



February 2011 Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday February 5th @ 9:00am
at the American Red Cross

**Also on Saturday the AARC will be operating the club station at the American Red Cross during the Minnesota QSO Party. Starting time is 8:00 AM and finish time will be 6:00 PM. Have some FUN and help operate.*

Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND

Balance 01/02/11	\$1,081.39
Dues Paid	+100.00
Deposit	+533.00
Expenses	-494.59
Balance 01/29/11	\$1,219.80

The deposits made were a combination of dues and prepayment for meal and ticket sales. Expenses were for the meal and tip for our server, a lost check, and error in subtraction.

There will be a deposit made on Monday 1/31/11. I will give you the updated report at the February meeting.

MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance 01/02/11	\$2,790.22
Dues Paid	+00.00
Deposit	+ 00.00
Donations & Interest	+00.00
Expenses	-00.00
Balance 01/29/11	\$2,790.22

No expenses in the past month.

Submitted by KB0SVG Mary Nystrom / AAARC Treasurer

Minutes for January 8, 2011 - 6:00 pm, Crane Chapel - Austin, MN.

Club president Tom, KC0VII, gaveled the festive members into a slight resemblance of law and order. He enjoined the approximately 40 members and guests to begin dining at the buffet ensemble. After a silent prayer, Ray KG0UG led the line to a hearty meal.. After the masses were fed, their appetites sated, it was then and only then that calmness and serenity prevailed.

The business meeting was abbreviated – the treasury report and the minutes were approved as published. There were reminders that next month's meeting will be February 5, 9:00 am, at the Red Cross Building. As the QRM level began to rise, it was obvious that the omnivores were restless and needed appeasement.

Our guest speaker was Austin's own "Bill" AC0W, He is a world ranked contest participant for many years standing. He stood poised and unflapped before the awestruck group as he began to give out leaflets titled MN QSO Party Rules, County listings, log sheets and Guides to good contesting. Bill spoke of contest HF frequencies, QRP, SSB CW and he stressed that, above all else, this is a fun event. Everyone should enjoy the camaraderie of their fellow hams and dazzle each other with operating moxie. Bill departed the arena amidst hearty 73's. Thanks Bill, see you on the air.

Ross Mickelsen, director of the award winning Shriner's Oriental Band,entertained the winter party goers with guitar picking and songs from the files of Johnny Cash and a birthday tribute to Elvis. Ross received a standing ovation from his appreciative audience. Thanks Ross, you gave us a wonderful performance.

As the group headed for the doors, Mary KB0SVG, halted the revelers in their tracks as she shouted out attendees names to receive door prizes, such as club T-shirts, and whatever else wasn't nailed down. She was not threatened for meager offerings; however, John looked rather nervous, standing in her shadow, with a huge roll of unsold computer raffle tickets, red in color,clutched in a hand that is more comfortable holding an artist's brush. Karl contributed to the confusion insisting that all should have the latest digi-mode updates and photo discs of the last 6 months club activities.

All in all, it was a wonderful evening, albeit on a brutally cold January night, it was filled with good conversation, smiling faces, and evidentiary evidence captured by amateur photographers.

The winning computer raffle ticket will be drawn at the next meeting, February 5.

Peace and harmony was restored, meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Dean Johnson, KA0RMP AARC Secretary

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 !!!!!

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 NOW. **This is last call for stragglers.** Contact Mary KB0SVG, AARC Treasurer and Club Trustee, at 433-9654 and she will gladly accommodate anyone.

Laptop Donation Fund Raiser Update

The leaders in raffle ticket sales are Dean KA0RMP and Steve KD0DTU. Nobody else even approaches what these 2 have accomplished. The deadline for sales is Friday February 4th, so there is still time to sell more tickets. Contact Mary KB0SVG at 433-9654 to pick up your tickets. Don't let this opportunity slip away to help improve the financial status of the AARC.

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
Secretary --- Dean Johnson KA0RMP
Treasurer, Club Trustee & MN Repeater Council Liaison --- Mary Nystrom KB0SVG

VOLUNTEERS involved with other Club Duties

Tower Trailer Maintenance --- Mike KC0AAB
Web-site & Club Advisor --- Al N0RZO
Red Cross Liaison --- Vince KC0NPG
Legal Advisor --- Pete KF0GV
Newsletter & HF Net Control --- John KB0SPM
VHF Net Control --- Carl WA0RLY
Downtown Repeater Site maintenance --- Jay KC0HXM

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