



June 2011 Newsletter
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NEXT MEETING

Saturday June 4th at 7:00pm
 at the American Red Cross

Minutes to the May Meetings

Austin Amateur Radio Club meeting, May 7, 2011, at 9 am, at the Mower County Fair Grounds. President Tom KC0VII called the meeting to order. There were not enough members present to constitute a quorum, therefore no official business was transacted. Those in attendance were Tom KC0VII, Pete (and son) KF0GV, John KB0SPM, Mary KB0SVG, Hayward Mike KC0YQU, Don KC0CFS and Dean KA0RMP.

Selecting the Field Day site will be postponed until May 21 when we'll meet for the Fox Hunt starting at Nystrom's house. Tom will write an email informing club members and visitors of the coming Fox Hunt.

The radio club had agreed to help the MCHS to move artifacts in the Communication building in preparation for installing our W0AZR radio station equipment. As a group, we rolled up our sleeves and moved equipment, boxed many books, and took some equipment to an adjacent building. There remains much work to be done, such as consolidating equipment, accessing power receptacles, and a little dusting. MCHS director Dustin will let us know when the next clean up session is scheduled.

The meeting adjourned at 11 am. Peace and Harmony Prevailing,

Submitted by Dean Johnson KA0RMP Secretary AAARC

Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND

Balance 05/01/11	\$1,861.49
Dues Paid	+00.00
Deposit	+00.00
Expenses	- 62.01
Balance 05/29/11	\$1799.48

Expenses were for new checks and supplies for the fox hunt / spring picnic.

MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance 05/01/11	\$2,790.22
Dues Paid	+00.00
Deposit	+ 00.00
Donations & Interest	+00.00
Expenses	-00.00
Balance 05/29/11	\$2,790.22

No expenses in the past month.

Submitted by KB0SVG Mary Nystrom / AAARC Treasurer

KBOSPM Cartoon Corner 1999 Archives



FOX HUNT and PICNIC REPORT

The Saturday, May 21st, Fox Hunt got off to a slow start and maintained a glacial pace until the hunters and hunted became exhausted and hungry. Carl WA0RLY and Albert Lea Dick KD0CGS traveled about the SE Austin neighborhood hiding here and there wherever fox choose to hide... John KB0SPM and Linton KB0UCO were the bicycle mounted mobile hunters, or, if you will, the wolves. Linton was observed heading east on 13th Avenue in hot pursuit of the yapping and cajoling fox. His face was into the wind and his hair wildly blowing about as he raced his three-wheel trike over the hot pavement. Man and machine were in perfect unison as both rounded the corner on two wheels before disappearing from sight.

John KB0SPM, was unobserved by this writer Dean KA0RMP. But you can imagine John, sitting erect, riding tall in the saddle wearing his nice looking club T-shirt and speeding about in hot pursuit of the fox. After several rounds of hunting, the guys called it a success and headed for the barn.

Don KC0CFS and Mary KB0SVG chose not to hunt but they stayed behind to assemble the food for hungry troopers. Mary did a superb job of cooking the "mystery meat". All those who guessed it was road kill de jour, they were wrong. She prepared pulled pork loin that was delicious with a choice of three different flavors.

The club's officers made the decision to have Field Day 2011 at the Hayward Community Park. At our next club meeting, June 4th, we'll discuss details for the 24-hour activity. Invite your friends to visit Field Day in Hayward. Mark your calendar now... reserve June 25/26 for you personal enjoyment. Ham it up with your fellow Hams. 73 de **Dean KA0RMP**

Editor Input...

The first Fox for the hunt was Linton KB0UCO and he hid at his home and was first discovered by John KB0SPM on his bicycle. The team of Carl WA0RLY with his pretty Red Pick-up, Dick KD0CGS and AI N0RZO came up second in discovering Linton.

The second Fox was John KB0SPM and he hid at a friend's home near Kaufman Park. He was first discovered by the team of Carl WA0RLY, Dick KD0CGS and AI N0RZO. Linton KB0UCO huffed and puffed into second place.

The third Fox was the team of Carl WA0RLY and Dick KD0CGS and they were discovered at approximately the same time by John KB0SPM (on his bicycle) and Linton KB0UCO (on his tricycle).

Club members in attendance at the Fox Hunt and/or the Picnic were --- AI N0RZO, Mary KB0SVG, John KB0SPM, Dick KD0CGS, Carl WA0RLY, Linton KB0UCO, Don KC0CSF, Tom KC0VII and his lovely wife Joyce, Dean KA0RMP and Ray KG0UG. A late bit of information, Denny KD0CSY showed up with his 2 sons one week late (sorry Denny, I had a cartoon bubble). 73 de John KB0SPM

Don't Forget About the 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) KB0SVG 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 W0LUX, Bob K0IHV, Mary KB0SVG, Jay KC0HXM and John KB0SPM have dropped off aluminum. Mary has collected \$18.72 in aluminum which will be deposited this month in the club account.

ELECTRONIC QUESTION of the MONTH

What is meant by the gain of an antenna ???

- A. The additional power added to the transmitter power.
- B. The additional power that is lost in the antenna when transmitting on a higher frequency.
- C. The increase in signal strength in a specified direction when compared to a reference antenna.
- D. The increase in impedance on receive or transmit compared to a reference antenna.

Why is it important to have a low SWR in an antenna system that uses coaxial cable feed line ???

- A. To reduce television interference.
- B. To allow the efficient transfer of power and to reduce losses.
- C. To prolong antenna life.
- E. All of these choices are correct.

Which of the following can be used to enter the operating frequency on a modern transceiver ???

- A. The keypad or VFO knob.
- B. The CTCSS or DTMF encoder.
- C. The automatic frequency control.
- D. All of these choices are correct.

FIELD DAY 2011 - June 25 and 26

At Hayward Community Park

It was finally decided but took an executive decision to choose the location for the AARC Field Day 2011. There were 3 choices --- #1 Hayward Community Park, #2 Mower County Historical Society and #3 Beaver Lake. Hayward Community was chosen by unanimous vote of the club officers. The executive decision was necessary due to lack of a quorum at the last 2 meetings. Also Mike KC0YQU has been lobbying for the past 3 years for the Hayward site. The Albert Lea Amateur Radio Club has been invited to join us if they wish to. Hopefully the other 2 locations could be available for Field Day operation in the near future.

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

June --- Field Day – June 25 & 26

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.