



June 2010 Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING

**Saturday June 5th at 9:00am
at Gymocha Coffee Shop**

The Gymocha Coffee Shop is **NEW** to Austin. It is located across from Riverland Community College in the old Hardee's restaurant.

Minutes to the May Meeting

The May 1, 2010, meeting of the Austin Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Tom, KC0VII, at the American Red Cross Building, Austin. A quorum was present. Denny, KD0CSY, made a motion to accept the April 10th minutes, as printed; motion seconded by Al, N0RZO. Motion carried. Jan, W0LUX made a motion to accept the treasurer report as printed for April; Vern, KB0ZBU, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Mary, KB0SVG, said the annual insurance premium is due for payment to Hartman Insurance Company for the 3-club repeaters located atop the High Rise building. Vince (KC0NPG), made a motion to authorize payment of the premium (approximately \$200 or more), to cover the repeater insurance for one-year; motion seconded by Denny (KD0CSY). Motion carried.

A "Fox Hunt" will start at 1 pm, May 22, Lafayette Park, Austin, and will be played until around 4 pm, at which time the hunters will trade their antennas for eating utensils. Carl, WA0RLY made a motion that the club treasury pay the pavilion \$35 rental fee, plus purchase the meat (wieners, hamburgers) for its contribution to the pot-luck dinner that will start approximately 4 pm. Motion seconded by Steve (KB0MEX). Mary (KB0SVG) volunteered to do the meat shopping, and she will contact the Park and Rec department to reserve the pavilion for Saturday.

Radio Club logo clothing (t-shirt/hoodies) ordering was finalized. The club will purchase 12 shirts to hold for future sales to new members. Motion made by Denny (KD0CSY) and seconded by Vince, KC0NPG.

John (KB0SPM) pitched his idea for a Radio Club decal (W0AZR, Austin Amateur Radio Club, established 1958) that will be approximately 5 inch diameter, to be applied to the window's exterior side. Anticipated cost is \$1 to members. John is working on a SKYWARN decal that will be available to weather watchers.

The clubs project to update its coax cable inventory has hit a temporary snag. Due to supply shortages, the manufactures shifted our purchase orders to "back-order status". Brownsdale Mike(KC0AAB) is monitoring this wire project.

New Club WEB site: Al Bush is working with Vince Lynch to download photos from the old site and Mary Nystrom will transfer the membership data to the new site. Thanks to our able volunteers.

The club's digi-peater is operational. Think APRS.FI.

Show and Tell: Vince Lynch showed us a nifty 1KW, lightweight, gasoline operated, generator. It is capable of 900 watts continuous power and a 1K surge capability. Vince stressed the need for at least two sources of emergency power. He also has solar power capability. The generator was bought off the internet at a bargain price of \$339. A couple of heavy duty 12 volt marine batteries, deep cycle-rechargeable, will fit nicely into you emergency power plan, too. Think ahead; remain prepared.

Carl distributed copies of Puppy Linux Lighthouse (boot-up computer operating system on CD).

It was with deep regret when we learned of the unexpected passing of our fellow ham operator Tom Lehto KC0MTW, a member of the Albert Lea Radio club.. Tom was a good man – he had a passion for ham radio that few others attain. He willing shared his time, talent and resources, helping newbies prepare for their FCC license exam. He was quick to volunteer, and he worked tirelessly, often too. Thanks Tom, your good deeds will be long remembered. We'll miss you cheery laughter. (Mary volunteered to send a club's condolence card to his next of kin)

Al (N0RZO) and Denny (KD0CSY) volunteered to haul the antenna trailer to the Field Day site at the Adams city park. Thanks guys.

The next club meeting will be at 9 am, June 5th, at GYMOCHA Coffee Shop.

Jan (W0LUX) made the motion to adjourn the meeting, which was quickly followed by a second from Jim (KC0EQY). Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm, peace and harmony prevailing.

Attendance: Tom KC0VII, Mary KB0SVG, Mike KC0YQU, John KB0SPM, Don KC0CSF, Ray KG0UG, Bob K0IHV, Jan W0LUX, Vern KB0ZBU, Vince KC0NPG, Denny KD0CSY, Carl WA0RLY, Ruth KC0WPU, Dick WB0FWI, Dean KA0RMP, Linton KB0UCO, Jim KC0EQY, Steve KB0MEX, Al N0RZO, Mike KC0AKT and guest Dick KD0CGS. 20 club members, 1 guest --- for a total of 21 --- very good turn out.

Dean Johnson KA0RMP / AARC Club Secretary

Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND

Balance 04/23/10	\$881.85
Dues Paid	+00.00
Deposit	+00.00
Expenses	-843.58
Balance 05/30/10	\$38.27

Expenses were for radio insurance, club T-shirts, and food for the picnic.

MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance 04/23/10	\$4,189.43
Dues Paid	+00.00
Deposit	+00.00
Donations & Interest	+00.00
Expenses	-00.00
Withdrawal	-00.00
Balance 5/30/10	\$4,189.43

Submitted by KB0SVG Mary Nystrom / AAARC Treasurer

T-SHIRTS and HOODIES are available --- Contact Mary KB0SVG for Pick Up

The Fox Hunt / Picnic on May 22 had a good turnout. It was just a bit windy, but warm and comfortable anyhow. There were 3 fox hunts and the winning teams were #1 --- KCOYQU & KB0SPM / #2 --- WAORLY, KBOZBU, KCOHXM & KGOUG / #3 --- NORZO & Brother in Law. There was plenty of good food and fun for all.

Upcoming Club Events for June

June ?????? --- Tower Trailer Set Up Day --- Practice, Practice, Practice
June 26 & 27 --- FIELD DAY at Adams Community Park in Adams, MN

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
Monday Night – North Iowa Net 147.315 FM Net – 6:30pm CDT
Tuesday Night – Austin 28.410 USB Rag Chew Net - 7:00pm CD

AARC Club Officers & Volunteers for 2010

President --- Tom Crowley KC0VII

Vice President --- Mike Hansen KC0YQU

Secretary --- Dean Johnson KA0RMP

Treasurer / Club Trustee --- Mary Nystrom KB0SVG (7 year hold over)

Web Master --- ????????????

Newsletter Editor --- John Nystrom KB0SPM

**Don't forget FIELD DAY in ADAMS
June 26 & 27, 2010**