



Anoka County Radio Club and Emergency Services

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Newsletter

January / February 2010

President's Corner

Happy Holidays to All!

With the end of the year upon us and the beginning of a new year here, I would like to thank all of you for a fantastic year! It has been a thrill to work with everyone on the different events we had. I would like to thank those of you who helped make this year's Christmas party a big success and to all those who helped with the SantaNet this year. I am hoping that 2010 will be as good, if not better - so please keep up the good work! It really shows with how things are working out!

Prez, Bob KB0GIP

ACRC Excellence Award



The 2009 ACRC Excellence Award was presented to Parry Brown KC0TWB at the Christmas party. The club thanked him for his extra dedication to the club by continually running the weekly net. **Congratulations, Parry!**



Most Years of Service Award

The club recognized Don Lisell K0BNS as the club member with the most years of dedicated service, loyalty and commitment to the Anoka County Radio Club. He was presented a certificate at the Christmas party to thank him for his dedication to the club. **Congratulations, Don!**



Club Elections Coming Up!

Club Board Member elections will be held at the February General Meeting on Friday, February 5, starting at 7:00 p.m. All club members are strongly encouraged and asked to attend this important meeting. See you there!



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SantaNet

We were happy to report that there were no children in both Mercy and Unity Hospitals on Christmas Eve this year, so the SantaNet was opened up to everyone on our repeater! Thank you to all of the members that helped make this event possible! Your service helped put a smile on some kids' faces! 😊

ACRC Christmas Party was a Great Time!



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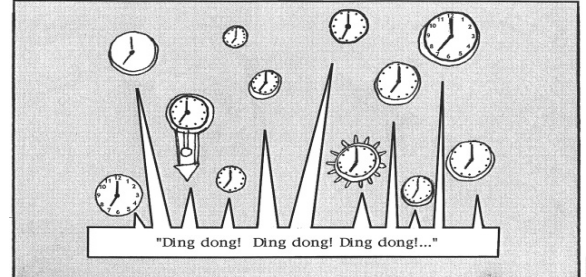
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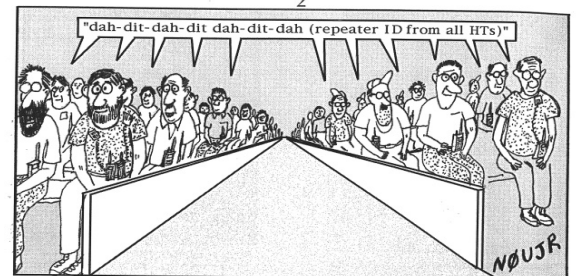
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March / April 2010

Skywarn Training



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2010-2011 Board Members Elected

The board members for this year are:

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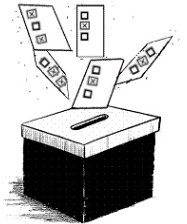
Vice President: Parry Brown KC0TWB, by white ballot.

Secretary: Shawn Rung K0SMR, by white ballot.

Board Member at Large: Jeff Kline KC0NIB, no nominations were received - still up for election.

Treasurer: Dan Peitso N0PIY (was not up for election this year).

Board Member at Large: Jeremy Amundson KD0BOC (was not up for election this year).



Congratulations to all the newly elected board members!

If you are a member who would like to be nominated for Board Member at Large please attend the next General Meeting and you could be voted into this position.

Hamfest Fundraiser Event - Donation Drop-off

Parry Brown KC0TWB will be attending the Mid-winter Madness Hamfest in Buffalo. He is willing to bring donated items along to sell for the benefit the club. We are looking for donations for this event. If you have any old ham radio or associated equipment that you are willing to donate to the club, please bring it to the Blaine Baseball Complex on Friday, March 26th, between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Thank you, in advance, for helping us in this fund raiser.

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Club History

For a little change of pace, here is the first page of the club's first newsletter, published on March 1997:

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Unnumbered Issue

WATTS HAPPENING...

March 1997

This issue of "WATTS HAPPENING..." is meant to elicit constructive criticism as to its message content and its format. Your comments will help the Editor to improve the quality of the publication in subsequent issues. Next month's issue - April 1997 - will be the first numbered issue and future issues will appear quarterly. This Editor encourages all of you to submit items that might be of interest to all members within the ACR.

73, Bud - WØUBT

Our March meeting will be on the 7th of the month...the meeting starts at 7:00 PM. To the best of my knowledge there is no guest speaker for that occasion. No problem for our group. No matter how many members in attendance, 25 to sometimes more than 40, there is always a topic for discussion.

Our February meeting was held on the 7th of the month...the primary purpose of the meeting was to elect Club Officers for the coming year. The incumbent Officers did so well this past year that no one cared to challenge them. The incumbent Officers were re-elected unanimously by all members that were present. Our ACR Officers for 1997 are:

*President - Ernie Schroeder - KGØZQ
V. President - Mike Granlund - NØQPC
Treasurer - Leland Helgerson - WBØMLL
Secretary - Dan Peitso - NØPIY*

The 2 Members at Large for the ACR are Gary Wilson and Bill Gausman. Their callsigns are WD8CB and WØFJ, respectively.

There is no news to report in regards to births, deaths, or illnesses to any of the members of the ACR. Nor is there any new members to introduce. Perhaps in subsequent issues there will be such news to herald.

Question: How does the DNR get the Deer to cross at those yellow road signs?

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ACRC Board Meeting

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April 2010

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General Meeting

Saturday, April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex.

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VE Testing

Saturday, April 10th at 9:00 a.m. at the Blaine City Hall, Mark Stack Room.

Anoka County ARES Meeting

Monday, April 19th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. More info is on the website – www.anoka-ares.org.

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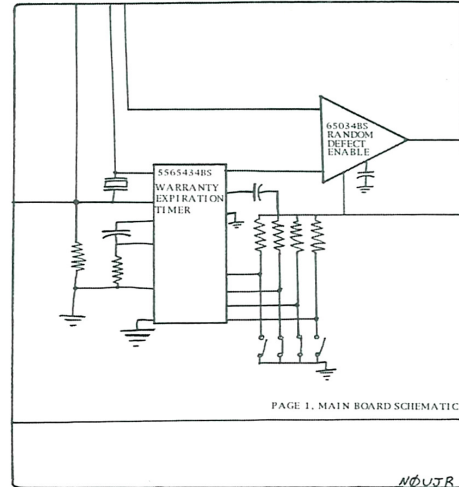
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Newsletter

May / June 2010

President's Corner

Good Morning, Afternoon, Evening, or whatever the time is.

Has not the weather just been ducky fine!? I would like to talk a bit about the next couple of months' activities that are coming up, starting with the next general meeting. We have an excellent presentation this month by Connexus Energy about power line safety which, as some of us have seen, can be very dangerous. They would like us to have at least two-dozen people there, so if you know anyone who may be interested please invite them and bring them along!

Our second upcoming event is Field Day, which will be held at a different location this year. It will be up at my place, one mile north of the intersection of County Road 14 & County Road 23. Everyone is welcome to join us! There will be plenty of room for everyone to operate, play and even camp!

Third, is Blaine's Blazin 4th celebration and Fete De Lacs. We have not received much information as of yet, so stay tuned to the repeater, the net and our website for further updates.

Finally, I would like to mention with spring and summer upon us, please be extra careful when you are out and about as there are a lot more people outside now. Have a safe and fun Memorial Day and don't forget that our Vets gave some and some gave all for the rights and freedoms we enjoy.

God Bless
Bob Cordell KB0GIP the Prez.

May General Meeting - Connexus Energy Presentation

Our May General Meeting will be held on Friday, May 7th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex. Connexus Energy will be joining us at our General Meeting this month to give a safety demonstration. All club members are encouraged to attend this meeting. *Please bring a friend - we would like to see as many members as possible at this meeting!*

Skywarn Training



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SCARC Ham Classes and Exams

Saturday, April 10th and May 15th at the SCARC Club House, 401 4th Street North, Waite Park

The St. Cloud Amateur Radio Club is hosting two One-day Amateur Radio Licensing classes and exam sessions on Saturday, April 10 and Saturday, May 15th at the SCARC Club House, 401 4th Street North, Waite Park. The classes will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with the V.E. session to follow, starting at 3:00 p.m. If interested, please contact Jack Maus at 320-685-8295 or at either of these email addresses: jmaus@mywdo.com or w0mbd@arrl.net. You will need to get and study the manual (\$20.00) then bring \$10.00 and an ID for the test. Jack Maus has some manuals available. Manuals are also available from the [ARRL website](http://www.arrl.org). It is best to get one through Jack as the manual is changing soon and you will want the one that is going to be used on the classes' dates. For more information please see the SCARC Web Site at <http://www.w0sv.org>.

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June General Meeting – Field Day Preparation

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ARRL Field Day 2010



Location: Bob Cordell's place: 8380 Lake Dr, Lino Lakes
Setup: Friday, June 25 starting at 5:00 p.m.
Operations: Saturday, June 26 starting at noon until Sunday at noon
Cleanup: Sunday, June 27th starting after noon

This year we will be holding Field Day at Bob Cordell KB0GIP's home, in his yard. Parry Brown KC0TWB is the chairperson for this event, with Jeremy Amundson KD0BOC as the co-chair. They are finishing up the details of the event and will post more info on the website soon: <http://www.anokaradio.org/fieldday>. This year we are planning to run as a 2A site. We will have generator power. A list of the equipment we have and need will be posted on our website soon. The rules and details for ARRL Field Day can be downloaded on the ARRL website at: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>. We will have a potluck on Saturday, starting at around 6:00 pm for dinner. Please bring a dish to share.

We especially need volunteers to help with setup and cleanup. Please contact Parry at kc0twb@msn.com or Jeremy at jamundson@g.com to sign up. Everyone's help will make this event a fun and exciting Field Day for all of us! Also remember that this is a family event! Please bring your friends and family along! There is a lot of space for the kids to play!

Please join us for the June General Meeting where we will discuss final details of the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Here is some information from the ARRL about Field Day:

Objective: To work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands (excluding the 60, 30, 17, and 12-meter bands) and to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. Field Day is open to all amateurs in the areas covered by the ARRL/RAC Field Organizations and countries within IARU Region 2. DX stations residing in other regions may be contacted for credit, but are not eligible to submit entries.

Bands: Any Amateur Radio band except 12, 17, 30 and 60 Meters.

Blaine Blazin' 4th Events – Help Needed

We are still gathering information on this series of events (Parade, Fireworks and Fun Run). We will have more details at the May and June general meetings. Please join us at these meetings, as we will need help for these events since the one of them runs concurrently with Field Day. Please contact Bob Cordell KB0GIP to sign up to help or for more information at: kb0gip@juno.com.

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BB4 Events

Saturday, June 26 – More information to be posted on the web soon!



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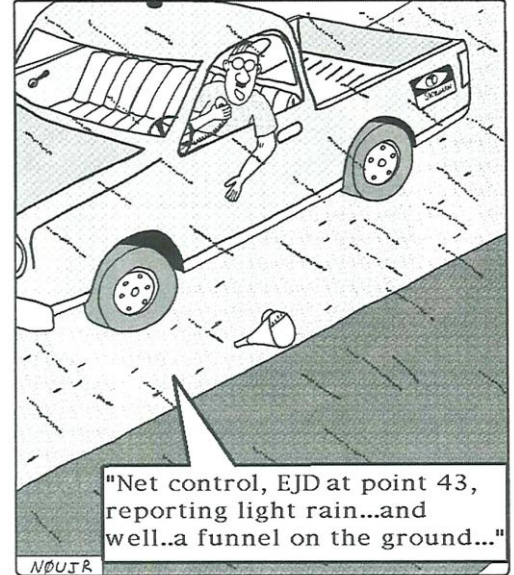
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July / August 2010

President's Corner

My fellow club members – Howdy!

Welcome to summer! Let the fun begin! The next events we need help for are the BB4 Fun-Run and Fireworks. The fun-run is the morning of July 4th. We will be meeting at 7:00 a.m. on the morning of the 4th in the Lakes of Blaine near the intersection of Radisson Road and Main Street at the beach area. Talk-in will be on the repeater. More info is on the website.

The BB4 Fireworks will be held on the evening of the 4th. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the SE corner of the parking lot in front of the Swans Center at the National Sports Center. I will be trying to call all members about these events, so if you don't hear from me, please drop me a note or give me a call.

We also have Centerville's Fete Des Lacs events coming up. The parade is scheduled for July 31st. The street dance and the fun run are being held on August 7th. We have not been given the date for the fireworks yet. More details will follow on the website.

Please remember that all of these events are set up so that families are welcome and we encourage everyone to attend. Remember - you do not need to be a club member to participate!

I would also like to thank everyone that attended the June Meeting, as well as Steve and John from Connexus Energy for their presentation. It was a really good turnout and very educational. I am planning to put together more programs like this one, so if anyone has Ideas and or contacts, please drop me a note.

Have a great summer!
Bob KB0GIP

Blaine Blazin' 4th Events – Help Needed

Blaine's Blazin' 4th is an annual festival held to celebrate the Fourth of July in Blaine, Minnesota. Blaine's Blazin' 4th kicks off the weekend before the Fourth of July. The weekend-long festivities are held at the Aquatore Park and involve a wide variety of entertainment for every member of the family. The Anoka County Radio Club is pleased to provide additional communications support for these events. We are looking for members to help out with these events. Remember - These events are family friendly!

8K/4K Run - Sunday, July 4: We will meet in the parking lot of the Lakeside Commons Park (beach) by 7:00 a.m. We will assign positions and stage at 7:30. The race will begin at 8:30 a.m. The kids run will start at 10:00 a.m. Please visit our website for a link to a map of the event and for more information.

Fireworks - Sunday, July 4: We will meet in the parking lot of the Schwan's Center by 6:00 p.m. We will deploy at 8:30 p.m. Please bring chairs, bug spray, etc for your comfort. Expect to be finished after 11:00 p.m. Please visit our website for a link to a map of the event and for more information.

We would like to have many volunteers for these events. Please contact Shawn Rung K0SMR k0smr@arrl.net and/or Bob Cordell KB0GIP kb0gip@juno.net to sign up or if you have any questions about these events.

Centerville Fete-Des-Lacs Events – Help Needed

The annual Centerville Fete-Des-Lacs events are coming up! The parade is scheduled for July 31st. The street dance and the fun run are being held on August 7th. We have not been given the date for the fireworks yet. More details will follow on the website. Again, these are family friendly events! Please contact Bob Cordell KB0GIP to sign up and for more information.

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BB4 Parade

We would like to thank all the members and volunteers that helped out with the Blaine Blazin' 4th Parade event this year. We had a great turn out and it helped make the event run very smoothly. Thank you, again!

ARRL Field Day 2010

The Field Day event was a big success! We rounded up 1128 points (468 QSO and 660 bonus)! Thank you to everyone that attended - your participation was much appreciated! We are looking for your questions and comments on field day to see what you liked, etc. Please email or contact Bob Cordell KB0GIP or Shawn Rung K0SMR with your comments and ideas. Here are a few pictures from the event:



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Blaine Blazin 4th 8K/4K Run
Sunday, July 4th - please arrive by 7:00 a.m. in the Lakeside Commons Park lot.

Blaine Blazin 4th Fireworks
Sunday, July 4th - meet Schwan's Center parking lot by 6:00 p.m.

VE Testing
Saturday, July 10th at 9:00 a.m. at the Blaine City Hall, Mark Stack Room.

ACRC Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex. All members are welcome to attend.

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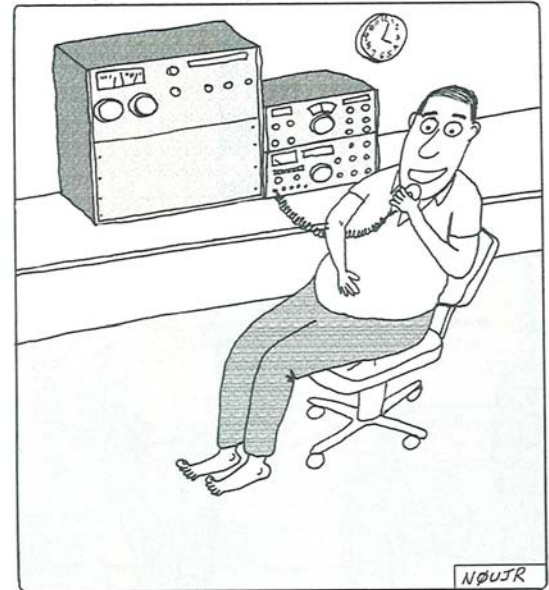
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President's Corner

As the summer starts to fade away, I've been looking back on all the events we have done this year and am pleasantly grateful of how they all turned out. Whether it was the fun of Field Day, the BB4 events, Centerville's festivities, or the V.E. exams, everyone did a great job! There was nothing other than praise and a big thank you from all the groups we served. As always, you make me proud to say I am a member of this group!

With fall fast approaching, we have a few things we need to take care of. First we are reworking electrical feed at the Fridley site. Second, the simple supper is coming up at our September meeting. Please remember to bring the whole family, and even a friend! And finally, we have our membership meeting in October when dues are due. We are planning to vote on some important issues at that meeting, so your attendance is sincerely appreciated.

In closing, please plan ahead and be safe with the holiday weekend coming up and when finishing up all those little chores that need to be done before winter arrives.

Take Care and see you all soon!

Bob KB0GIP

Thank You from Centerville!

We received a nice Thank You card from Centerville's Mayor and Events Committee to share with the club:

Dear Anoka Radio Club,

I would first like to thank you for your continued efforts that serve our entire county.

Jeff and I would like to thank you for your support for not only the parade and fireworks but also the 8K run.

Your ability was a great help in keeping all events safe for those who attended. Your efforts are noticed more than you may realize. Thank you again!

Mary + Jeff

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October Membership Meeting

All members are strongly encouraged to attend the October Membership Meeting on Friday, October 1st starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex to renew their membership and to vote on some important bylaw changes. Please remember, in order to vote, you need to be a member with fully paid dues.

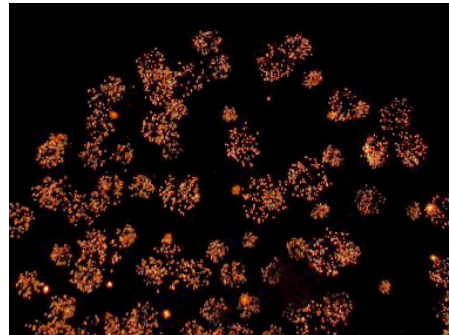
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PARADE



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

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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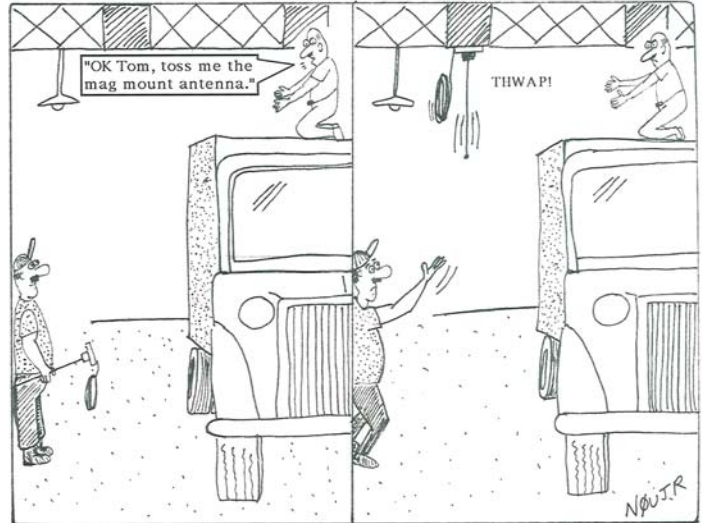
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November / December 2010

President's Corner

Howdy, from the Land of Sky Blue Waters! Can you believe that there is talk of snow this next week - where has the time gone? With that in mind I hope that most of your summer projects have been completed. In looking ahead, we have a few things in the club to work on and complete in the near future including a vote on the revision of the by-laws, the annual Christmas party, SantaNet, upcoming club elections, and fund raising.

I, again, want to thank everyone for the hard work and dedication that was given over the past year. We had so many positive comments about the jobs we did - Good job and well done!

As an update on the Tech class that we are hosting, we have nine people ranging in age from 14 to old-enough-not-to-tell. They should be ready to take (and pass) their Technician Class License exam at the November VE session.

I would like to remind everyone that club dues are now overdue. If you haven't renewed yet, please take a moment and fill out the renewal form submit it with your payment. You can even pay your dues online via PayPal! Check out our membership page at <http://www.anokaradio.org/membership>. Thank you for your timely renewal.

May you have a good set of Holidays starting with Halloween thru New Years!

73 Bob KB0GIP

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Hams Against Hunger

We are accepting food donations to benefit the local food shelves. You can bring any non-perishable food items to our meetings and events, or give them to any board member. Thank you for helping out the less fortunate in our community - your donations are sincerely appreciated!



ACRC Christmas Party

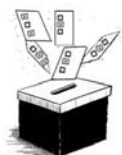


The Anoka County Radio Club will host our annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 4th, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex. The doors will open 5:30 p.m. for social hour and dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. All members and family are invited to join us for a night of fun and food as we review the past year and look forward to 2011. The price will be: \$30.00 for individuals, \$50 for couples and \$70 per family. Payments will be accepted by any board member or at the door. We will be collecting food donations for Hams Against Hunger at this event, as well as the White Elephant gift exchange! **Please RSVP to Shawn Rung K0SMR by November 5th** at k0smr@arrl.net so we have time to get everything ready! If you have any questions or would like to help out with the event, please contact Shawn Rung K0SMR. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

SantaNet

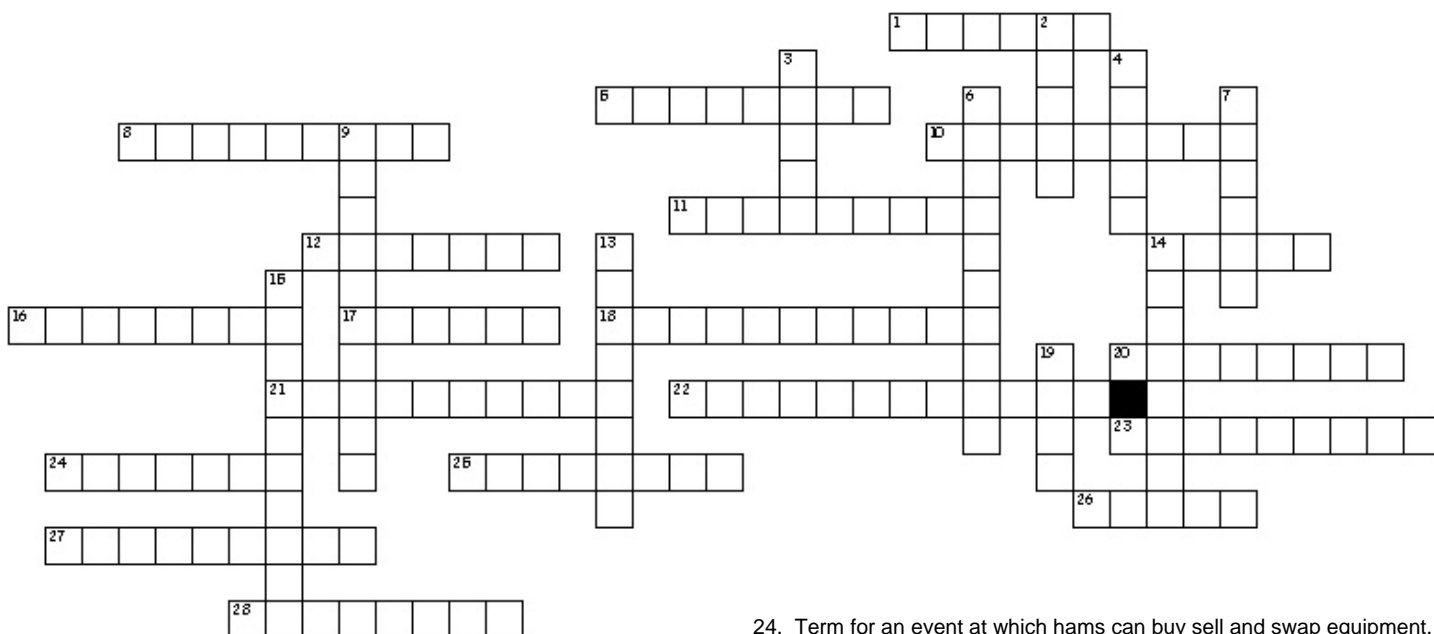
The SantaNet is a radio net that the ACRC will host on Friday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, starting at 3:00 p.m. for the children that are in the local hospitals (Mercy and Unity). We use our repeater with a "link" to the north pole to allow the children to talk with Santa Claus. After all the children in the hospitals get a chance to contact Santa, the net will be opened to anyone on the repeater. **Attention Members!** We are in need of hams to help out with the SantaNet on Christmas Eve night, December 24. We are in need of at least four hams for each hospital and two for net control. **We need hams to commit to helping out with this event by November 5th.** Please consider helping us put a smile on the faces of these children. Please RSVP to Bob Cordell KB0GIP at kb0qip@juno.com or Shawn Rung K0SMR k0smr@arrl.net as soon as possible.

Nominations for Upcoming Club Elections



Please think about which club members you would like to nominate for the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Board Member at Large. These positions are up for vote in the upcoming election at our February General Meeting on February 4, 2011. Nominations will be accepted from the January Board Meeting (January 7, 2011) until the time of the election. The more nominees we have, the more interesting the election!

Ham Terms Puzzler



Across

1. A station that transmits signals either continuously or on a timed basis, for location and propagation purposes.
5. A method of polarizing the antenna such that the emitted electric field rotates around the axis of the antenna.
8. A hollow tube, typically square in cross-section, used to carry microwave signals.
10. A passive electronic component composed of two conducting plates separated by a dielectric.
11. Signals above 1GHZ in frequency.
12. The flow of electricity through a conductor.
14. The unit for inductance.
16. The range of frequencies that a certain filter allows to pass.
17. A donut-shaped solid usually constructed of ferrite.
18. How well a signal is transferred from the sending station to the receiving station, as a function of the path type and related atmospheric conditions.
20. The wire or cable that joins a transmitter or receiver to an antenna. Also known as a transmission line.
21. A region in the atmosphere that contains ionised gasses that refract radio waves and direct them back to earth.
22. Used to describe the orientation of the electric field produced by an antenna compared to the surface of the Earth.
23. A short spike or trough on a power line, usually lasting for a few microseconds.

24. Term for an event at which hams can buy sell and swap equipment.
25. A frequency splitting device used to couple two transceivers to either a single antenna or a dual band antenna.
26. The rate of energy consumption. Calculated by multiplying voltage by current.
27. The number of complete waves that pass a reference point per second.
28. A transceiver - often comprised of separate transmitted and receiver linked by controlling hardware, allowing weak stations to be heard from further away than normally possible.

Down

2. Orbiting Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio.
3. Common name for a person who helps newcomers get started in amateur radio.
4. Unwanted electromagnetic energy that can interfere with signal transmission or reception.
6. The distance in meters between corresponding points on a wave.
7. A direct connection from electrical equipment to the Earth.
9. A measure of how well a coil stores energy in the form of a magnetic field.
13. A device that allows an antenna to transmit and receive simultaneously.
14. Home built equipment.
15. The reciprocal of impedance.
19. The unit of electric potential difference between two points.

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Tip:

Now is a great time to check all of your radio installations, both home and mobile! Check to see that all of your power and antenna connections are clean and tight so you can keep your rigs running at their best over the long cold winter!

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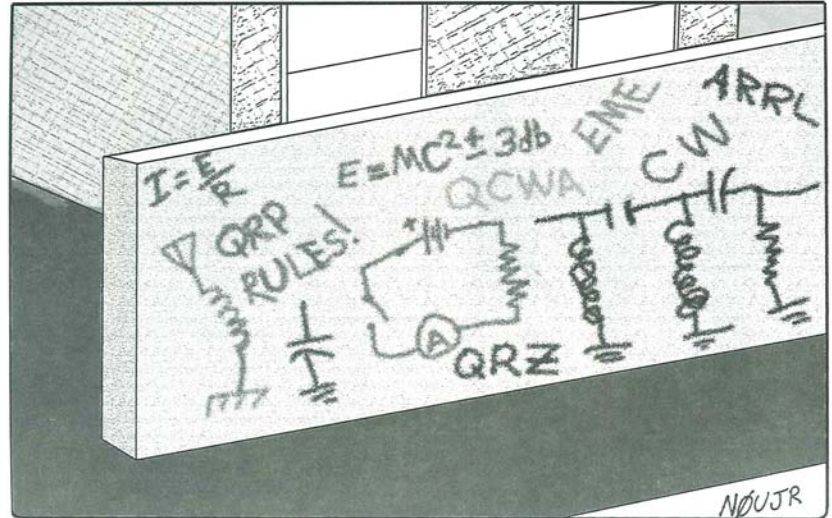
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