



August 2010 Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday August 7th at 9:00am
at the Fairgrounds in Austin

Minutes to the July Meeting

Tom KC0VII called the meeting to order at 7 PM, July 10th, at the American Red Cross Building. A motion to accept Minutes of the last meeting, as posted on the newsletter, was made by Jan/W0LUX and seconded by Al/N0RZO; motion was unanimously approved.. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report of the last meeting, as posted on the newsletter, was made by Vern/KB0ZBU and seconded by Al/N0RZO; motion was unanimously approved.

Those attending the meeting constituted a quorum. In attendance were:

Dean/KA0RMP

Jim/KC0EQY

Mary/KB0SVG

Erv/WB0LSG

Carl/WA0RLY

Mike/Adams//KC0UWF

Jan/W0LUX

Vince/KC0NPG

Mike/Hayward/KC0YQU

Bob/K0IHV

John/KB0SPM

Mike Cherney/KC0AKT

Vernon/KB0ZBU

Al/N0RZO

Mike/Brownsdale/KC0AAB

Jay/KC0HXM

Tom/KC0VII

Steve/KB0MEX

Mike/KC0AAB and Al/N0RZO are to join forces to retrofit a wheel kit w/pull handle for the generator, as well as securing a noise reducing muffler to fit on the Tecumseh engine. Motion was made by Al/N0RZO, and seconded by Jan/W0LUX, to authorize \$200 for this project. Motion was unanimously approved.

There was discussion on the leaky antenna trailer tires. Jay/KC0HXM indicated he could get tubes and help install the tube(s). Mike/KC0AAB is project manager to remedy the leaking tire problem. There was no motion allocating

money for purchase of tire tubes; however, Mike, if it is your decision to use tube inserts, then proceed with that remedy. Submit an invoice to Treasurer at the next meeting, we'll vote to approve cost of repair/materials.

A motion was made by Jim/KC0EQY and seconded by Mike/KC0AKT for the club to approve approximately \$200 to purchase 100 Teflon dielectric PL-259 male connectors (estimated cost \$1.85 each) and 20 UHF female barrel connectors (estimated cost \$1.00 each). Quantities in excess of club's requirement will be made available for purchase by members. Recommended vendor source: MSG4U.com

A motion was made by John/KB0SPM and seconded by Mike/KC0AKT to purchase 200 feet RG-8 Coax at \$.75 per foot, estimated cost \$150. This cable will replace deteriorated cable in club inventory. John will order the coax.

Mike/KC0AAB brought the antenna trailer to the Red Cross Building for close inspection to see if tower sections were bent and if they needed to be realigned. Should tower realignment be needed at a future date, Al/N0RZO will check with the College Mechanic Shop to see if equipment is available to take corrective action. Club members looked at the trailer and voiced it was safe to use.

Mower County Fair: August 10-15. Equipment to be used at the Fair: Antenna tower with beam, and dipole antennas. Jim/KC0EQY will be in-charge of the micro-wave CCTV antenna and camera/transmitter. The club's Kenwood TS-430 (HF) transceiver will be used and there will be a 2-meter capability. Equipment will be placed inside the Museum on Monday, Aug 9.

On Saturday morning (Aug 7), (after the club meeting) the antenna tower, with tri-band array, will be put together as a club project. Your assistance will be needed. Estimated set-up time: less than 90 minutes.

Mower County Disaster/Emergency Meeting will be held at the Rose Creek Fire Hall on July 22 at 6 pm. Club reps John/SPM and Tom/VII have volunteered to attend this session.

It was with pride and enthusiasm that Vince/KC0NPG announced he is now a certified card carrying Navy MARS member. His military affiliate call sign is NNNØBIH. Vince encourages others to get involved MARS – he operates on the 4 megahertz band. Hearty congratulations to Vince. Well Done!

FCC Amateur License Tests will be conducted on July 21. It was noted the 4-years old Technician Class Training Manual expired July 1, 2010. That is to say, there is now a new pool of training questions for Tech Class License.

Mike Cherney observed the Austin Public Library has ordered a new Tech Class book for public use. It should be on the shelf soon.

A motion was made by Jan/W0LUX, seconded by Vince/KC0NPG for the purchase of 4 Tech Class training manuals for the club library. Estimated estimate cost: \$18 per book. The motion was unanimously approved.

Governor Tim Pawlenty issued a Proclamation lauding the service provided to the citizens by Minnesota Amateur Radio Operators. He declared Recognition Day June 26 and 27, 2010. For a complete view of the Proclamation, go to HandiHam.org.

Dean/KA0RMP volunteered to be the club liaison to help Boy Scouts learn CW in their quest to earn the Radio merit badge. All volunteer helpers will be greatly appreciated.

Brain storming: A step ladder would be nice to have when setting up the tower. A fire extinguisher should be available when the emergency generator is running. Solar powered yard lights would be nice during night operations. Florescent streams attached to guy wires to prevent tripping over the wire and pegs.

Next meeting will be at 9 am, August 7, Mower County Historical Society, Mower County Fair Grounds. This will be an outdoor meeting at the Fire Museum.

Al/N0RZO made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vince/KC0NPG. Motion unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm, peace and harmony prevailing.

Submitted by: Dean Johnson, KA0RMP – AARC Secretary

Upcoming Mower County Disaster Drill

Mower County is planning to have a Disaster Drill. The AARC was invited to the preliminary meeting in Rose Creek on July 22nd. Vice President Mike KC0YQU and John KB0SPM attended for the radio club. The actual drill will be August 28th in Rose Creek. Further information will be coming from the Red Cross and Law Enforcement.

Thank you on behalf of the American Red Cross for your ongoing commitment to our communications needs in emergency situations. We value the Austin Amateur Radio Club as critical partners in serving our community when disaster strikes. Thanks for continuing to be prepared. Have a great day!

Elaine Hansen / Executive Director - Mower County American Red Cross

Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND

Balance 07/03/10	\$1,078.90
Dues Paid	+00.00
Deposit	+00.00
Expenses	-96.63
Balance 08/01/10	\$ 982.27

Expenses were for muffler for the club generator.

MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance 07/03/10	\$3,390.55
Dues Paid	+00.00
Deposit	+00.00
Donations & Interest	+00.00
Expenses	- 00.00
Balance 8/01/10	\$3,390.55

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Submitted by KB0SVG Mary Nystrom / AAARC Treasurer

Upcoming Club Events

Mower County Fair Amateur Radio Operating Display in conjunction with the Mower County Historical Society --- August 10-15, 2010 --- manned by club volunteers --- 6 full days --- WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

September Club Picnic and Fox Hunt --- expected date of Saturday September 4th --- we need to decide where, when, why, how and what for ???