

Anoka County Radio Club and Emergency Services, Inc.

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Regular Club Events

- General Membership Meetings are on the first Friday of every month (excluding July and August) at 7:00 PM at the Blaine Baseball Complex.
- VE Testing is on the second Saturday of each month at the Blaine City Hall at 9:00AM
- The club holds an informal breakfast get-together on the third Saturday of each month at the Old Country Buffet in Fridley at 9:00AM.
- The club kit-builders group meets at the Blaine Baseball Complex on the third Saturday of each month, following the breakfast get-together (about 12:00PM).
- Board Meetings are held every third Tuesday at the Blaine Baseball Complex at 7:00PM. Any members with an interest in club business are welcome to attend.
- Club Net each Wednesday night at 7:00PM on the 146.67 repeater.

October is Membership Renewal Month

It's that time of the year again! The club membership year runs from October to October. You can download a membership form at the Anoka County Radio club website at <http://www.anokaradio.org> (Click on "Membership.")

Send forms and payment to:

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Membership	Annual Cost
Individual	\$25
Senior	\$15
Family	\$35
New Ham Membership	Free for one year

Other membership options are available, see membership form for details.

146.670 Repeater changes

Repeater Move

Having trouble hearing the 146.67 repeater lately? You are not alone. Since the end of January this year, the repeater has been located at the home of Dave Runkle, KCOKEP, operating with much reduced antenna gain and a lower antenna height.

This situation is about to change. After extensive negotiations and political magic, Dave Runkle (KCOKEP) has secured a new location for the primary transmitter under the water tower at the Blaine Baseball Complex.

As soon as power and phone utilities are activated, the club will be hosting a work party to move the repeater to its new location.

Pictures of the planned location for the new repeater are posted on the club website.

Centerville Receive Site

A new receive site in the city of Centerville should become operational soon. Antennas and feed lines are in place, and equipment is pre-staged and ready to install.

Thanks to Bob Cordell and Dave Runkle for their work in making this possible.

2005 Board members:**President****Dave Runkle (KCØKEP)**kc0kep@arrl.net**Vice President****Dave Holter (KCØHJA)**holter@bethel.edu**Secretary****Paul Bushouse (NØTYE)**p-bushouse@bethel.edu**Treasurer****Pete Alcock (KBØKHZ)**kb0khz@juno.com**Board Member at Large****Chrissy Neu (KCØOKE)**chrissysharp@gmail.com**Board Member at Large****Tim Neu (KCØLQL)**tim.neu@gmail.com

New Club Net

The Anoka County Radio Club is proud to announce that we have a net, or a get together. It will be a moderated rag chew style net. We will meet on our club's 2 meter repeater, 146.670MHz, every Wednesday night from 7pm to around 8pm. So come check us out.

If you want to be a net controller, please give Perry Brown (KCOTWB) a call at 763-786-2836 or Scott Hash (KCOBZG) at 763-574-9773. Being a net controller gives you a chance to meet new people. If you're interested in emergency communications, it gives you a chance to handle radio traffic.

Scott Hash (KCOBZG)

Fox Hunting

Have you wondered how you can hunt down a transmitter that's causing you interference? Look no further. The Anoka County Radio Club has a hidden transmitter, a.k.a. fox hunting group.

Fox hunting is a sport where you find hidden transmitters with a receiver and a directional antenna of some kind. The transmitter can be a beacon or yourself operating the radio. There's different techniques to learn for hiding and finding the transmitter. You do not need to be a licensed radio amateur to find the transmitter. So bring the family along on the fun.

So far, we meet twice a year; once in late Spring and early Fall. But if you want to do more we can always do so.

So if you would like to know, please let me, Scott Hash (KCOBZG) know at SHASH@mn.rr.com or at home 763-574-9773. I'll find you out there.

Builder's Group is a Success

With many kits and projects, the first Anoka County Radio Club Builder's Group gathering demonstrated that building is a popular activity for all ages. The gathering took place last Saturday afternoon (17 Sep 2005) at the Blaine Baseball Complex. The five-hour session was constructively spent building kits from Ramsey Electronics (Sensor Activated Robot Car, Stereo Headphone Amplifier and Foxhound 'DF') and Wilderness Radio (NORCAL 40 QRP Transceiver). Other activities during the afternoon included building and testing a fold up emergency two m antenna, and soldering practice. Even Paul, our youngest builder, demonstrated his skills using his Kid K'NEX. As intended, participants assisted the others with the various aspects of kits and project building and testing. The Builder's group plans to meet every third Saturday of the month from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Blaine Baseball Complex. See the club schedule for up-to-date information. Bring your kits, projects and tools to the next meeting and have some fun.

The member's of the first build where: Paul, Karen, Stacy (KOPWD) and Dave (KCOKEP) Runkle, Maddie and Dave (KCOHJA) Holter, Jeremiah Bohn (KCOFUI), Dan Peitsu (NOPIY) Al Schwarz (AE0AL) and Mike Marshik (KBOTZA).

What's Amateur Radio to you?

Do you sometimes ask yourself why in the world did I select this hobby? Do you feel lost in the many facets of amateur radio? I would have to believe that most of us would have to answer yes to the above questions after being active in the hobby for a few years.

During the past 14 years of being a active amateur radio operator I have heard many voices and call sings come and go thought-out my short time in the hobby, and no the voices I'm talking about are not in my head.

So what is the trick to staying active and keeping the spark alive you say? Well in my world its working with the many different facets within the hobby that appeal to me. And no you may not like the some of you choices and in that case you simply just move onto the next thing.

As I was talking to a local operator on 2 meters this past week we were talking about how to build a wire dipole. This operator is staring what I consider a grand magical journey into HF. While I was driving my \$100 car and talking on my \$400 dollar radio I realized that I used to love to build simple wire antennas. To me there is something special about building an antenna for \$3.00, tossing it into the air and talking to somebody overseas.

We as humans are really creatures of habit and it can be hard to think out of the box and try something new. So with all this said why don't you go out and try something new and keep the bands alive. As for myself I'm going finish my Worked All State (WAS) challenge. I never thought I would like the paper chasing game but to my surprise it has become quite fun.

If your not building an antenna its just wire.

73's

Jay Jagerson, n0mdf

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Christmas Party

This years Christmas party will be held at the American Legion in Coon Rapids on December 10, at 5:00 pm. We will be located in the upstairs party room just off of the main entrance. The cost will be \$25 per person.

I hope to see you all there!

Planned Menu:
Pork or Beef roast
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls with butter
Apple Crisp Desert

Upcoming Elections

It is getting close to that time of year again. In February, the club will be holding its annual elections.

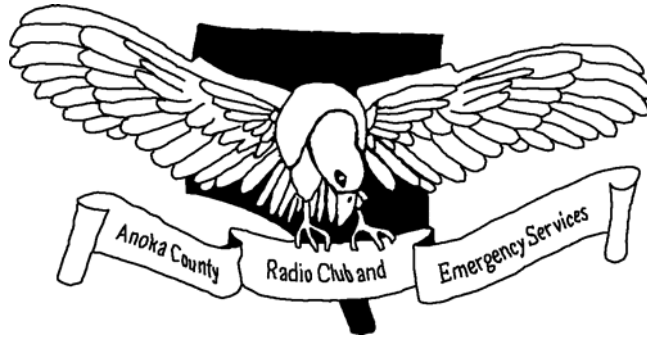
If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please contact Tim Neu at tim.neu@gmail.com or 651-780-8009. Club bylaws require that you be a licensed amateur radio operator to hold a board position.

Tim Neu (KCOLQL, Nomination Chair for the 2005 election)

Available Positions
President
Vice-President
Secretary
Board Member at large

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Ok, just for fun we are going to try something new. The following is a little problem. I will post what I think is the best answer in the next Newsletter.

Michael has been abandoned by his electrician and must finish the wiring of his new house alone. He courageously tries to untangle the labyrinth of wires already laid down. He is particularly worried about three wires of the same color going from the basement to the attic. He wants to identify them, labeling both the basement and attic ends of one wire A, of another wire B, and of the last wire C.

His only tool is a meter (ohm meter) that shows if current is passing through a length of wire or not when both ends of the wire are attached to the meter. Thanks to it, Michael only needs to make one round trip between the basement and attic to complete the labeling.

Explain how he does it.

Have fun

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