



# Anoka County Radio Club and Emergency Services

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Newsletter

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## President's Corner

Howdy all,

I must first apologize for the news letter coming out a little late but with this broken wing and other things going on I just plain got behind – SORRY! I would like to bring everybody up to speed a bit with some of what has been going on in the club by going back to February's meeting. Congrats to Dan Peitso N0PIY, our new Treasurer, and Jeremy Amundson KD0BOC, our Board Member at Large, as well as, Parry Brown KC0TWB, our re-elected Vice-President! I would also like to thank everyone who ran for board positions - I do like to see people get involved.

At the present time I am waiting for the new voter for the 146.670 repeater to be delivered so we can get it installed. Also, to let you all know, the Board appointed Shawn Rung K0SMR as our new Repeater Chairperson with Dave Runkle KC0KEP, and myself, still working as assistants under him.

If you have not heard by now, we are moving the D-Star repeater over to the Anoka ARES/RACES group with the

### AERO Basic Course

The Association of Emergency Radio Organizations (AERO) is holding its Basic Emergency Communication course on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the Chanhassen Library located at 7711 Kerber Blvd from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Please register with Dan Peitso N0PIY via email at N0PIY@arrl.net or by phone at 763-755-3262. E-mail registration is preferred. Directions and frequencies that will be used in class for our practice emergency nets will be emailed to registered participants. The class is free. A prerequisite for the class is the FEMA ISC-100a (Incident Command) online course. The course can be taken at <http://www.learningservices.us/fema/lms> or at <http://training.fema.gov/IS>.

### Fete des Lacs

The Centerville Fete des Lacs events will be held on August 7, 8, 9 in Centerville. We need volunteers to help out at these events. These are family-friendly events. More information will be posted soon! Contact Bob Cordell KBOGIP for more information at [kb0gip@juno.com](mailto:kb0gip@juno.com).

understanding that it will remain an open repeater for everyone to use unless needed for emergencies and drills, just as with any repeater.

I would like to remind everyone of the upcoming VE session and our first Skywarn class of the year on Saturday, March 14th.

We have also been talking about Field day events and have decided to participate in the BB4 events in Blaine and the Fete des Lacs events in Centerville this year. Perry and Jeremy are co-chairs for Field Day, Shawn and myself are co-chairs for the BB4 and Fete De Lacs. Remember that we want to make all of these events both fun for families, "which are always invited to join us", and educational for everyone.

Hope every one has a great spring! Be careful and enjoy the Easter season.

Talk to you all soon,  
Bob KBOGIP your Prez

### Blaine Blazin' 4th 2009

We need volunteers to help out at the BB4 events to be held June 26, 27, 28 in Aquatore Park, Blaine. These are family-friendly events, so bring the entire family! More information will be posted to the web soon! Contact Bob Cordell KBOGIP [kb0gip@juno.com](mailto:kb0gip@juno.com) or Shawn Rung K0SMR [k0smr@arrl.net](mailto:k0smr@arrl.net) for more information.

### ARRL Field Day 2009

We need volunteers and participants for Field Day that will be held Saturday, June 27 starting at noon until Sunday, June 28 at noon at the Blaine City Hall parking lot. Setup will be on Friday night. This is a family-friendly event! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend to make contacts and join us for a pot luck. More information will be posted on our website soon! Contact Parry Brown KC0TWB [kc0twb@msn.com](mailto:kc0twb@msn.com) or Jeremy Amundson KD0BOC [jamundson@q.com](mailto:jamundson@q.com) for more information.



## FIELD DAY PRESS RELEASE

**NEWS SUMMARY:** Anoka County Radio Club Hams Gear Up to Make Long Distance Contacts and Practice Emergency Communication Skills.

Blaine - Area Amateur Radio operators will work around the clock on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, June 27 & 28 to set up field radio communication stations, get on the air and contact hundreds of other amateur operators, also known as hams, in the US and Canada as part of participation in the American Radio Relay League's Field Day.

Field Day is the annual "shakedown run" for the ARRL's National Field Organization. Field Day is a way for hams to get outdoors and have fun under some difficult conditions. It's also a chance to test and improve amateur-radio operator's emergency communication skills. The Anoka County Radio Club will use generators and battery power to simulate operations under emergency conditions. The challenge is to put together a self-sufficient, working radio stations quickly and begin making contacts with other radio operators.

The ARRL Field Organization has been effective in establishing emergency communications nets during floods, hurricanes, fires, earthquakes, terrorist attacks, and other major disasters, whether they be local, regional, or national in scope. Members of formal emergency organizations such as the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the Radio Amateur Communication Emergency Services (RACES) regularly participate. The League estimates that more than 30,000 hams participate in Field Day every year.

The Anoka County Field Day operations will take place at the Blaine City Hall. Set up begins after 5 pm on Friday, June 26. Formal operations will start at noon Saturday, June 27 and will continue until noon Sunday. The public is invited. For more information, contact Parry Brown KC0TWB (kc0twb@msn.com) or Jeremy Amundson KD0BOC (jamundson@q.com).

**SUMMARY:** Anoka County area amateur radio operators to contact hundreds of other hams throughout North America in the largest ham radio on-air event.

**WHO:** Licensed Amateur Radio Operators in and around the Anoka County area and anyone interested in what Amateur Radio is about.

**WHAT:** Hams will set up and operate field radio stations to contact other hams throughout the US and Canada over 24 hours. Objective is to see who can make the highest number of contacts during the contest period.

**WHERE:** Blaine City Hall parking lot, Blaine, Minnesota.

**WHEN:** June 27 and 28, 2009 (Noon Saturday until noon Sunday). Setup begins at 5 pm Friday.

**WHY:** Participation in the American Radio Relay League's Field Day. Amateur Radio operators practice communication skills under primitive conditions, with generators and battery- powered equipment and portable antennas. Field Day is a competition as well as a "trial run" for emergency communication skills used during disaster situations.

Photo opportunities, interviews, activities of local participants in important national Amateur Radio event. See different Amateur Radio communication modes in action, including voice, Morse code, and digital communications.

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## Our Repeaters

Anoka County Radio Club sponsored 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**

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## Calendar Of Events

### March 2009

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, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex.

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

Skywarn Training  
Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> starting at noon at the Blaine City Hall, Mark Stack Room. Contact Dave Runkle KC0KEP ASAP to register.

Anoka County ARES Meeting  
Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. More info is on the website – [www.anoka-ares.org](http://www.anoka-ares.org).

ACRC Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex. All members are welcome to attend.

### April 2009

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, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex.

VE Testing  
Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Blaine City Hall, Mark Stack Room.

Anoka County ARES Meeting  
Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Location and more info is on the website – [www.anoka-ares.org](http://www.anoka-ares.org).

ACRC Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.



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"It says that my HT synthesizer will go bad in three weeks."

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