



Anoka County Radio Club and Emergency Services

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Newsletter

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President's Corner

Elections were held at our regular meeting on Friday, Feb. 3. Your new slate of officers is: President Bob Cordell KB0GIP, Vice President Shawn Rung K0SMR, Secretary Jeremiah Bohn KC0FUI, and Board Member at Large Jeremy Amundson KD0BOC. Continuing in their positions are Treasurer Daniel Peitso N0PIY and Board Member at Large Tom Holleran KC0VXC.

Once again we are preparing for a fun-filled year with many events. Some of the events include our regular BB4, Fete-Des-Lacs and Field Day, as well as some new events. Make sure to keep an eye on our website for the latest information.

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ACRC Excellence Award

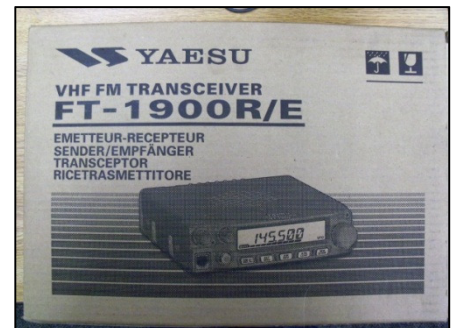
ACRC Excellence Award was presented at the Christmas party to Dana Johnson KD0NJD for his dedication to the club and commitment to volunteering. [Congratulations & Thank You, Dana!](#)

Radio Raffle

The Anoka County Radio Club is selling \$5 tickets for a Yaesu VHF FM transceiver, FT-1900R/E.

According to the Yaesu website: *"The FT-1900R is a ruggedly-built, high-performance 55-Watt 144 MHz mobile FM transceiver with outstanding receiver performance and crisp, clean audio. Optimized for ease of operation day or night, the FT-1900R is one tough radio for operating in a tough world!"*

The club is selling a maximum of 100 tickets, and drawing for the radio will be at the March 2 regular meeting.



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Dues Payments and Donations Accepted Online!

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Save the Date: Field Day, June 23-24, 2012

For the newbie, Field Day is simultaneously a contest, an emergency preparedness exercise, a public relations demonstration, a great event for clubs, and a fun way to get on the air. Amateurs set up their gear away from commercial power and normal installations for 24 hours during the 4th weekend in June.

ACRC's own Tim Neu KC0LQL, has once again volunteered to coordinate the club's Field Day event and sends the following message:

"Even though we're in the midst of the winter, it's never too soon to think about Field Day. A survey of membership indicates most people were happy with last year's field day site overall. A few suggestions for mosquito control were considered likely enhancements for this year.

Just like last year, anyone may participate in Field Day Planning - several planning meetings will be scheduled over the next few months. If you have an RV or Radio you plan to bring be sure to let us know so that we can plan for it.

If you want to donate your time or help with planning and/or equipment set up, please let us know. Once again FieldDay@anokaradio.org will be used to communicate among people that are involved.

Thanks and we hope to see you there again this year."

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 held its annual Christmas Party, at Mancetti's Pizza & Pasta in Forest Lake. Despite the snowstorm (which has turned out to be one of the only ones of the winter so far) a large group gathered for a pizza and pasta buffet, followed by pie. Gifts were given to all attending by the club, and a White Elephant swap garnered its share of laughter. Thank you to all the members who helped make this event a success, with a big thank you to Tom Holleran KC0VXC, for arranging the event. Here are some pictures from the party:



FRIENDS



FOOD



FUN



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Calendar of Events

Coming Up

Mid-Winter Hamfest in St. Cloud

"Cabin Fever Reliever " Mid-Winter Hamfest, Sponsored by the St. Cloud Amateur Radio Club, Saturday, February 19th, 2011, 9am 'til 1pm, General Admission: \$6/person, St. Cloud Armory, 1710 8th St. N. Talk-in: 147.015+ Tone = 100 Hz, (backup is 146.940-). More info:
<http://www.w0sv.org/hamfests/hamfest-2-11.html>.

Mid-Winter Madness in Buffalo

Midwinter Madness 2012 will be held Saturday, March 31st, 2012 from 8:00am to 1:00pm at the Buffalo Civic Center, Sponsored by K0LTC.ORG, Inc., dba Maple Grove Radio Club. For more information, go online: <http://www.k0ltc.org/>.

Training for Emergencies

AERO – Association of Emergency Radio Organizations, with Bloomington Communication Group, and Minnesota Amateur Radio Emergency Service, is holding its Basic Emergency Operator Communication (AERO 1) class and Net Control (AERO 2) class on Saturday, March 3rd, 2012 at the City of Bloomington Police Department. Register with Dan Peitso, NØPIY at NØPIY@arrl.net or phone 763-755-3262 no later than Thurs., March 1.

SILENT KEY

Bernt A. Westernen WØSER, (ACRC Founding Member), age 89, of Fridley, passed away January 20, 2012.

Memorial Service was Feb. 10 at Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, Prior Lake, MN.

Ongoing

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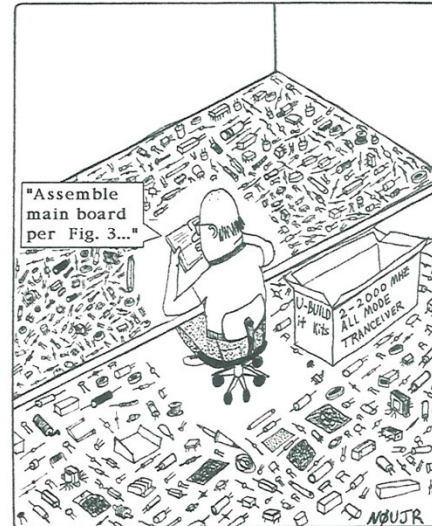
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President's Corner

Summer is coming and with it our club is gearing up for a full slate of activities including Field Day, Blaine's Blazin' Festival, Fete des Lacs, and a Special Event Station scheduled in conjunction with the Anoka Halloween festivities.

There are plenty of ways to be an active amateur radio operator from volunteering to provide communications support at one of these events, to becoming a Volunteer Examiner or even checking in during our weekly net on the 146.670 MHz (114.8 PL tone) repeater.

You can read about all these, and more inside this issue of the newsletter. Also, make sure to keep an eye on our website for the latest information: <http://www.anokaradio.org/>.

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Anoka County Radio Club President Bob Cordell KBOGIP, and club member Annette Larson KB1UOG, sold raffle tickets at the club's VE session/Skywarn training in March for a handheld radio. The club raffled off another radio at the May VE/Skywarn sessions, adding to our visibility and club coffers.

ARRL Field Day
June 23-24, 2012
Amateur Radio's most popular on-air operating event!
Shop 2012 ARRL Field Day Gear...
Pocket Tees, Hats, Pins, Logbook
and more available now!

Gearing up for Field Day

It's time to get ready for the annual ARRL Field Day, this year being held June 23-24, 2012.

General overview: Local members of the Anoka County Radio Club and Emergency Services organization (www.anokaradio.org) will be demonstrating Ham Radio Communications at its annual ARRL Field Day contest.

Members will gain points in the contest by exchanging messages with other Ham Radio Participants around the world over one 24-hour period of time. All of this will be accomplished using off-grid power and a temporary setup in an open field. This emergency preparedness exercise is open to the public and a radio and coach will be available to allow visitors to participate.

This is a great opportunity to see how hobbyists can use radio technology to learn, have fun, and communicate with others globally.

For more information, contact kc0lql@anokaradio.org, <http://www.anokaradio.org/fieldday/2012/index.htm>

2012 Field Day

Anoka County Radio Club Field Day will be at 8380 Lake Dr. in Lino Lakes, MN.

Friday June 22th, 5PM: Field Day site setup begins.

Saturday June 23th, Noon: Field Day Operations Begin. Remember that the Blaine Blazin 4th parade is also going on at the same time. There will be a pot-luck dinner at the field day site at 6:00 PM Saturday.

Sunday June 24th, Noon: Field Day Operations End. Once the Field Day has been completed, the N3FJP software logs will be backed up several times for safe keeping. All the equipment will need to be taken down and made ready to transport back to their original locations. Subway Sandwiches will be available for any / all members that stay to tear-down. (sponsored by KC0LQL).

One last team needs to sweep the Field Day Site to make sure it is clean and all our stuff has been removed.



Field Day 2011 volunteers assemble an antenna in preparation for the field day event.

Field Day, June 23-24, 2012

There are no rule changes for 2012 from the ARRL however we will be inviting more guests to the site this year including some scouting organizations. What do we need? Three general categories - Things, Money, and Effort.

Things:

- * Coax / connectors - we hope to have the main stations closer to the road this year but will not be able to do that without some serious coax runs (1-200 feet per run). The goal here would be to have operating stations more visible from the road without being close to the power lines.
- * Wire antennas - At present we are planning on 3 antenna structures and possibly one additional for GOTA.

* Notification if you plan to bring a radio on-site. I will be updating the inventory list on the website but at this time we have openings for VHF/UHF and HF equipment. We are tentatively planning for a 3A station this year but that could change if more radios are planned.

* Structures - After our run-in with the state bird last year, we would like to maximize the more mosquito proof structures such as hard-walled RVs.

* Generator - At this point we have one generator on site but we always like to have two "just in case".

Money:

Either sponsor an expense directly or send the treasurer a check. It can cost up to \$500 per year

to run field day - larger categories being food, gas and port-a-potty.

You know if this is the category for you, or if another category would be better. About \$20 per family would probably be about right. All members and guests are welcome whether or not they can pay.

Effort:

We get lots of points for fairly small tasks - they just take one person to adopt one or two for Field Day:

- * 100 points per transmitter if all transmitting equipment operates on emergency power.
- * 100 points for attempting to obtain publicity from the local media.
- * 100 points for a Public Information Table at the Field Day site.
- * 100 points for origination of a formal Field Day message to the ARRL Section Manager or Section Emergency Coordinator.
- * 10 points for each formal NTS style originated, relayed or received and delivered during the Field Day period, up to a maximum of 100 points (ten messages).
- * 100 points for completing at least one QSO via satellite.
- * 100 points for making a minimum of five QSOs using an "alternate" energy source, such as solar, wind, methane or water, including batteries charged by natural means.
- * 100 points for copying the special Field Day

bulletin from W1AW.

* Up to 300 points (100 points for each mode) for setting up a demonstration of a non-traditional mode, such as APRS, ATV, and SSTV.

* 100 points if your Field Day site is visited by an elected government official as the result of an invitation issued by your group.

* 100 points if your Field Day site is visited by a representative of an agency served by ARES in your community (Red Cross, Salvation Army, local Emergency Management, law enforcement, etc) as

the result of an invitation issued by your group.

* 100 points if your GOTA (Get On The Air) station completes a minimum of 100 QSOs. If you are able to help with one of the bonus items, let me know and we'll try to make sure you have the support you need.

That's all for Field Day 2012. I hope you are all able to come and have a great time. Tim Neu (KC0LQL)

V.E. Group Photo and Badges at May Meeting

V.E. Liaison Shep Shepardson N0NMZ, asked all ACRC V.E.s to attend the May regular meeting for a group photo. The Anoka V.E.s oversaw 712 amateur radio license tests up to May 2012, and Shep is planning to send that information, along with a photo, to ARRL for publication in their magazine. The ACRC now has 14 VE Examiners on its team, Shep told the club, and noted that Al AE0AL, with 189 VE sessions, has the highest count in the state of Minnesota (with only 15 having 100+ in the entire state – and of those 15, three are in ACRC).

The VEs present at the May meeting, and pictured to the right are: (from left to right) Pete Alcock KB0KHZ, Jim Langan KC0QEI, Shawn Rung K0SMR, Jeremy Amundson KD0BOC, Ann Foster K0ANN, John "Al" Schwarz AE0AL, Jay Jagerson N0MDF and Shep Shepardson N0NMZ.



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Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Events

Two upcoming events will require a number of volunteers to assist with public safety radio communication:

This year **Blaine's Blazin' Festival** will celebrate its 42nd anniversary with The Anoka County Radio Club participating with the parade on **Saturday, June 23** and the run/fireworks on **Wednesday, July 4**. More specific details about time, places, and volunteering will be on the club's website at <http://www.anokaradio.org>.

The Anoka County Radio Club will again participate in the 2012 **Fete des Lacs**, providing public safety radio communication on **Saturday, July 28** in Centerville for the morning In-Line Skate/Run/Walk, followed by the parade, and concluding with the Fireworks. Again, more specific details about time, places, and volunteering will be on the club's website at <http://www.anokaradio.org>.



Special Event Station

planned for October 27, 2012

Anoka Halloween Inc. has granted The Anoka County Radio Club permission to use the term "Anoka the Halloween Capitol of the World" during the club's planned special event station on October 27, 2012. The club has also been granted

permission to use the 2012 button design on our QSL cards.

The following information has been sent to ARRL and accepted for publication in the October edition of QST, and will appear on the ARRL website's list of Special Event Stations:

Anoka County Radio Club and Emergency Services, Inc., Call Sign: W0YFZ – Whisky Zero Yellow Fuzzy Zebra will be holding a Special Event Station October 27, 2012 from 15:00 UTC (10 a.m. CST) to 23:00 UTC (6 p.m. CST) to commemorate: "Anoka, Minnesota, The Halloween Capitol of the World ® since 1920". The GPS coordinates will be: N45.223750, W93.381640, and the published frequencies are: Primary: 10 m 28.375 MHz +/-QRM, Secondary: 15 m 21.315 MHz +/-QRM, and Secondary B: 14.245 MHz +/-QRM. Stations contacted may request a: QSL with SASE sent to Anoka Country Radio Club, P.O. Box 982, Anoka, MN 55303, with the primary contact person being Chairman Dana Johnson KD0NJD, 612-787-6114, kd0njd@gmail.com.

The other committee members are: Co-chair Jim Langan KD0QEI, John "Al" Schwarz AE0AL, Matthias Magdefrau N2PSR, and Annette Larson KB1UOG.

Lino Lakes Fun Run a Success



Anoka County Radio Club members(L to R) Shep Shepardson N0NMZ, Jeremy Amundson KD0BOC, Tim Neu KC0LQL, and Chrissy Neu KC0OKE were among the approximately 15 club members who assisted in the Lino Lakes school first ever Fun Run/Walk fundraising event on May 5, 2012.

"... I couldn't have asked for better help! ... They helped along the path, encouraged the runners and walkers, guided them throughout the course, kept me in the loop with their conversations on the participants, and gave me excellent advice!

"I would highly recommend this group to any event coordinator. They are an amazing group of people."

**Amy Greenfield,
Lino Lakes Elementary 5K coordinator**

Thanks for the Flag!

The Anoka County Radio Club extends its appreciation to members Jerry Hunnicutt KD0OUG, and Charles Howard KD0ORK, for their contribution of an American Flag, including pole and base, for use during our club meetings.

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General Class Offered

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"Harold!!! What are you doing wasting money on more USELESS radio equipment!!!"

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