



May 2011 Newsletter
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NEXT MEETING

Saturday May 7th @ 9:00am
at the Mower County Historical Society

Minutes to the April Meeting

The regular monthly meeting was held at the American Red Cross Building, on Saturday, April 2, 2011, at 9:00 am. President Tom KC0VII gavelled the meeting to order at 9 am. A quorum was present.

Mary KB0SVG	Hayward Mike KC0YQU	John KB0SPM
Al N0RZO	Dean KA0RMP	Blooming Prairie Dan AC0DA
Glenn KD0GNF	Jay KC0HXM	Spring Valley Jan W0LUX
Denny KD0CSY	St. Ansgar Tom KC0VII	Spring Valley Bob K0IHV
Don KC0CSF	Eastside Vern KB0UZO	Steve KD0DTU

Prez Tom KC0VII thanked Al N0RZO for presiding over the March meeting. The March minutes were approved on a motion by Jan W0LUX and seconded by Steve KD0DTU. The March treasurer's report was approved on a motion made by Glenn KD0GNF and Seconded by Al N0RZO.

Discussions:

The MCHS Fair Grounds is prepared to host the Field Day event should we select that location. Facilities will be available: commercial power; rest rooms; tables, etc. Other sites to be considered are Hayward Community Park and Beaver Lake. A site decision will be made at May meeting.

Next regular radio club meeting will be held at 9 am, May 7th,, at MCHS fairgrounds. At this meeting we'll be "pre-planning" how we want W0AZR station to be set up for such events as the county fair, and open house activities.

Fox Hunt (2-meters) will be May 21st. Start time: 1 pm at Nystrom's. Pot luck begins around 4:30 pm. Food details will be finalized at next meeting. This year the fox will be hiding in the Austin area.

Steve KD0DTU volunteered to be back-up net control operator for the Tuesday 10-meter net. ATTA Boy, Steve!

Website: Hayward Mike KC0YQU presented price quotes to replace Jaguar Communications for our website. The purpose of this discussion was to consider the most economical and prudent path to follow in May, when our lease expires. Al N0RZO and Larry WD0AKX will evaluate market information and then present their opinion to the membership to see which program is adopted.

April 16th the radio club will provide 2-meter communication to the March of Dimes Walk a Thon. All volunteers (Carl WA0RLY, Al N0RZO, Dean KA0RMP, Erv WB0LSG, Justin KD0BFO, Denny KD0CSY, Tom KC0VII and Hayward Mike KC0YQU) should be at the Holiday Inn by 8:30 am. Please wear your classy radio club orange vest.

Recent SKYWARN training classes attracted a lot of students, for example 116 attended in Austin and over 100 attended in Osage. The next ADVANCED SKYWARN training class is scheduled for April 19th in Stewartville. Our club attendees, so far, will be Al N0RZO, Tom KC0VII, John KB0SPM and Brownsdale Mike KC0AAB. Other experienced weather observers are invited to attend.

Approval was given for supporting the Boy Scouts of America to help scouts learn about wireless radio communications. Denny KC0CSY will research the requirements for the scout communication merit badge and bring the information to the next meeting. Dean KA0RMP will contact ARRL for classroom training materials, and Hayward Mike KC0YQU has volunteered to be share instructor duties. Local media will be used to announce VE schedules and club activities.

A not-so-trivia item will be included in future newsletters. Editor John KB0SPM will select a radio related question taken from the FCC examination question pool for Extra class, General class and Technician class. Study hard...good luck.

What if the club had a lot of money? Our Wish List: new repeater/controller; digi-peater; huge backup battery; an antenna to extend signals northerly to areas such as Blooming Prairie and Owatonna and maybe beyond. Al N0RZO will explore requirements for submitting grant requests to charitable organizations asking for aid in support of our club's public service activities.

A big thank you is extended to Dan AC0DA for his generous, free of charge, recycling of 8 yellow strobe lights that are 12v, equipped for mobile use (magnet mount) and a couple mobile antennas.

The next club meeting is May 7th at 9 am, at the MCHS building at the Fairgrounds.
Jan W0LUX made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Glenn KDOGNF/
With peace and harmony prevailing the meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Submitted by Dean Johnson KA0RMP Secretary AARC

Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND

Balance 05//01/11	\$2,218.80
Dues Paid	+000.00
Deposit	+000.00
Expenses	-357.31
Balance 05/01/11	\$1,861.49

Expenses were for payment to Al N0RZO for web site for next 2 years, Hy Vee for muffins and juice, and for the repeaters insurance.

MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance 05/01//11	\$2,790.22
Dues Paid	+00.00
Deposit	+ 00.00
Donations & Interest	+00.00
Expenses	-00.00
Balance 05/01/11	\$2,790.22

No expenses in the past month.

Submitted by KB0SVG Mary Nystrom / AAARC Treasurer

ELECTRONIC QUESTION of the MONTH

What is the basic unit of electromotive force ??????

- A. Volt
- B. Watt
- C. Ampere
- D. Ohm

KB0SPM Cartoon Corner 1999 Archives



Does anyone remember this guy ??? He was a club member back in 1999.

Don't Forget About the 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. So far Jan W0LUX, Bob K0IHV, Mary KB0SVG, Jay K0HXM and John KB0SPM have dropped off aluminum. Thank you from the AARC.

Protons, Neutrons, Electrons & Morons *Nothing submitted for May 2011*

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

Upcoming Events

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

March of Dimes Walk for Babies

Thank you to the following local HAMS that helped out with communications for this event, Denny KD0CSY, Justin KD0BFO, John N0SMW, Dick KD0CGS, Junior NX0P, Carl WA0RLY, Tom KC0VII, Ray KG0UG and Dean KA0RMP. Hope I didn't miss anybody.

Linton KB0UCO would like all of his Amateur Radio friends to be updated with his new phone number --- 437-9289

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.

Last but not least, on Saturday May 7th, our club meeting will be at 9:00 am at the Mower County Historical Society which is located at the Mower County Fairgrounds in Austin. MCHS is having their spring clean up day. So after the meeting, we will check out our new fairgrounds home (the communications building) and help with clean up. Hope the weather is better than we have been having lately. Eventually we will have a station set up in the communications building. We will also be doing a lot of preliminary planning for that and other display ideas on Saturday. See you there.