



December 2011 Newsletter

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Evening Meeting

Saturday December 3rd @ 7:00 PM
at the American Red Cross Bldg. - Downtown Austin

ELECTION of CLUB OFFICERS

Happy Belated 80th Birthday to Bob KØIHV

Minutes of the AARC November 5, 2011 Meeting

President Tom KC0VII called the meeting to order at 9 a.m, in the American Red Cross building. Attendance: Tom KC0VII, John KB0SPM, Hayward Mike KC0YQU, Mary KB0SVG, Vince KC0NPG, Glenn KD0GNF, Ray KG0UG, Bob KØIHV, Jan W0LUX, Denny KD0CSY, Jay KC0HXM, Don KC0CSF, Vern KB0ZBU, Dean KA0RMP and Steve KD0DTU.

October Secretary report: No quorum, no minutes, no report.

October Treasurer's report: No change since previous report. Glenn KD0GNF made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Vince KC0NPG, motion approved.

Discussion: The members agreed to continue the club's alliance with the MCHS Communication Building as an alternate station location. Building code updates are needed, for example, all electrical outlets must be grounded; exterior weatherized electrical boxes installed; all radio equipment must be safety inspected before operating it, etc. Your dollar donations to MCHS will help defray the electrical updates. Thank you.

Discussion: Antenna trailer – install power winches to raise and lower the tower. This is considered a safety improvement. Glenn KD0GNF is project leader to gather cost information for winches rated at 2000/4000 lbs lifting power, safety bar; and trailer modifications needed to receive the winches. He hopes to have information available at next meeting.

Discussion: John KB0SPM and Mary KB0SVG stated they talked with an insurance agent regarding general coverage for injuries to club members and liability coverage (i.e., strong wind topples antenna trailer). After Brownsdale Mike's KC0AAB recent inspection of the antenna trailer, his observation is the trail is in OK. Club insurance is open for further discussion.

John KB0SPM made a motion to reimburse \$225 to Al N0RZO for his out of pocket expense relating to his leg injury while lowering the club's antenna tower. Motion seconded by Steve KD0DTU. Motion approved.

Club Christmas/Winter Party is scheduled for Saturday January 7 or 14 pending approval for use of Crane Chapel. Mary KB0SVG will contact Hy-Vee catering who will provide buffet with 3 meats at estimated cost \$11.

MN QSO Party is a fun activity scheduled for Saturday February 4. Vince KC0NPG will coordinate with the Red Cross for use of their building from 800 to 1800 hours. Last year our club received a Certificate of Achievement for a new record score placing 8th overall in the MN multi-op category operating 1-HF rig and 1-UHF/VHF, and 1-PSK 31 rig. There's plenty of activity on the bands, and there's always room for one more operator at the W0AZR. Project coordinator: Dean KA0RMP and John KB0SPM.

CPR Re-certification class is being planned for Jan or Feb. Mary KB0SVG is project coordinator.

Discussion: Annual club dues for 2012 will be \$20. Members present voiced no need to increase dues at this time.

Happy Birthday to Bob K0IHV on November 8th: 80-years young and going strong! Erv WB0LSG and wife Hilda moved to Wichita, Kansas. We wish you well in your new home and home state. Your presence at club activates will be missed.

December Agenda: Election of Club officers for 2012.

Next meeting will be December 3, 7 pm at the Red Cross Building.

Jan W0LUX made a motion to adjourn the meeting: seconded by Glenn KD0GNF.

With peace and harmony prevailing, meeting closed at 10:15 am.

Submitted by KA0RMP Dean A. Johnson KA0RMP / AARC Secretary

Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND

Balance 10/30//11	\$1,822.16
Dues Paid	+00.00
Deposit	+00.00
Expenses	-00.00
Balance 11/26//11	\$1,822.16

No expenses this month.

MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance 10/30/11	\$2,790.22
Dues Paid	+00.00
Deposit	+ 00.00
Donations & Interest	+00.00
Expenses	-00.00
Balance 11/26/11	\$2,790.22

Paid Dues from last meeting have not been deposited at this time.

Submitted by KB0SVG Mary L. Nystrom / AARC Treasurer

Upcoming Events

December --- Club Election of Officers
January --- Annual Christmas Party
February --- Minnesota QSO Party

Topics for Discussion at the Meeting

Liability Insurance for club events
Club Elections to be held
Christmas Party on January 7, 2012
MN QSO Party February 4th
Electric Winches for the Tower Trailer

Aluminum Collection Fund Raiser

Still ongoing, club members and friends of the AARC, are collecting aluminum in forms of cans or other scrap. This is an easy way for a simple fund raiser for the club. The aluminum can be dropped off with Mary (Club Treasurer) KBØSVG at 809 10th Avenue SE. Mary will take the accumulated aluminum over to Jennings Scrap Yard and then deposit the money in our club bank account. So please help out. So far Jan WØLUX, Bob KØIHV, Mary KBØSVG (also Mary's neighbors – Juan, Casey and Daisy), Jay KCØHXM, Erv WBØLSG and John KBØSPM have dropped off aluminum.

For Sale

Gordy WB0QHK has lots of stuff to sell... call him at **433-9650** for details and to deal...

Butternut Vertical (almost New)

Butternut Vertical (Used / Rebuilt)

Alpha delta DX-CC multiband inverted Vee

Yaesu FT 101EE

Yaesu FT 401B

Several old Amateur Handbooks – from the 60's and up

Drake T-4XB Transmitter

Drake TR4C Transceiver

Drake MN-4 Transmatch

Johnson Viking Ranger Transmitter

6 Hallicrafters General Coverage Receivers

Glenn KD0GNF has the following for sale:

Kenwood TS-940S HF Transceiver

Contact information: Glenn Ward – (507) 433-7363

AARC Recommended Nets

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

Austin, Albert Lea and Owatonna Sunday VHF Nets are accessible through the KAØPQW 224.64 repeater (tone 11Ø.9) in Ellendale, MN.

CLUB OFFICERS

President --- Tom Crowley KCØVII
Vice President --- Mike Hansen KCØYQU
Secretary --- Dean Johnson KAØRMP
Treasurer, Club Trustee & MN Repeater Council Liaison --- Mary Nystrom KBØSVG

VOLUNTEERS involved with other CLUB DUTIES

Tower Trailer Maintenance --- Mike KCØAAB
Webmaster & Club Advisor --- Al NØRZO
Red Cross Liaison --- Vince KCØNPG
Legal Advisor --- Pete KFØGV
Newsletter Editor & HF Net Control --- John KBØSPM
VHF Net Control --- Carl WAØRLY
Downtown Repeater Site Control Operator --- Jay KCØHXM
Volunteer Examiner Liaison --- Mike KCØAKT

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