



Anoka County Radio Club and Emergency Services

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Newsletter

January / February 2008

General Meeting - ELECTIONS!

Attention all members. Exercise your right to vote at the ACRC General Elections Meeting on Friday, February 1st from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex. The positions open for nominations are:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Board Member at Large

If you know of a member that would be a good candidate for one of these positions, please nominate them (or yourself) at the meeting. Nominations will be accepted until the election process begins. **Let your vote be counted! We would like to see everyone there!**

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MN VOAD Conference is coming up

The MN VOAD Conference will be held on Saturday, February 16th at St. John the Baptist Church in New Brighton. An invitation, description and registration form are on our website under the MN VOAD headline. Contact Dan Peitso NØPIY for more information at dan-peitso43@comcast.net.

Donations Needed for the ACRC Hamfest Fundraising Event

The Buffalo Midwinter Madness Hamfest will be held on Saturday March 29, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Buffalo Civic Center in Buffalo, MN. Parry Brown KC0TWB will be attending this hamfest on behalf of the Anoka County Radio Club. He will be raising money for the new club's new D-Star repeater system by selling donated equipment. He is asking all club members to see if they have any surplus ham radio gear or equipment they are willing to donate to the club to be sold at this event. He will be accepting all the donations on Friday, March 28th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex. Contact Parry with any questions at kc0twb@msn.com. More information about Midwinter Madness is available online at: <http://www.k0ltc.org>. Your participation in this fundraising event will help us fund the repeater installation.

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The Radio Amateur's Code

By Paul M. Segal W9EEA (1928)

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The Radio Amateur is:

CONSIDERATE... never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL... offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the US is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE... with knowledge abreast of science, a well-built and efficient station and operation above reproach.

FRIENDLY... slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED... radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school, or community.

PATRIOTIC... station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

The Christmas Party was a Great Time!

The ACRC Christmas party was a blast! We had great food, gifts, friends, live music and lots of fun! Thank you to everyone who participated - it put a fun ending to a great year! ACRC would also like to thank the board members and families that made setup and cleanup much easier, and Lorri Rung KOLLR for being the Chairperson for the Christmas party - she did such a great job planning and coordinating the event! We look forward to seeing everyone next year in the same location!



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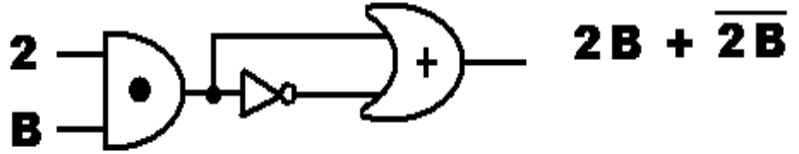
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March / April 2008

President's Corner

Good Day,

First, I would like to thank all of last years officers for the job that they did. Most members don't realize the amount of time and energy it takes to be a board member Good going!

Second, I would like to thank all of you for letting me have the opportunity to guide the club for the next year. I am hoping it will be a profitable year in many aspects. I am hoping to make this year both fun and enjoyable for everyone. I have tasked the Members at Large and the Vice President with interfacing with all the members to get your opinions and thoughts on a regular basis. This is just one way I would like to get you all more involved in the "goings on" in the club.

I have also talked with our Secretary about contacting more of the events groups within the county to see if we can be of some assistance to them for their events in the area of communications. If you all have any ideas please let us know. This plan is going to take a bit of time to get working but, with the help of every one in the club, we can make it happen!

The next thing that I would like to get every ones help on is membership. If you know anyone who may be interested in becoming a member of the Anoka County Radio Club, please invite them to join us.

Dave Runkle KC0KEP has made a challenge to all of our members. He has donated \$50.00 to help support the operations of the repeater for one month. Lets see if we can make it happen for one year to help out the general fund. You can be our next sponsor of one month of operating costs of our repeater! Contact our Treasurer, Tim Neu KCØLQL, for more information.

For the next two months we will have a few activities going on. In March, we will have our general meeting on the 7th. VE Exams and a Skywarn class will be held on March 8th. The Board meeting will be held on March 18th. For April, our General meeting will be on the 4th, VE Exams will be on April 12th, and our Board meeting will be on April 21st. Take a look at our calendar of events and website for more details. I am hoping to see you all at these events!

That is pretty much it for now, but if you have any questions you may contact me by e-mail at: kb0gip@juno.com or by phone at: (651) 784-7090. Please leave a message if I am not able to answer.

Take care!

73 and have a good Easter and spring break.

Bob Cordell KBØGIP, President

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New Board Members Elected for 2008!

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Newly Elected



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Shawn Rung (KØSMR)
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Skywarn Classes Coming Up!



The Severe weather season is just around the corner! Anoka County Radio Club and Anoka-ARES are sponsoring two Skywarn training sessions at the Blaine City Hall. The first one will be on March 8th and the other on May 10th, both from noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Mark Stack room. Come join us for the first time or just to sharpen up your skills! For more information, contact Dave Runkle KCØKEP at kc0kep@arrl.net or call him at 763-784-4384. Other Skywarn training sessions can be found at Metro Skywarn's website at: <http://www.metrokywarn.org>.

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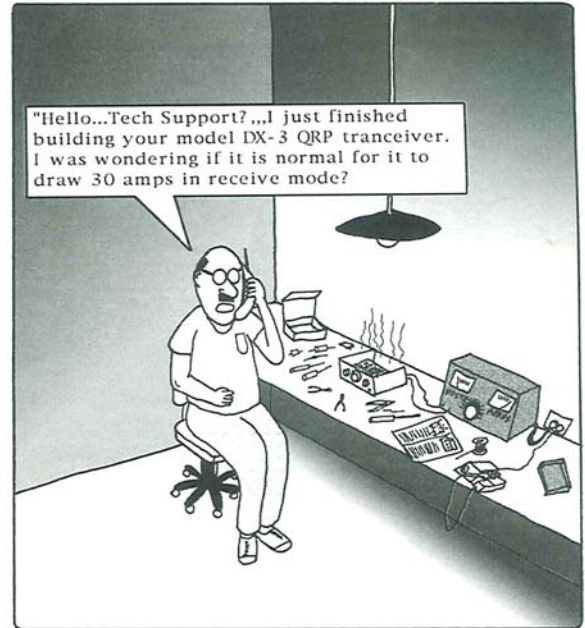
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Newsletter

May / June 2008

President's Corner

Howdy,

I would like to thank everyone that has helped with the few projects that we have had going in the past few months including VE exams, Skywarn classes, and cleaning out and logging of the radios donated to the club.

Some of the upcoming events include the thought of reworking the club's By-Laws, another Skywarn class, VE exams, Field Day and the Blaine Blazing 4th Events (Parade and Fireworks).

Also remember that April showers bring may flowers which also means that thoughts of antenna and tower projects come to light - so PLEASE BE EXTRA CAREFULL in these endeavors.

I would like to take a moment to thank all Veterans for your devotion and service to not only our country but to all of us who live in the land of the free – Thank You!

I would also like to take this moment to bow my head and give a moment of silence in thanks, prayer and respect to those who have given their lives so that the rest of us can live the life that we have learned to enjoy with all the rights and freedoms given to us. So please tell all the vets you know - "Thank You for all you have done".

Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day and 4th of July. Talk to you all soon and thanks, again, for all of your support and help.

73 Bob KBØGIP (the prez)

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MS 150 Run

The MS 150 will run from near Duluth to the Twin Cities on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 6th, 7th, and 8th. Communications volunteers are needed for the fundraising bike tours for the Minnesota Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. We use VHF and UHF FM voice communications plus APRS for vehicle tracking. Radio operators are needed for multiple positions. You can volunteer your time and equipment by signing up. You can sign up to help out on their website at: <http://www.ms-scrum.org>.

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Field Day is Approaching!

It's time to start thinking about Field Day! This year, as in most years past, Field Day will be held on the same weekend as the Blaine Blazin' 4th events, Saturday, June 28th at noon thru Sunday, June 29th at noon at the Blaine City Hall Parking Lot. We are looking for as much help in all the events of that weekend as we can get. Field Day is a family event! Please bring your family, kids and friends along! You don't even need to be a ham to get on the air! Come on out and join us for some food and fun! More information will be posted as it becomes available. Please contact Dave Runkle KCØKEP or Bob Cordell KBØGIP for more information.

Blaine Blazin' 4th Parade

The Blaine Blazin' 4th Parade is coming up on Saturday, June 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This event will happen around the same time as the start of Field Day. We are looking for members to help out with this event. Please contact Bob Cordell KBØGIP or Dave Runkle KCØKEP to sign up or for more information.

Blaine Blazin' 4th Fireworks

The Blaine Blazin' 4th Fireworks show will be held on Friday, July 4th from 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Blaine Soccer Complex. We are looking for members to help out with this event. Please contact Bob Cordell KBØGIP or Dave Runkle KCØKEP to sign up or for more information.

Chisago Lakes Triathlon

The Chisago Lakes Triathlon will be held on Sunday, July 27th. They need many hams to help out with communications for this event. Please contact Dave Runkle KCØKEP for more information on how to sign up to help out. More information will be posted when it becomes available.

VE Testing

Are you ready to take your first amateur radio (ham) license test or upgrade to another level? Then let us help! The Anoka County Radio Club will hold V.E. amateur radio testing sessions on Saturday, May 10th and June 14th at the Blaine City Hall, Mark Stack Room. Test sessions start at 9:00 a.m. We will continue to take walk-ins until 10:00 a.m. Check the clubs calendar page for any updates or changes to the schedule.

HAM Phonetic Alphabet

Find each HAM Phonetic from A to Z

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Do You Have Pictures of Club Events?



If you have pictures of club events and would like to see them up on our website or in our newsletter please make the digital photos or files available to either Shawn Rung KØSMR at k0smr@arrl.net or Tim Neu KCØLQL at tim@tneu.visi.com. Email is the best delivery method, but you can also send a CD, disk or flash drive to us with the pictures on, or even post them to a web or ftp site and email us the web address to download them. If you have a large quantity of pictures or if they are very high resolution, a CD or flash drive is best. Contact Shawn or Tim with any questions.

Club Patches!

There are still a handful of official Anoka County Radio Club patches available for sale! The price is only \$5.00 for the first (or one) patch and \$2.50 for each patch purchased in quantity at that time. The patches are 4-inches in diameter and have an iron-on backing. They are great for showing your support of your club on jackets, shirts and equipment bags! Contact Shawn Rung KØSMR at k0smr@arrl.net or any of the other board members to place your order or for more details. They will be available for purchase at the club general and board meetings as well.



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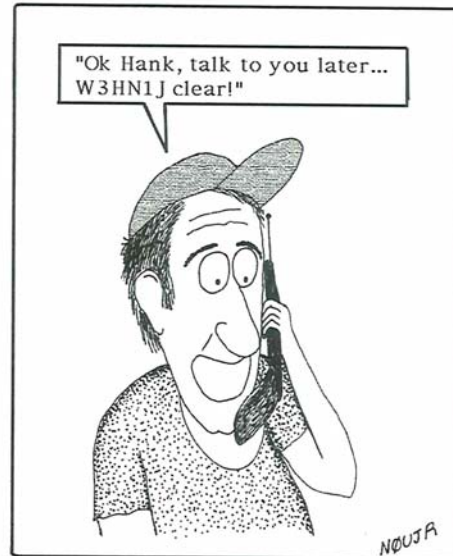
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Howdy,

This has been an interesting start to summer and I am glad to say that everything is going quite well. I was a very happy to see the large turnout at field day and the BB4 events I would like to thank Perry Brown KCØTWB and the crew for all their hard work and effort that went into making these events a success.

The summer is going to be a bit slow for the club in events since the Centerville parade was canceled due to road construction.

I was asked by the state communications officer if he could come and visit with us at our October general meeting. I invited him to join us so October's meeting will be a membership meeting and we will have a good program as well.

September's general meeting will be our simple supper, so we hope to see you all there!

Remember, if you have any questions, comments or whatever, please feel free to call myself or any of the board member and we will be happy to talk with you and get you an answer to the best of our ability.

Please have a safe and pleasant summer!

73 Bob KB0GIP

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Chisago Lakes Triathlon

The Chisago Lakes Triathlon will be held on Sunday, July 27th. They need many hams to help out with communications for this event. Please contact Dave Runkle KCØKEP for more information on how to sign up to help out. More information will be posted when it becomes available.

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BB4 Fireworks

The Blaine Blazin 4th Fireworks event was a blast! Thank you to everyone that participated! Here's a picture from the event:



Field Day 2008

From setup to parade to birthday party to operating to cleanup, we had a fun filled weekend!



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VE Testing
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ACRC Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex. All members are welcome to attend.

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August 2008

ACRC Net
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VE Testing
Saturday, August 9th at 9:00 a.m. at the Blaine City Hall, Mark Stack Room.

Anoka County ARES Meeting
Monday, August 18th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Location and more info is on the website – www.anoka-ares.org.

ACRC Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.



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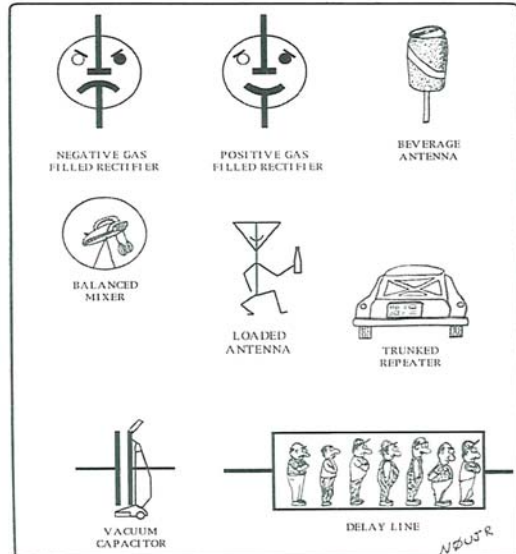
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More little known standard electronic symbols.

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September/October 2008

President's Corner

Welcome to the beginning of a new fall season! As we all know, summer is over and the beginning of the DX season is coming - are you ready for it?

I would like to give a big "thank you" to everyone who joined us for the simple supper! It was great to see all of you!

October is membership month and I'd like to remind everyone to come to the membership meeting and renew your membership and meet John Dooley, our state Communications officer! He will be giving a presentation at the meeting!

I would like to hear your ideas for events over the winter months so we can plan what we may or may not want to get involved with for the next year. Some of the events include the Christmas Party, Santa Net and Hams Against Hunger. The board has heard interest from members in these and other events, so we'd like to have a discussion at the next few meetings to see what the membership would like to see the club involved in.

Have a great week!

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Christmas Party Coming Up!

A reminder that the annual ACRC Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 6th 2008. More information, a menu and a RSVP will be sent out to members soon. Sign up and join us for an evening of food and fun!

October is the Membership Meeting Month!

All members are strongly encouraged to attend the membership meeting on October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex. John Dooley, our state Communications officer, will give a presentation on mutual aid and communications. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Simple Supper 2008 - Pictures



Amateur Radio Quiz: As the Dial Turns

From the ARRL Website

Amateur Radio is a home for innovators and experimenters, continually changing and inventing new ways to communicate. Others like to push their equipment and personal skills to the very limits of what is possible -- and still more hams just like to try something new from time to time. All this leads to a lot of neat things to listen to on the ham bands. This quiz is about some of those signals you might hear as you spin the VFO knob.

1) A warbling signal around 14.230 MHz is probably...

- a. RTTY
- b. AMTOR
- c. SSTV
- d. HF Fax

2) Slow Morse code "O" characters sent on 2 meters in the weak-signal band are likely...

- a. EME
- b. ATV
- c. Meteor Scatter
- d. Intruders

3) You've just worked a station on 13.995 by calling them on 14.025. What day is it?

- a. April Fool's Day
- b. Armed Forces Day
- c. MARS Appreciation Day
- d. Halloween

4) A station calling "CQ FOC" is looking for other members of what club?

- a. French Oceania Club
- b. Friends of CW
- c. First Class Operators
- d. Foreign Operators Conference

5) What operating event takes place on New Year's Eve?

- a. Rag Chew Night
- b. Straight Key Night
- c. Hootowl Sprint
- d. Moonlight Ramble

6) The All Asian contests permit YLs to send "ØØ" as part of their exchange. What does this number represent?

- a. Age
- b. Serial Number
- c. Zone
- d. Marital Status

7) What HF band has a substantial population of FM users?

- a. 75 meters
- b. 30 meters
- c. 12 meters
- d. 10 meters

8) Which of the following modes supports digital voice?

- a. D-STAR
- b. Synchronous Demodulation
- c. PSK31
- d. IRLP

9) A worldwide network of DX beacons is operated by...

- a. *DX Magazine*
- b. WWV
- c. the Northern California DX Foundation
- d. RSGB

10) What is the only amateur band on which CW transmissions are not allowed?

- a. 60 meters
- b. 17 meters
- c. 12 meters
- d. 902 MHz

11) Which of these amateur bands are shared with other services?

- a. 20 meters
- b. 6 meters
- c. 440 MHz
- d. All of them

12) 56 kbps data signals are permitted on ham bands above what frequency?

- a. 30 MHz
- b. 50 MHz
- c. 144 MHz
- d. 222 MHz

13) If you tune across an MFSK signal, what would it sound like?

- a. White noise or hissing across a wide bandwidth
- b. Sharp clicks or pops at regular intervals
- c. Random notes from a whistle or organ
- d. Two tones alternating rapidly

14) When shortwave broadcast audio is received on SSB, what causes the whistling tone when the signal is off-frequency?

- a. The signal's carrier
- b. The signal's sidebands
- c. Interference from nearby signals
- d. Ionospheric Doppler shift

15) While on a VHF FM simplex frequency, you encounter a continuous weak signal that sends an identification signal every few minutes. What are you listening to?

- a. A defective cordless telephone
- b. A satellite's downlink
- c. The tracking signal from a migrating burrowing owl
- d. The transmitter being sought in a "fox hunt" or "bunny hunt"

Bonus: For what 2 meter repeater output frequency can the input be offset either +600 kHz or -600 kHz

1. c -- This is the Slow-Scan Television calling frequency.

2. a -- EME signals send "O" to listen for their own echoes and alert other EME stations to their presence.

3. b -- [Armed Forces Day](#) -- this is an annual event in May during which hams make cross-band QSOs with stations on US military bases. With call signs of WAR, AIR, NAV, they have memorable QSLs.

4. c -- The [First Class Operators Club](#) holds several on-the-air events each year.

5. b -- Dust off that brass and pound away before heading out to that midnight gala described [here](#).

6. a -- Age. Who said chivalry was dead?

7. d -- Tune up to 29.600 for the calling frequency or try some of

the repeaters between 29.5 and 29.7 MHz.

8. a -- D-STAR is the new digital voice and data mode defined by the JARL-sponsored standard. D-STAR repeaters are found on the 144 MHz, 440 MHz and 1.2 GHz bands.

9. c -- The [NCDXF](#) now has beacons on all bands from 20 through 10 meters -- very handy!

10. a -- US amateurs are limited to five fixed-frequency channels on which USB voice is the only mode permitted. Sixty meters is also the only amateur band below 10 MHz on which USB is the standard sideband.

11. c -- A number of amateur bands are shared or have restrictions of which the user must be aware. The 70 cm is shared with radiolocation and other government services.

12. d -- The lower the band, the lower maximum data rate becomes -- down to 1200 bps in the HF bands.

13. c -- In fact, one MFSK variant is called *Calliope* for that reason. Answer a would be a spread-spectrum signal, answer b could be key clicks and answer d would be typical of RTTY.

14. a -- This is a "beat tone" caused by the carrier mixing with the receiver's BFO. When the carrier and BFO frequency are the same, the beat frequency is zero -- the condition known as "zero beat."

15. d -- [Direction-finding contests](#) use low-power transmitters as the quarry for the competitors.

Bonus: Repeater outputs on 147.00 MHz comply with both -600 kHz and +600 kHz offset planning.

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Membership Application

Application Date: _____

Membership from October 2008 to October 2009.

1. MEMBER INFORMATION:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

- Are you an ARRL member? Yes No Life Member
Are you a renewing ACRC member? Yes No Life Member
May we publish your phone number? Yes No
May we publish your email address? Yes No
Are you interested in non-emergency events? Yes No If Yes, fill out section 3.
Are you interested in emergency service? Yes No If Yes, fill out section 3.

2. MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

Renewing members must renew by December 31st to stay current. New members joining after June 1st pay half of the yearly dues rate. Please select one membership option:

- Individual** - \$25 yearly **Senior** - \$15 yearly **Student** - \$15 yearly
 Lifetime Individual Membership - \$625 **New Ham** - Free (Covers new hams until the October after your first year's FCC license grant anniversary. Proof of license grant date required)
 Family - \$35 yearly (Covers spouse and children under 18) **-or-** **Family Member** - Included with a paid family membership
Number of family members: _____ Paid member name: _____

3. EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY SERVICE ID BADGE INFORMATION:

Full Legal Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Text Messaging Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Other Phone Numbers: _____

Completed Training:

- | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skywarn #: | <input type="checkbox"/> ARRL - EC01 | <input type="checkbox"/> FEMA - IS100 | Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AERO Basic | <input type="checkbox"/> ARRL - EC02 | <input type="checkbox"/> FEMA - IS200 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AERO Advanced | <input type="checkbox"/> ARRL - EC03 | <input type="checkbox"/> FEMA - IS700 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MIMS | Other ARRL: | <input type="checkbox"/> FEMA - IS800 | |

Date Received: _____

Mail your application and check to:

Tender & #: _____

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Newsletter

November/December 2008

President's Corner

Howdy and Happy Holidays!

Now that Halloween is over and past and I hope you all got lots of good treats so we can start looking ahead to the wonderful world of the holidays.

In that frame of thought I would like for all to remember the people less fortunate than ourselves and help out those that might need a little assistance, whether it be giving them a lift or a hand to complete a project or even a call to check on someone - just a smile or pleasant greeting in passing will make a big difference!

Don't forget about Hams against Hunger. We are accepting donations to be taken to the local food shelves at all of our meetings. You can also give any board member a call - including myself - and we will make arrangements to pick up the items to be donated. My phone number is 651-784-7090. If you get the answering machine, please leave a message and I will get back to you.

Also remember that instead of our December General Meeting we are having our annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 6th, 2008 at the Blaine Baseball Complex. On your RSVP's please let us know how many younger ones will be attending - A good friend of mine with a red coat and a white beard is planning on dropping by while he is scouting out new addresses in the area!

That friend also wanted me to remind you of the SantaNet that will be held on Christmas Eve afternoon. For those of you who do not know what that is I will explain. On Christmas Eve afternoon we set up a link from the local hospitals through our 146.67 repeater to the North Pole so that the children that are not able to be home for Santa can talk to him to let him know where they will be. Then, after we have let all the kids in the hospitals have a chance to talk with Santa, we will open up the net to anyone who would like to check in with Santa until he has to prepare for his big trip or until there are no more check-ins. If you have any questions or would like to help please feel free to give me a call.

Elections are coming up shortly so start thinking of whom you may want to nominate.

With all that being said, me and my family - Wanda, Rose and Mary, would like to wish everyone a safe and grand holiday season! As the old saying goes: Merry Christmas, Happy New Years and God bless everyone!

Have a safe one. Your Prez, KB0GIP Bob Cordell

ACRC Annual Christmas Party

The Anoka County Radio Club will host our annual Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 6th, 2008**. It will be held at the Blaine Baseball Complex. The doors will open 5:30 p.m. for social hour and dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. All members and family are invited to join us for a night of fun and food as we review the past year and look forward to 2009.

There will be tiered-pricing this year. The price will be: \$25.00 for individuals, \$45 for couples and \$60 per family. We will also be collecting food donations for Hams Against Hunger at the event, as well as the White Elephant gift exchange! There will be door prizes and desserts too!

Please RSVP with the extra sheet enclosed in this newsletter to Shawn Rung K0SMR by November 19th at k0smr@arrl.net or by calling 612-789-7748 so we have time to get everything ready! Payments will be accepted by any board member or at the door.

If you have any questions or would like to help out with the event, please contact Shawn Rung K0SMR at k0smr@arrl.net. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

SantaNet - We Need Volunteers!

We will be re-starting this annual event this year. The goal of the SantaNet is to allow children that are in Unity and Mercy hospitals on Christmas Eve to talk with Santa via a net with a link directly to the North Pole. After all of the children in the hospitals have had a chance to talk to Santa, the net will be opened up to anyone on the repeater to talk with Santa, until he needs to prepare for his Christmas flight. The SantaNet will be held on Wednesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve Day), starting at 3:30 p.m.

We need to have at least 12 volunteers for this event - 4 hams at two area hospitals (Unity and Mercy) with portables and 4 hams at the Blaine Baseball Complex running net control to a communications link at the North Pole to be provided by one of Santa's helpers on that day. Please contact Bob Cordell KBØGIP ASAP if you can help out with this event.

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Hams Against Hunger

At the October General Meeting, the members indicated that they would like our club to start taking food donations at various events and donate them to a local food shelf. Hams Against Hunger donations will be accepted at any of the General and Board meetings, as well as any of the club sponsored events. If you know of a family that is in need of food donations, please contact Bob Cordell KBØGIP.

A Ham's 'Night Before Christmas'

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'Twas the night before Christmas,
And all through 2 meters,
Not a signal was keying up
Any repeaters.

The antennas reached up
From the tower, quite high,
To catch the weak signals
That bounced from the sky.

The children, Tech-Pluses,
Took their H-Ts to bed,
And dreamed of the day
They'd be Extras instead.

Mom put on her headphones,
I plugged in the key,
And we tuned 40 meters
For that rare ZK3.

When the meter was pegged
By a signal with power.
It smoked a small diode,
And, I swear, shook the tower.

Mom yanked off her phones,
And with all she could muster
Logged a spot of the signal
On the DX PacketCluster,

While I ran to the window
And peered up at the sky,
To see what could generate
RF that high.

It was way in the distance,
But the moon made it gleam.
A flying sleigh, with an
Eight-element beam,

And a little old driver
Who looked slightly mean.
So I thought for a moment,
That it might be Wayne Green.

But no, it was Santa,
The Santa of Hams.
On a mission, this Christmas,
To clean up the bands.

He circled the tower,
Then stopped in his track,
And he slid down the coax
Right into the shack.

While Mom and I hid
Behind stacks of CQ,
This Santa of hamming
Knew just what to do.

He cleared off the shack desk
Of paper and parts,
And filled out all my late QSLs
For a start.

He ran copper braid,
Took a steel rod and pounded
It into the earth, till
The station was grounded.

He tightened loose fittings,
Resoldered connections,
Cranked down modulation,
Installed lightning protection.

He neutralized tubes
In my linear amp.
(Never worked right before;
Now it works like a champ).

A new, lowpass filter
Cleaned up the TV.
He corrected the settings
In my TNC.

He repaired the computer
That would not compute,
And he backed up the hard drive
And got it to boot.

Then, he reached really deep
In the bag that he brought,
And he pulled out a big box.
A new rig? I thought!

A new Kenwood? An Icom?
A Yaesu, for me?!
(If he thought I'd been bad,
it might be QRP!)

Yes! The Ultimate Station!
How could I deserve this?
Could it be all those hours
that I worked Public Service?

He hooked it all up
And in record time, quickly
Worked 100 countries,
All down on 160.

I should have been happy,
It was my call he sent.
But the cards and the postage
Will cost two month's rent!

He made final adjustments,
And left a card by the key:
"To Gary, from Santa Claus.
73."

Then he grabbed his H-T,
Looked me straight in the eye,
Punched a code on the pad,
And was gone with no good-bye.

I ran back to the station,
And the pileup was big,
But a card from St. Nick
Would be worth my new rig.

Oh, too late, for his final
came over the air.
It was copied all over.
It was heard everywhere.

The Ham's Santa exclaimed
What a ham might expect,
"Merry Christmas to all,
And to all, good DX!"

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Our Homepage

You can check out our homepage on the web at:
<http://www.anokaradio.org>.

Becoming A Member

Ready to join the Anoka County Radio Club? Becoming a member is easy! Just download a membership form from our website at: <http://www.anokaradio.org/membership>, fill it out and either mail it to us or bring it to any of the club meetings. Forms are also available at those meetings. Some of the common membership options are:

| Membership | Annual Cost |
|------------|---------------------|
| Individual | \$25 |
| Senior | \$15 |
| Family | \$35 |
| New Ham | Free for one year * |

* See more membership details on our website.

Send the form and payment to:

Anoka County Radio Club and Emergency Services
PO Box 982
Anoka MN 55303

Calendar Of Events

November 2008

ACRC Net
Every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. on the 146.670 Repeater (114.8 PL Tone).

Anoka County ARES Net
The second and fourth Wednesday of each month after the ACRC Net (about 7:30 p.m.) on the 146.670 Repeater (114.8 PL Tone). See the Anoka-ARES website for more details.

General Meeting
Friday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex.

VE Testing
Saturday, November 8th at 9:00 a.m. at the Blaine City Hall, Mark Stack Room.

Anoka County ARES Meeting
Monday, November 17th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. More info is on the website – www.anoka-ares.org.

ACRC Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex. All members are welcome to attend.

December 2008

ACRC Christmas Party
Saturday, December 6th starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex. **Please RSVP to Shawn Rung by November 19th to k0smr@arrl.net or at 612-789-7748.**

VE Testing
Saturday, December 13th at 9:00 a.m. at the Blaine City Hall, Mark Stack Room.

Anoka County ARES Meeting
Monday, December 15th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Location and more info is on the website – www.anoka-ares.org.

ACRC Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

SantaNet
December 24th (Christmas Eve) starting at 3:30 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex and local hospitals. **We need at least 12 volunteers to make this event a success.** Please contact Bob Cordell KBØGIP for more information or to sign up.



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