



# Anoka County Radio Club and Emergency Services

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Newsletter

March / April 2007

## Newly Elected Board for 2007

The newly elected board for 2007 was officially transitioned into office on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the board meeting. Your new board members for this year are:



**President**

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**Vice President**

Bob Cordell (KBØGIP)  
[kb0gip@juno.com](mailto:kb0gip@juno.com)



**Secretary**

Shawn Rung (KØSMR)  
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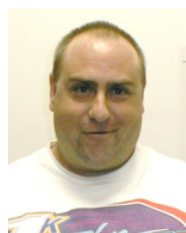
**Treasurer**

Tim Neu (KCØLQL)  
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**Board Member at Large**

Dan Peitso (NØPIY)  
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We would like to extend our gratitude to our outgoing Vice President, Dave Runkle KCØKEP, for all the hard work, dedication and support he gave the club during his terms in office – **Thank You, Dave!**

We look forward to serving you, our club members!

## ACRC is Sponsoring Two Skywarn Classes!

Our club, in conjunction with Anoka ARES, is sponsoring two Skywarn classes this year. The class dates are **Saturday, March 10** and **Saturday, May 12**. Both classes will be held at the Blaine City Hall in the Mark Stack room from noon to 4:00 p.m. For more details, please contact Dave Runkle at [kc0kep@arrl.net](mailto:kc0kep@arrl.net). More Skywarn classes from other groups can be found on the Metro Skywarn website at: <http://www.metro-skywarn.org>. Be ready for the severe weather season coming up! Hope to see you there!



## Club Patches are Available!



Official Anoka County Radio Club patches are now 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](mailto: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.

## Club VE Recognized by ARRL

At the February General meeting, Shap Shepardson NØNMZ presented a certificate from Jay Bellows of the ARRL recognizing Al Schwarz AEØAL as having participated as a Volunteer Examiner for over 100 sessions. **Congratulations Al!**



# Morse Code Exams No Longer Required!

**It's official!** The *Report and Order* in WT Docket 05-235 that eliminated the Morse Code testing requirement for all license classes was adopted by the FCC on December 15, 2006 and became effective Friday, February 23, 2007. Here are some Questions and Answers from the ARRL website regarding the change:

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## [I am a "no-code" Technician. What does WT Docket 05-235 mean to me?](#)

Now that the changes are in effect, all Technician licensees -- whether or not they have passed a Morse code examination -- will have "Tech Plus" operating privileges. This means you will have all of your current VHF/UHF and above frequencies and also will have access to the Novice/Technician Plus frequencies on HF. These include:

**3525-3600 kHz CW only**

**7025-7125 kHz CW only**

**21,025-21,200 kHz CW only**

**28,000-28,300 kHz CW, RTTY and Data**

**28,300-28,500 kHz CW, SSB**

The power limit is 200 W PEP output for Technician operators.

Technicians can upgrade to General by passing the Element 3 written exam and to Amateur Extra by also passing the Element 4 written exam. No Morse code test will be required.

## [What about other bands and modes?](#)

There are no additional new privileges available to Technician/Tech Plus licensees as a result of WT 05-235. The R&O does not change the operating privileges of Novice, General, Advanced and Amateur Extra class licensees either.

## [I have a Certificate for Successful Completion of Examination \(CSCE\) for Element 3 \(General written test\) and have been waiting for the FCC to drop the Morse code requirement. What will I need to do? Will I automatically receive my General license?](#)

**It will not happen automatically.** CSCEs remain valid for 365 days. There's been no change in that rule. If you have a **non-expired CSCE** for Element 3 credit, you would need to take the CSCE to a VE test session, pay the test session fee which the majority of VECS charge for both examinations and applications and submit the paperwork for your license upgrade.

**If the CSCE for Element 3 credit has expired** or expires before you attend a test session to process your upgrade, you will have to retake the examination element in order to receive the credit toward your upgrade. The test session fee will apply.

**Remember: A CSCE is only valid for 365 days. An expired CSCE for the General license theory will not be usable for an upgrade.** If your CSCE expires before the new rules go into effect you will have to re-take the Element 3 General class theory exam in order to upgrade.

## [I hold a Novice license. Am I grandfathered to Technician now?](#)

No. There is no grandfather provision. In order to upgrade to Technician, you will need to pass the Element 2 written examination. The FCC did not change operating privileges for Novice, General, Advanced and Amateur Extra class licensees.

## [I am a current Advanced licensee. Am I affected by this change?](#)

No, this ruling does not impact your license. While no new Advanced class licenses are being issued, current Advanced class licensees will have the same privileges they already enjoy. The R&O does not change operating privileges for Novice, General, Advanced and Amateur Extra class licensees.

## [I got my Technician license prior to March 21, 1987. What happens to my license?](#)

You actually could have already taken that license and proof that you had the Technician license before that date to a volunteer examiner (VE) test session, paid the test session fee and already enjoying General privileges. This latest R&O doesn't change anything in this regard.

This is based on the fact that before that date, the only difference between the Technician and General class licenses was the Morse code speed; the theory exams were identical. Starting March 21, 1987, the Technician and General class license exams no longer were the same, so the "grandfather" rule doesn't apply for Technician licenses issued after March 21, 1987.

Proof that you held the license prior to March 21, 1987, could be a copy of your old Technician license or the page from the amateur *Call Book* showing your license class as Technician).

## [Do I still need to pass a Morse code test in order to use CW on the air?](#)

No. Any Amateur Radio licensee who wishes may use Morse code on the amateur frequencies they are authorized to use -- except the five USB-only channels at 5 MHz.

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Now is a great time to go for your General and Extra! Full amateur privileges could be only a test or two away! More details on the elimination of the Morse Code testing requirement can be found on the ARRL's website at: <http://www.arrl.org>. If you are looking for exam dates, review the calendar here in the newsletter or on our website at: <http://www.anokaradio.org/calendar>.

## ACRC Board Members

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## Our Repeaters

Anoka County Radio Club sponsors two repeaters:

**146.670 / 146.070 with a 114.8 PL Tone**  
**224.940 / 223.340 with a 100.0 PL Tone**

For more details on our club's repeaters, visit our website at: <http://www.anokaradio.org/repeaters>.

## 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

### March 2007

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.

ACRC General Meeting  
Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

VE Testing  
Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Blaine City Hall.

Skywarn Class  
Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at noon to 4:00 p.m. at Blaine City Hall.

Daylight Savings Time Begins!  
Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Remember to change your clock back one hour and change the batteries in your smoke/CO<sub>2</sub> detectors!

Kit Builders Group  
Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from noon to 6:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex.

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

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ACRC General Meeting  
Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

VE Testing  
Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Blaine City Hall.

Kit Builders Group  
Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from noon to 6:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex.

ACRC Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Anoka County ARES Meeting  
Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Anoka County Offices. More info is on the website – [www.anoka-ares.org](http://www.anoka-ares.org).



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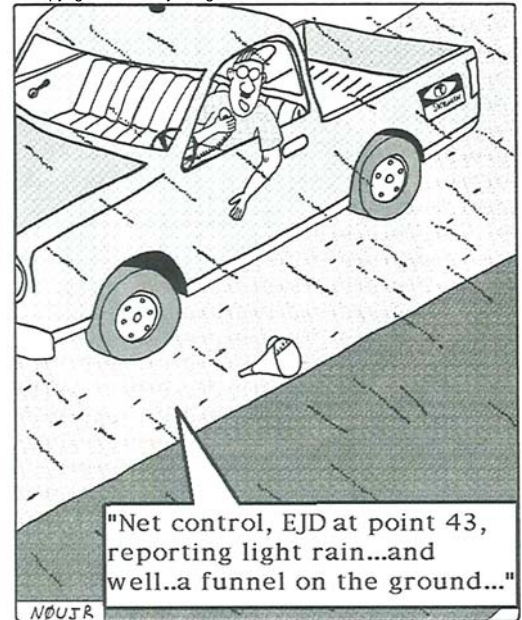
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