



July 2010 Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING

**Saturday July 10th at 7:00pm
at the American Red Cross**

Minutes to the June Meeting

Tom KC0VII brought the meeting to order at 9:08 am at Gymocha Coffee Shop. The Treasurers report and Minutes to the May meeting were approved. Motion made by Vince KC0NPG, seconded by Erv WB0LSG and approved by unanimous vote.

Mike KC0YQU inquired about logging software for Field Day. Vince KC0NPG volunteered to look into it. Jay KC0HXM volunteered to tow the tower trailer to the Field Day site on Friday evening. John KB0SPM made a motion to purchase 100 ft of RG8 coax from Gordy WB0QHK. This was seconded by Mary KB0SVG and approved by unanimous vote. John KB0SPM volunteered to be in charge of the 4th of July Parade communications team. Tom KC0VII talked about the Fair in August and said we need to decide what to do for our station. This needs to be decided prior to the Fair to alleviate the problems of 2009. We have a small space and only have room for one HF station, one VHF station and one ATV station at the Fair. Al N0RZO is attempting to get the web site up and running. Due to the 4th of July Holiday, the next meeting will be July 10 at 7pm at the Red Cross.

Jan W0LUX made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Al N0RZO and approved by unanimous vote.

Attendance: Tom KC0VII, Mary KB0SVG, Mike KC0YQU, John KB0SPM, Don KC0CSF, Ray KG0UG, Jan W0LUX, Vern KB0ZBU, Vince KC0NPG, Dick WB0FWI, Al N0RZO, Erv WB0LSG, Jay KC0HXM and Steve KD0DTU. 14 club members were in attendance.

John Nystrom KB0SPM / Volunteer Substitute AARC Club Secretary

**Boy Scout Troop 113 has requested
assistance helping the scouts get their
Morse Code Merit Badges.
Any volunteers ?????**

Field Day 2010 Report

Just a quick and easy run down of Field Day 2010. The Friday Night Reconnaissance Group arrived early evening on June 25th to the Community Park in Adams, MN. Group members included Mary KB0SVG and John KB0SPM (in the BUS), Brownsdale Mike KC0AAB and Dillon KD0DTU (in the Big Suburban) and Jay KC0HXM (in the Big Red 4X4 Truck). Law enforcement protection was provided by our Host for the weekend, Adams Chief of Police Mike KC0UWF.

Early Saturday morning, past club president Al N0RZO, stopped in with a couple boxes of GLAZER donuts, which were consumed highly proficiently. Al was on his way to Milwaukee for some family R & R. Additional personnel arrived to HELP with set-up and they were Hayward Mike KC0YQU, the Legendary Vern KB0ZBU and Iwegian Bill KC0OEW. Then set-up commenced. Tower trailer was properly located and raised with beams and dipole antennas in place. Radios, coax, power supplies, and the TRUSTY generator were all placed in strategic locations. Brownsdale Mike KC0AAB, Jay KC0HXM and John KB0SPM busied themselves replacing faulty PL259's and rejuvenating old coax. Vern KB0ZBU pulled out his compressed air launcher, which fascinated Dillon KD0DTX to no end. Those two busied themselves launching dipoles into the trees. Hayward Mike KC0YQU and Bill KC0OEW tended to guy ropes, SWR readings, proper equipment location and any other GRUNT work of necessity. What a SIGHT. It was hot and we were sweaty but we were set up only a little late.

Then we started operating making voice contacts all over the USA. Dillon KD0DTX was buzzing on 15 meters using his home brew double bazooka, Jay KC0HXM shared his home brew 40 meter dipole with the likes of Hayward Mike KC0YQU and Mary KB0SVG, among others. The coveted tri-band beam was buzzing on 10 and 20 meters. Vince KC0NPG and his friend Dan set up a MARS station and gave that a whirl. Carl WA0RLY arrived later and did his usual "Smile you are on Candid Camera" bit and made 6 contacts on 6 meters from his pick-up station. Mary KB0SVG kept us all well nourished with her grilling and cooking of tasty morsels. Steve KD0DTU and Linton KB0UCO showed up for a quick peek, some BS, and a bite to eat. But before they could hit the road – John KB0SPM suggested that they should make ONE CONTACT each before they could head home. Both obliged and worked 40 meters and then bid everyone good-bye. Then we were surprised with a familiar face, VE Liaison Mike KC0AKT arrived and

demanded the right to use 10 meters and the beam. Mike then sat down and proficiently made 24 contacts on 10 meters. Bill KC0OEW and John KB0SPM obliged by being Mike's log dogs. The afternoon hours began to wane as reports of evening storms started to come in. Plots and preparations were made. "Dean Dean the CW Machine" KA0RMP arrived with his sparkling KEY and quickly plugged into the 20 meter DIT and DAH turmoil. Everyone there paused to watch the CODE MASTER at work. Dean, you put on a WONDERFUL show of your prowess with "the Original Digital Mode". Don KC0CSF stopped in for a quick visit. Chief Mike KC0UWF and his family members, Jackie KD0ESN and Hunter arrived for some FUN. Jackie KD0ESN requested to PLAY with some BUTTONS and KNOBS. Mary KB0SVG happily obliged and the two XYL's operated 40 meters. The evening went on with much FUN had and some operators went home, but the hard core operators stayed on even with the bad weather reports. Chief Mike KC0UWF made some official safety recommendations while the rest of the crew disconnected coax and lowered the tower. We then waited out the storm. Lucky for us, the storm that arrived was nothing like other areas had to deal with. It ended up being just a bit of rain and a bit of wind. There ended up being very minimal late late late night operating, most everybody left the park for home or went to bed on site.

Sunday morning was more of the same frantic FUN FUN FUN operating. Dean KA0RMP even came back to operate more CW with the original Reconnaissance Group. Mary KB0SVG cooked up eggs, hash browns and sausage. Then as usual, all good things must come to an END. It was time to tear down. This is always the dirtiest and most detested of tasks. The willing group that stuck it out to tidy up and pack every thing away was --- Brownsdale Mike KC0AAB, Dillon KD0DTX, Hayward Mike KC0YQU, Jay KC0HXM, Dean KA0RMP, Mary KB0SVG and John KB0SPM. Please applaud these people for their loyal willingness.

And then it was OVER !!!!

The Field Day 2010 List of Members & Friends of the AARC in attendance:

Mike KC0AAB & Dillon KD0DTU

Vern KB0ZBU

Jay KC0HXM

Vince KC0NPG & Dan

Mike KC0YQU & Deb

Mary KB0SVG & John KB0SPM

Dean KA0RMP

AI N0RZO

Carl WA0RLY

Don KC0CSF]

Mike KC0AKT

Bill KC0OEW

Steve KD0DTU & Linton KB0UCO

MikeKC0UWF, Jackie KC0ESN & Hunter

Next Amateur Radio Test Session July 21

The next test session for all interested persons will be held Wednesday July 21 at 7:00 pm at the Mower County American Red Cross building in downtown Austin. Contact John KB0SPM at 433-9654 or nytro@smig.net for all the particulars.

Upcoming Mower County Disaster Drill

Mower County is planning to have a Disaster Drill in late August. The AARC is invited to be involved. There will be a preliminary meeting on July 22, 2010. Any AARC member interested in being involved, please contact Tom KC0VII or John KB0SPM.

Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND

Balance 05/30/10	\$38.27
Dues Paid	+40.00
Deposit	+1,102.88
Expenses	-102.25
Balance 07/03/10	\$ 1,078.90

Expenses were for gas for the generator, breakfast supplies for Sunday morning at Field day and for 100 feet of coax. Deposit was for t-shirt payments and transfer from maintenance fund to general fund for previous expenses.

MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance 05/30/10	\$4,189.43
Dues Paid	+00.00
Deposit	+00.00
Donations & Interest	+00.00
Expenses	-798.88
Balance 7/03/10	\$3,390.55

Expenses were for transfer to general fund checking account to cover all tower repairs, radio repairs and for the radio insurance.

Submitted by KB0SVG Mary Nystrom / AAARC Treasurer

The WET 4th of July Parade in Austin

I would like to thank all local Hams that helped with communications for the Parade. It started to RAIN at about 10:30 am on Sunday. We were all WET by 11:00 am when the parade started. The parade crew consisted of Tom KC0VII, Jay KC0HXM, Ray KG0UG, Vince KC0NPG, Vern KB0ZBU, Mike KC0YQU and John KB0SPM. We all had a FUN WET time.