



Anoka County Radio Club and Emergency Services

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President's Corner

Howdy all!

Well it appears that we have survived another field day and celebration of the birth of our country. I would like to thank everyone who came out and help or played on field day and to Perry for all the work and planning to make it a good and exciting weekend. Great job!! I would also like to thank all those who helped out with the BB4 events - I know that it puts on an extra burden, being that it falls on Field Day weekend, but you all excelled to made it work! Thank you, Shawn, for your hard work in taking care of the parade and the fun-run for the club! Everyone that came out for the fireworks show did an excellent job - all I heard was good about the job you did - thank you! A thank you goes out to Dave for running the command post for us during the fun-run and the Fireworks, and to the cooks that made sure that no one went away hungry! Great job!

Remember that the Fete Des Lacs events will be held at the beginning of August and our Simple Supper in September.

I was asked by a number of people why we do these events and how we have become as efficient in doing what we do. My response was as follows: Many of the people that show up to do these type of events take pride in what they do and how they do it so they practice and plan for most problems that may arise. In doing this, they become very good at what they do. You all make me proud to say that I am also one of you.

I would also like to apologize for not being more involved the events this year. I have said before that family comes first, work comes second, and radio comes third (unless it is a real emergency situation). I am proud to say Rose graduated with honors and her party went well. I was also asked to help out with Mary's school marching band, which also a fair amount of my time from the club events. In saying this I think back over the years to the days when these celebrations were more a privilege than a right.

I am including a story that was given me during basic training back in the mid 70's. So, if you could excuse the dating of times, I hope you will enjoy it and give some thought to what it means because I feel that it explains why a bunch of us are Hams:

A FLAG TO REMEMBER

Hello, remember me? Some people call me old Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner. But what ever you call me, I am your Flag - the Flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you because it is about you and me. I remember some people long ago lined up on both sides of the street to watch a parade and, naturally, I was leading every parade - proudly waving in the breeze. When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it over his left shoulder so his hand was directly over his heart - remember? And you! I remember you standing there straight as a soldier, you didn't have a hat, but you were giving the correct salute - remember? Little sister: not to be out done - she was saluting the same as you - with her right hand over her heart. Remember? What happened? I am still the same old flag. Oh, I have a few more stars since you were a boy. A lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I came down your street, you stand there with your hand in your pockets and I may get a small glance and then - you look away. Then I see the children running around and shouting; they don't seem to know who I am. I saw one man take off his hat, then look around. He didn't see anyone else with their hats off, so he quickly put it back on. Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I have been - Guadalcanal - Korea - and even - Vietnam.

Take a look at the memorial Honor Role sometime of those who never came back to keep the republic free. When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Well, it will not be too long until I will be coming down your street again. So when you see me, stand straight, place your right hand over your heart and I will salute you by waving back. I will know that you remember.

Thanks, Bob KB0GIP

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 on our website soon! Please contact Bob Cordell KB0GIP for more information at kb0gip@juno.com or at one of the meetings.

ARRL Field Day 2009

Thank you to everyone who helped out and participated in this year's Field Day! We had a few challenges and some good successes! Our points are being tallied and we will post the final score on the web as soon as it is available. A special thank you goes out to Parry Brown KC0TWB and Jeremy Amundson KD0BOC for heading up this event and making all the pieces come together! Great Job! Here are some pictures from Field Day – check out the map of our contacts at the right bottom corner!



Blaine Blazin' 4th Parade



Thank you to all who helped out at the Parade event! A special thank you goes out to Shawn Rung K0SMR for heading up this event and getting all the pieces put together to make communications at this event a success. Another thank you goes out to Matt Genelin N0YNT for the use of his portable repeater. Thank you!



Blaine Blazin' 4th 8K Run



Thank you to all the people who helped out at this event! Your participation was sincerely appreciated! The event went very smoothly and we didn't have any major events to report! Here's a few pictures from the event:



Blaine Blazin' 4th Fireworks

The Fireworks event was a great time – Lots of food and fun! Thank you to everyone who participated in this event!



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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

Calendar Of Events

July 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.

VE Testing
Saturday, July 11th at 9:00 a.m. at the Blaine City Hall, Mark Stack Room.

Anoka County ARES Meeting
Monday, July 20th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. More info is on the website – www.anoka-ares.org.

ACRC Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex. All members are welcome to attend.

August 2009

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

Fete Des Lacs Events – Help Needed!
August 7th, 8th and 9th Centerville. Location and times will be announced on our website and via email soon!

Anoka County ARES Meeting
Monday, August 17th 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 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Remember – The Simple Supper is coming up! More info on this club event will be posted on our website and sent out via email soon!



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STORM SPOTTER ESSENTIALS:



Binoculars



Waterproof Flashlight



Map



Dependable Radio



Disposable Undergarments

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