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Next Meeting July 11th

Saturday Evening at 7:00 pm

American Red Cross Building – Downtown Austin

Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND

Balance 04/26/09	$1,763.47
Dues Paid	+000.00
Deposit	+000.00
Expenses	-149.13
Balance 05/31/09	$1,614.34

Expenses were for supplies needed for the fox hunt picnic and for our part of field day festivities.

MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance 04/26/09	$4,189.43
Dues Paid	+000.00
Deposit	+00.00
Donations & Interest	+00.00
Expenses	-000.00
Withdrawal	-00.00
Balance 05/31/09	$4,189.43

Submitted by KB0SVG Mary Nystrom / AAARC Treasurer

Minutes to the June 6, 2009 Meeting

We had no formal meeting after the foxhunt and picnic. Lo`ok next month for more minutes to the last meeting of the AARC.

Field Day at Pickerel Lake with the Albert Lea Club

It was a wonderful event. The weather cooperated and everyone that attended appeared to have a GREAT time. Serious contesters, casual contesters, BSers, food consumers and FUN LOVERS all fit in. I received a letter from Larry WD0AKX which sums it all up. Reprinted with the permission of WD0AKX.

I wish to say thanks to all of the Austin Radio Club for going out of your way and joining us

again in Albert Lea this year at field day to make it a combined effort. I know your group has put a lot of effort into this event and I know our group here has been more enthusiastic about field day also since we have joined powers on this fun event.

I have not had so much fun at a field day ever, I think this year tops them all for me personally, having everyone combine with having fun and doing some serious work at the same time! I know there are others from our group who would also agree. I sure like getting to know and become friends with everyone in the Austin area as well as our own area, it just makes ham radio much more fun and that is what the hobby and public service is all about. It is also a very good thing if we do have any type of disaster take place in the area being able to communicate well between our groups and having more people know each other on a more personal basis.

Also, the sign you provided our club was fantastic, John, you went out of your way to design and produce the sign that we will be able to use for events for years to come! That was a very nice unexpected gift that you provided for our club here in Albert Lea and very much appreciated by our entire club.

So, I think we all had a lot of fun again this year and I just wanted to say thanks from our club to everyone from the entire area for participating and going out of your way on all the things you have done to make this a very fun weekend. It will definitely be a field day I will always remember and I know that all hams from the Austin, Albert Lea, and surrounding areas who participated will also remember!

We as hams seem to all come together to make things work and if we ever actually have a natural disaster or other communications event, that proves we will all be able to come together and communicate as hams to get things done as a team. As a representative from the ALARC, Inc. I am wondering if you could post this message of thanks to all involved in field day this year in your next newsletter.

Thanks very much, 73 Larry WDØAKX - ALARC, Inc.

KSMQ Fundraiser Helpers

On June 3, 2009 there were 7 members of the AARC that manned the phone at KSMQ TV for their fundraiser event. Ruth KC0WPU, Vince KC0NPG, Steve KD0DTU, Randy K0BCA, Tom KC0VII, Mary KB0SVG and John KB0SPM. Thanks to all that helped.

Fox Hunt and Picnic on June 6th in Hayward

It was a wonderful day for the event. The sky was overcast with constant rain showers and the temperature was in the 50's. But 99 percent of interested Hams were of the hearty sort. We were able to have 5 fox hunts and the team of Junior N0OJL and Dustin KD0BFP quelled the constant trash talking of John KB0SPM with 3 first place finishes. There were participants from Owatonna, Albert Lea, Austin and IOWA. Though drenched and chilled, all had a GRAND time. The IOWA team was able to prove their mettle with a first place finish in the fourth fox hunt. At the picnic, John KB0SPM was observed pouting in the corner because the best he could do was 2 second place finishes. Next year ????? Perhaps the weather will be much better

Don’t Forget Our local Nets

Sunday night at 7:00 pm CDT - 146.730 FM Net - Austin Net
Sunday night at 7:30 pm CDT - 145.490 FM Net - Owatonna Net
Sunday night at 8:00 pm CDT - 146.880 FM Net - Albert Lea Net
Sunday night at 8:30 pm CDT - 50.400 AM Net - Austin 6 Meter Rag Chew Net
Sunday night at 9:00 pm CDT - 144.260 USB Net - Northern Lights - New Freq.
Tuesday night at 7:00 pm CDT - 28.410 USB Net- Austin 410 Shotgun Net
Wednesday night at 7:00 pm CDT – 444.975 FM Net – UHF Net

UPCOMING EVENTS

Test Session – July 15 – 7pm at Red Cross Building
Mower County Fair – MCHS Special Event Station
August 11-16
September Foxhunt and Picnic and Tailgate Swap Meet
(Date and Location Unknown at this time)

Fourth of July parade Volunteers

Thanks to all the communications volunteers for the parade. We had the largest group I have ever worked with. Denny KD0CSY, Justin KD0BFO, Tom KC0VII, Keith KD0BPL, Ray KG0UG, Matt KC0WNC, Vince KC0NPG, Steve KD0DTU, Mike KC0YQU, Jay KC0HXM, Erv WB0LSG, Mary KB0SVG and John KB0SPM. Thanks for the BIG support of the AARC membership.

MOWER COUNTY FAIR AMATEUR RADIO STATION

Fellow club members - Let's not forget the Mower County Fair club radio station to be activated Aug 11 (Tuesday) and manned through Aug 16 (Sunday). Station operating hours will be from 12 noon until 8 pm. Mark those dates on your calendar. If possible, volunteer a couple hours of your time to help operate the station, or be involved in public relations, answer questions, smile and be friendly, wear the radio club T-shirt and orange safety vest, and be available to assist the Historical Society as a building guide/volunteer.

Several volunteers (and a truck) are needed to relocate the antenna trailer from its storage area to the Fire Equipment Museum site. Ideally, the antenna beam/dipole and tower should be raised and tested by Wednesday August 5th. The early set-up time is needed to avoid having our roadway blocked by early arriving vendors.

Although this year we have gained a few more square feet of operating area, we are still severely limited in shelf space to display/operate our equipment.

The station will definitely have HF/VHF/UHF base stations and amateur radio television capabilities, dependent upon available equipment. What "toys" would be

fun for YOU to bring to the County Fair? YOU can give a "Show and Tell" demonstration explaining what you are doing. For example: YOU operate your special equipment such as Echo Link, PSK-31, RTTY, SSTV, SWL, computer interface programs, etc., for one or two hours a day, then move aside for the next demonstrator. The volunteer operator schedule can vary from day to day.

Now is the time to prepare for the Fair. Always remember this: SAFETY FIRST.

See you at the club meeting on July 11th. 73, Dean/KAØRMP

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