



March 2011 Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday March 5th @ 7:00pm
at the Mower County Historical Society

The Mower County Historical Society is located at the Mower County Fairgrounds in southwest Austin, MN. The address is 700 12th St. S.W. – please enter at the front door to the administration building. Dustin Heckmann, the MCHS Director, will be at the meeting to discuss the joint plans for the communications building.

Minutes to the February Meeting at the American Red Cross Bldg, Feb 5, 2011 at 9:00 am.

Tom, KC0VII called the meeting to order. The posted minutes for meeting on January 8 were available; Vince KC0NPG made motion to accept minutes, 2nd by Al/N0RZO, motion passed. A quorum was present.

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| Dean KA0RMP | Hayward Mike KC0YQU | Tom KC0VII |
| Al N0RZO | Steve KD0DTU | Vince KC0NPG |
| Erv KB0LSG | John KB0SPM | Mary KB0SVG |
| Glenn KD0GNF | Vern KB0UZO | Don KC0CSF |
| Dick KD0CGS | JayKC0HXM | Visitor Larry Dahlen |
| Visitor Duane Shoars | | |

The Treasurer's report was read by Mary, KB0SVG; Steve KC0DTU motioned to accept the report, 2nd by Glenn, KD0GNF: motion passed.

New discussions: Through give and take conversation it was decided the club will definitely participate in *Field Day June 2011*. The antenna site location will be discussed at the March meeting.

Five club members indicated they would be available to help provide 2-meter radio communication during *March of Dimes Walk-a-thon*. More information will be available at the next meeting.

The *Spring Fox Hunt* was discussed with favorable opinion for the club to sponsor this fun event. The agenda will be: Fox Hunt, short meeting; potluck food. Bring your hunter

instinct ideas to the next meeting – then we'll decide on area/location parameters, etc; also, we'll select a Saturday date prior to Memorial Day weekend and then we can extend invitations to neighboring radio clubs to join the fun.

Mower County Fair 2011. Dustin Heckman, director of the Historical Society will be our guest speaker at the March meeting. He'll explain our new location during Fair week, which will be in the Communications Building, electric modifications needed, and floor space allotted for our station.. He's open to suggestions as to how both the Society and the radio club can benefit from W0AZR ham radio "shack".

Ray, KG0UG, was the *winner of the lap top computer* donated AI/N0RZO. AI's generous donation helped the club raise several hundred dollars to help boost the club's sagging general fund. Congratulation to Ray and AI. Top raffle ticket salesmen were Dean KA0RMP and Steve KD0DTU. John KB0SPM donated original cartoon art work as an incentive for wanna-be ticket sellers to do their best job. A hearty round of applause for John.

The Red Cross Building was set-up for participating in the Minnesota QSO Party. HF dipole antenna riggers were Vince/KC0NPG, John/KB0SPM, Hayward Mike KC0YQU, Ray KG0UG and Dick Dahlen KD0CGS. They worked quickly to complete the task in less than 2 hours. We had two fully operational radio transceivers, both capable of CW and SSB. Guest operator, Bill AC0W, logged the first SSB QSO, then he offered to take the day's tally and format it for contest entry. Other contributing operators were Vince KC0NPG, John KB0SPM, Dean KA0RMP (CW). The W0AZR Club contest score will be posted when available.

The club furnished a dozen sweet rolls for refreshment and to help ward off operator fatigue.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am on a motion made by Mary/KB0SVG, 2nd by Vince KC0NPG. Peace and harmony prevailed.

Submitted by Dean Johnson KA0RMP AARC Secretary

Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND

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|------------------|------------|
| Balance 01/31/11 | \$1,998.80 |
| Dues Paid | +120.00 |
| Deposit | +145.00 |
| Expenses | -000.00 |
| Balance 02/27/11 | \$2,263.80 |

The deposits made were a combination of dues, additional raffle ticket and t-shirts sales

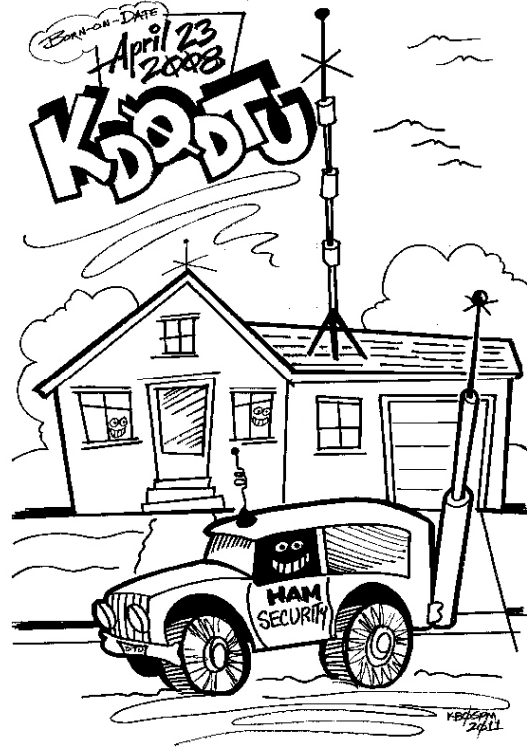
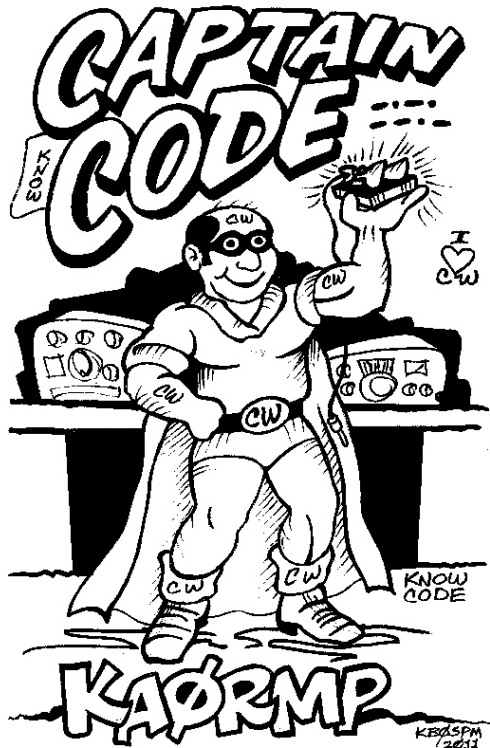
MAINTENANCE FUND

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| Balance 01/29//11 | \$2,790.22 |
| Dues Paid | +00.00 |
| Deposit | + 00.00 |
| Donations & Interest | +00.00 |
| Expenses | -00.00 |
| Balance 02/27/11 | \$2,790.22 |

Submitted by KB0SVG Mary Nystrom / AAARC Treasurer

Laptop Donation Fund Raiser Update

The leaders in raffle ticket sales are Dean KA0RMP and Steve KD0DTU. Even though John KB0SPM promised to create an original cartoon for the seller of the most raffle tickets, he decided that both of these super star promoters deserved original cartoons. Thank you guys for your superlative efforts and all club members can view the cartoons below. The original 11 inch X 17 inch drawings were given to Dean & Steve.



ELECTRONIC QUESTION of the MONTH

What is a commonly accepted value for the lowest voltage that can cause a dangerous electric shock?

- a) 6 volts
- b) 12 volts
- c) 30 volts
- d) 120 volts

Submitted by Dick Dahlen KD0CGS

AARC Volunteer Examiner Historical Information

Mike KC0AKT decided that we needed volunteer examinations in the Austin and the Mower County area in March 2003. Mike KC0AKT became the volunteer examiner liaison for the ARRL in this area. The first test session was held on April 22, 2003 which means that testing has been ongoing for 8 years. Mike KC0AKT and John KB0SPM have been to every test session held at the Red Cross in Austin which also includes 2 test sessions in Owatonna in 2005 and 2006. Test sessions have been held on a quarterly basis on the third Wednesday of January, April, July and October. We have been skunked only once out of 34 test sessions. A total of 186 candidates were tested by this VE group. Following is a list of Volunteer Examiners that have participated in the test sessions.

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| Mike KC0AKT --- all 34 | John KB0SPM --- all 34 | Mary KB0SVG --- 31 |
| Deb KB0CWZ --- 21 | Vince KC0NPG --- 12 | Bill KC0OEW --- 4 |
| Carl WA0RLY --- 3 | Mike KC0YQU --- 3 | Pete KF0GV --- 1 |
| Peter N0RCE --- 1 | Junior NX0P --- 1 | Alicia KC0PUC --- 1 |

Congratulations to these diligent Hams, your efforts are appreciated in furthering this wonderful and wondrous hobby that we all enjoy so thoroughly.

Aluminum Collection Fund Raiser

Starting in March, it is requested of club members and friends of the AARC, to start 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) KB0SVG at 809 10th Avenue S.E.. 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.

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

Upcoming Events

April --- March of Dimes Walkathon
May --- Spring Fox Hunt and Picnic
June --- Field Day
July --- Fourth of July Parade
August --- Mower County Fair
September --- Fall Fox Hunt and Picnic

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
Webmaster & 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 Control Operator --- Jay KC0HXM
Volunteer Examiner Liaison --- Mike KC0AKT

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.

NEW Upcoming Monthly Column

To be titled --- "Protrons, Neutrons, Electrons and Morons"

Editor --- Brownsdale Mike KC0AAB

Columnists --- Steve KD0DTU, Glen KD0GNF

Vern KB0ZBU & Dean KA0RMP

Format --- Humor and Newsworthy Updates

Please give these guys all of your support, this will be VERRRRY Interesting.