



July 2011 Newsletter
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NEXT MEETING

Saturday July 9th at 7:00pm
at the American Red Cross

To Bob KØIHV --- We missed you at Field Day and we all HOPE that your Health Problems are much improved --- you have not been Forgotten and you are in our Prayers --- Please let us know how everything is going. 73 and God Bless from the AARC membership.

Minutes to the June 4th AARC Meeting

President Tom, KC0VII called the meeting to order at 7pm, June 4th, 2011, at the American Red Cross Building with a roll call of --- Tom KC0VII, John KB0SPM, Mary KB0SVG, Vince KC0NPG, Erv KB0SLG, Hayward Mike KC0YQU, Glenn KD0GNF, Carl WA0RLY, Jim KC0EQY, Al N0RZO, Dean KA0RMP, Steve KD0DTU, Vern KB0ZBU and Don KC0CSF

Motion to approve May 7 Secretary Report was made by Steve KD0DTU, 2nd by Carl WA0RLY:
Motion approved.

Motion to approve May 7 Treasurer Report was made by Vince KC0NPG, 2nd by Glen KD0GNF:
Motion approved

Brownsdale Mike KC0AAB is in charge to update the club 4600 watt generator: Install wheel kit for easy mobility and install new muffler kit.

Field Day 2011 at Hayward Community Park - antenna trailer will be moved by Don KC0CFS and returned by Jay KC0HXM. Food costs, if any, will be shared by Austin and Albert Lea Radio club. Mary KB0SVG and Ruth KC0WPU volunteered to prepare Sunday morning breakfast for FD participants.

Volunteers are needed for the Austin 4th July Parade. Contact John KB0SPM or Tom KC0VBII for more information.

Volunteers needed to provide communication support for the Ride Across Minnesota event transiting through Austin area July 26/27, Austin Convention office 437-4563 is coordinating this huge event (expecting 1000 bicycle riders).

Approved for Treasurer to pay the 2011 Repeater Council fee of \$10 for Club W0AZR.

Repeater insurance covering 3 units, at one-year premium, total cost of \$252 was paid 4/22/11. Discussion to allow Treasurer to pay club bills under cost of \$100 without club vote. This was put into a motion by John KB0SM, 2nd by Glen KD0GNF. Motion approved.

Discussion for on-going project of seeking grants from local organizations to gain funds for purchasing equipment is support of Skywarn and emergency situations. Suggest wish list includes: GPS units, radio equipment, 2-meter/440 transceiver. Project coordinator: Al N0RZO.

Vince KC0NPG spoke to us about his volunteer work with the American Red Cross disaster relief at Fargo flood area. 12-hours work days are the norm - duties vary according to needs of the mission and one's expertise in operating sophisticated electronic equipment. Vince has made numerous relief deployments that started with Hurricane Katrina (5-years ago). Amateur radio ARES units are visible at

these deployments. However, the Red Cross pool of volunteers needs to be replenished. If you willing to be trained to support the relief mission, contact Vince or the local Red Cross office for further information. See Tom KC0VII for ARES information.

Al N0RZO made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Jim KC0EQY. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm to convene again July 9, 7pm, Red Cross Building.

Peace and Harmony prevailed.
Dean Johnson, KA0RMP
Secretary Austin Amateur Radio Club

Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND

Balance 05//29/11	\$1,799.48
Dues Paid	+00.00
Deposit	+00.00
Expenses	- 17.00
Balance 07/03/11	\$1782.48

Expenses were for gas for the generator for field day.

MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance 05/29//11	\$2,790.22
Dues Paid	+00.00
Deposit	+ 00.00
Donations & Interest	+00.00
Expenses	-00.00
Balance 07/03/11	\$2,790.22

No expenses in the past month.

Submitted by KB0SVG Mary Nystrom / AAARC Treasurer

FIELD DAY 2011 – June 25 and 26

Just a little bit of a run down on Field Day 2011. Hayward, MN was an ideal site and thank you Mike KC0YQU for getting everything lined up. You did a GREAT job during the KIMT TV3 interview. You are truly a television chick magnet. A lot of people from Austin, Albert Lea, Hayward, Alden, Hollandale, Adams, Brownsdale, Glenville, New Ulm, etc. etc. etc. showed up for the event and we had a lot of FUN. I was way too busy and was unable to compile a list of everyone that showed up. For that I apologize. But I did make sure that I kept a list of the people that were there for **Site & Tower Trailer SET-UP... Nourishment Preparation and Distribution** and last, but for sure, not least **Tear Down**. These groups are always the unsung heroes of any successful event.

Site and Tower Trailer Set-up... this was strictly a 4 man crew. Jay KC0HXM (the man with the plan), Mike KC0YQU, Kenny from New Ulm (He just happened to be in Hayward visiting and stopped by and willingly volunteered to help with the difficult work), and John KB0SPM.

Nourishment Preparation and Distribution... Dick KD0CGS, Ruth KC0WPU and Mary KB0SVG handled everything from chili, turkey, corn on the cob, rice, pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and I apologize because I can't remember all the food. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Tear Down... the final mundane, difficult task... the basic tear down was accomplished in 30 minutes (a new record)... the tear down crew consisted of 9 volunteers... Mike KC0YQU, Dick KD0CGS, Jay KC0HXM, Mike KC0UWF, Vince KC0NPG, Mike NB0D, Dean KA0RMP, Larry WD0AKX and John KB0SPM.

Special Thanks... to Don KC0CSF for hauling the tower trailer to Hayward and to Jay KC0HXM for returning the tower trailer to its place of storage. Also to my wife Mary KB0SVG for putting up with me during Field Day and putting up with all you other guys as well.

Extra Special Thanks... to Chase Roberts (the 4 year old son of Mike KC0AAB) who willingly assisted and entertained us with his non-claustrophobic ability to squirm into the tower trailer tube and pull out the unreachable ground rod and antenna pipe. WAY to GO Chase !!!!!!! This is available on 3 different videos filmed by participants along with other Field Day related videos and pictures. A lot has already been sent out via e-mail and if you missed these just keep asking around and I am sure you can find them.

I know that I must have forgotten someone else that helped with these tasks and for that I apologize. I did my best and did not leave anyone out on purpose.

Hope everyone had as much FUN as I had, I am looking forward to next year... 73 de John KB0SPM.

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June 30, 2011
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Austin, Minnesota 55912
507-433-1051

Honorable Willis Pfeiffer
Mayor, City of Hayward
107 County Road 26
Hayward, Minnesota 56043

Dear Mayor Pfeiffer,

On behalf of members in the Austin Amateur Radio Club and Albert Lea Amateur Radio Club, we thank the City of Hayward for providing an excellent venue for the Club's annual participation in Amateur Radio Field Day 2011. That is to say, it took us outside our well established home radio stations and placed us in an unfamiliar environment, thus we were overnight visitors in the Hayward Community Park during June 25/26 2011.

The "Ham" radio Field Day event is held the last weekend of June, when radio sites are setup across the country for the purpose of establishing radio communications while operating under emergency conditions. We are a self-contained unit. Our trained operators, coupled with state of the art equipment, are available for public service events such as SKYWARN (tracking dangerous weather), disaster preparedness training and mentoring individuals interested in becoming amateur radio operators.

During the last 50-years our mobile stations have been set up in various locations. Most recently we were in Adams, Grand Meadow, Austin, Saint Ansgar, Pickerel Lake Park and many farm sites. From each of these events we learned how to better serve our communities, state and nation, all while having fun learning, experimenting, and communicating for the safety and betterment of those living in this area.

We were your guests for a short period but we'll remember for a long time Field Day 2011, in your lovely Community Park and the city's generous hospitality.

Thank you.

Dean Johnson, KA0RMP
Secretary of the Austin Amateur Radio Club

Thanks to Austin / Albert Lea Amateur Radio Clubs

I want to thank the Austin and Albert Lea ham clubs for welcoming me and allowing me to operate a little 15 meter CW on Saturday afternoon at Field Day (in Hayward, only a 2-mile bike ride from my farm). The Yaesu was an amazing rig, and cndx on 15m were outstanding! Tnx too for the jury-rigging of the straight key to at least be able to send 20 wpm +/- (Forrest, where were u with your Vibroplex????).

You are a great group of people, involved in one of the greatest hobbies – amateur radio!! I hope that it will never become a lost art. Keep inspiring future generations!! 73 de **Bryce Gaudian WB9LXK** Hayward

Now that 10 is open almost daily maybe this would be of interest to Club members

Generally accepted 10 METER Band Plan

28.025 CW Rare DX & DXpeditions Frequently Operate Here – Split
28.060 QRP CW Calling frequency
28.080 RTTY Rare DX & DXpeditions Frequently Operate Here -- Split
28.080 to 28.100 Primary Range for RTTY
28.1010 10/10 Intl CW Calling Frequency
28.110 QRP Novice/Tech Calling FREQ
28.190-28.225 Beacons
28.200 NCDXF/IARU beacons (STAY OFF OF THIS FREQUENCY) Many Hams rely on these beacons for propagation determination. For Details - see NCDXF/IARU International Beacon Network
28.380 10/10 SSB Intl Calling Frequency
28.385 QRP SSB Calling frequency
28.425 10/10 SSB Intl Calling Frequency – Another is 28.400
28.495 SSB Rare DX & DXpeditions Frequently Operate Here -- Split
28.600 Old General Callin Frequency - Still used by Old Timers
28.675~28.685 SSTV Operating Frequency -- IARU Region 1
28.680 SSTV Operations USA/Canada
28.825 10-10 Backscatter Net - Paper Chasers Net
28.885 6M DX Liaison Frequency -- Listen here for 6 Meter DX opening announcements and discussions.
28.945 FAX Operating Frequency
29.000-29.200 AM Operations
29.300-29.510 Satellite Downlinks
29.520-29.580 Repeater Inputs
29.600 FM Simplex - Calling Frequency
29.620-29.680 Repeater Outputs

Submitted by Mike KCØAAB

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 WOLUX, Bob K0IHV, Mary KB0SVG, Jay KC0HXM and John KB0SPM have dropped off aluminum. Field Day aluminum cans were collected for the benefit of this fund raiser.

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

August --- Mower County Fair
September --- Fall Fox Hunt and Picnic
December --- Club Election of Officers
January --- Annual Christmas Party

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 Editor & 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.