!!

AARC VE Amateur Radio License Testing

DON'T FORGET there will be a Amateur Radio test session on Wednesday January 19, 2011. The location will be the Mower County American Red Cross in downtown Austin, MN. Start time is 7:00 pm and the cost is \$15.00. Don't forget to bring 2 forms of identification and, if you are upgrading, a copy of your Amateur Radio license will be needed.

Dues for 2011 are now DUE

DON'T FORGET to PAY your DUES for 2011. The AARC dues are set at \$20.00 for the year. Please make Mary KB0SVG's life easy and pay your dues as soon as you can. She will not be chasing you down or sending out any reminders after this. She has a lousy job as far as this goes chasing down stragglers. Any complaints contact John KB0SPM at 433-9654 or on Tuesday nights on the Shotgun Net on 28.410 MHz. 73 and HAPPY NEW YEAR to all the spectacular Amateur Radio operators in the Austin area.

AARC Recommended Nets

Sunday Night – Austin 146.730 FM Net - 7:00pm CST
Sunday Night – Owatonna 145.490 FM Net - 7:30pm CST
Sunday Night – Albert Lea 146.880 FM Net - 8:00pm CST
Sunday Night – Austin 50.400 AM Rag Chew Net - 8:30pm CST
Sunday Night – Northern Lights 144.260 USB Net – 9pm CST
Sunday Night – Rochester 146.820 FM Net – 9pm CST
Monday Night – North Iowa Net 147.315 FM Net – 6:30pm CST
Tuesday Night – Austin 28.410 USB Rag Chew Net - 7:00pm CST
Tuesday Night – Rochester 28.325 USB Rag Chew Net - 8:00pm CST
Wednesday Night – Rochester 144.230 USB Net – 6:45pm CST

CLUB OFFICERS

President --- Tom Crowley KC0VII
Vice President --- Mike Hansen KC0YQU
Treasurer, Club Trustee & MN Repeater Council Liaison --- Mary Nystrom KB0SVG
Secretary --- Dean Johnson KA0RMP

VOLUNTEERS involved with other Club Duties

Newsletter & HF Net Control --- John KB0SPM
Tower Trailer Maintenance --- Mike KC0AAB
Web-site & Senior Club Advisor --- Al N0RZO
Red Cross Liaison --- Vince KC0NPG
Legal Advisor --- Pete KF0GV
VHF Net Control --- Carl WA0RLY



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**Drawing to be held
on February 5, 2011**

The Austin Amateur Radio Club is an official 501C3 non profit organization --- dedicated to the promotion of and community service through Amateur Radio. We welcome all to join our ranks.