



June Newsletter

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*St. Cloud Amateur Radio Club
Celebrating 90 years on the airwaves*

Dates to Remember:

June:

Clubhouse Clean-up	6th
General Meeting	18th
2009 Field Day	27-28

July Board Mtg 9th

July Gen meeting 16th

Aug Club Picnic 8th

Aug Gen Meeting 20th

Sept Gen Meeting 17th

Oct Board Meeting 8th

Oct Gen Meeting 15th

Nov Annual Meeting 20th

Dec Gen Meeting 17th

Message from the President - The Prez Sez...

Another Dayton Hamfest is in the log-book. Most of the new parts and toys have been put away and new projects are taking shape.

June 6 Saturday is a club clean-up day. Hope you can turn out. Will line things up for a picnic to go with it. Good food makes the work easier.

Projects to be worked on include, painting of the shed. I have the paint already at the clubhouse.

Some metal shelves were located and one of them needs to be taken apart and re-assembled as it was not assembled according to the instructions by the former owner.

The water cooler needs to be removed and the water line capped.

The whole place needs a cleanup and the back room cleaned up.

We can also string the loop antenna to the neighboring building and I believe that we have an 80 meter inverted V that could be strung up as well.

The generators need to be test run for field day. Yard can be picked up. So we are not at a loss for things to do.

I am getting excited for field day and I hope you are as well.

Dave, W0DZW was to have had neck surgery on Wednesday

the 3rd so keep him in your prayers. He will try and make the clean-up just to keep an eye on everyone.

What ever projects and cleanup we don't get done we will re-schedule. There are several Scout Groups scheduled to visit soon too and we will have special guests on field day so lets try and everybody pitch in and get things looking ship shape.

Till next time good DX, health and your mileage may vary.

73,
Art Carlson, WA0NJR

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May General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on May 21st at 7:02 p.m. by Phil Jorgensen, N1ARM. President Art Carlson, WAONJR was present, but had laryngitis and the vice president was not present.

The Treasurer's report was not available.

The Secretary's report for the April meeting was approved as printed in the May newsletter.

First order of business was the Field Day coming up on June 27th-28th. Phil Jorgensen, N1ARM created and distributed an informational letter which he sent out to numerous area boy/girl scout troops, boy's and girl's club, St Cloud mayor, Waite park mayor and city council, local police department and county sheriff's. Phil also sent information to the St Cloud Times newspaper and WJON Radio. We are trying to really inform the public in the area as to what Amateur radio is all about.

Jack Maus, WOMBD, Art Carlson, WAONJR and Phil Jorgensen, N1ARM attended the May 7th Waite Park City Council meeting and presented our tower construction proposal. The variance/conditional use permit was passed, with the condition that this is for club use and if the club were to vacate the property, the tower would be removed.

A little out of order but those present introduced each other.

In preparation for Field Day at the clubhouse and the visitors from the public that may be stopping by, that we should plan a clean-up day for Saturday June 6th. Among the many things that should get done is painting the shed and to plane the bottoms of the shed doors. May 23rd had been scheduled at the April meeting as a clean-up day, but that was cancelled because at the time it was scheduled, it being Memorial Day weekend was overlooked.

Ben Ramler, KOBLR shared that on June 13th-14th the MS150 takes place between Duluth and the Twin Cities metro. Volunteer radio operators are needed, meals and lodging are provided. Contact Ben if your interested.

Ben also reported that the St Cloud Digipeater for APRS is not receiving, it transmits, but seems like the receiver has a problem or the correct protocols are not configured. The question was if the club maintains it and/or where it is located. Jack Maus, WOMBD indicated the station call was WOSV-3 and that it was located at Avon. It was thought that Ed, KOVU may know more about the station's history.

It was reminded that for Field Day, grills will be available if you bring your own item to grill and bring a food item to share.

QST magazine advertised June 20th as a Kid's Day for amateur radio operators to educate kids about radio. Since we have invited kids from vari-

ous clubs/groups for Field Day, we will be using Field Day as Kid's Day.

Another item for the clean-up day was to remove the water cooler/drinking fountain in the back room and cap off the water supply to it to make room for the metal shelving that is going to be installed.

For Field Day it would be nice to have some demonstrations and other radio equipment setup other than the regular clubhouse stations. Perhaps some equipment outside, maybe QRP stuff (low power).

Lenny Hopkins, KCONZF reported on the Dayton Hamfest trip. A few people from the club grouped together and went down again this year. Lenny commented on how it

is a good experience, all the major manufacturers are there and they have forums (short informational sessions) available that you can attend. There are plenty of booths to stop by, too many to see them all during the 3 day event. Some rain showers on Saturday this year made things a little less than desirable.

Carl Compton, N5FE won the \$5 door prize.

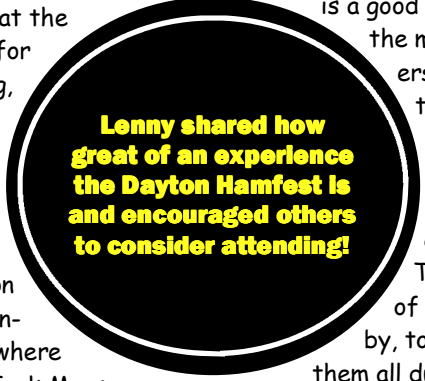
At 7:50 the meeting completed and the Auction began shortly after.

The auction was done and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Parker, KCOUEA.



Get Ready for Field Day!



Lenny shared how great of an experience the Dayton Hamfest is and encouraged others to consider attending!



The Club has been approved to install the tower at the clubhouse!

Volunteer Opportunities

Clubhouse Clean-up

We're hoping to do some cleaning inside and outside at the clubhouse. We would like to do some of this before Field Day as we have invited numerous guests to stop by the clubhouse and learn about Amateur radio and to let them get on the air! Please help out if you can on Saturday, June 6th.

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Tower Construction at the Clubhouse

The club has received approval from City of Waite Park to go ahead with installing the tower at the clubhouse. We need to determine exact location for the tower and dig the hole for the base mount and concrete, hopefully we can do this soon!

Special Thanks This Month!

Thank You to Jack Maus, WOMBD, Art Carlson, WAONJR and Phil Jorgensen, N1ARM for representing our club at the Waite Park City Council meeting to get approval for tower construction at the clubhouse! A special Thank You also to Art, WAONJR for completing the necessary paperwork and attending other meetings previously to get our conditional use permit from the City of Waite Park!

Thank You to all the bidders at the Auction at our May meeting! Not only have the auctions traditionally been fun for members, but there also a great fundraiser for the club. Every little bit helps and it's truly amazing how expensive some of those ham related and/or non-ham related items end up selling for! Thank you to everyone who brought in items to donate to the club to be auctioned off. Thank you also to those who bought the economically priced items and especially to those who enjoy bidding a little above fair value in support of the club!

Current Board Members

President

Art Carlson—WAONJR—Elected

Vice President

Dave Leigh - WODZW - Elected

Treasurer

Jerry Dahlager - KCOWCF - Elected

Secretary

Mike Parker - KCOUEA - Elected

Trustees

Larry Snodgrass - KCOSMM (2009 - 11)

Leonard Hopkins - KCONZF (2008 - 10)

Harold Hoffman - KCOFAX (2007 - 09)

Past President

Scott Hall - NOUV

Webmaster

Phil Jorgensen - N1ARM



To join the club's email reflector and/or to include your e-mail address on the private list shared between club members only, please email Mike, the newsletter editor at kc0uea@gmail.com



Weblinks of Interest

Recently there has been talk about having a member share/demonstrate APRS and/or Packet radio. Would you like to do some homework on the internet?

<http://www.aprs.org/>

It looks like this website will tell all you ever needed to know about APRS and then some!

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<http://www.choisser.com/packet/>

This website will give you access to a series of 18 articles filled with information about Packet Radio!

ARRL Donors Gather in Dayton



IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA, gave the keynote address at the Eighth Annual ARRL Donor Reception just before the 2009 ARRL National Convention and Dayton Hamven-

More than 100 ARRL donors gathered to mix and mingle at the ARRL's Eighth Annual Donor Reception on Thursday, May 14, just prior to the 2009 ARRL National Convention and Dayton Hamvention. Hosted by the ARRL as a way to thank those who donated \$1000 or more to the League in 2008, the reception -- held at the Meadowbrook Country Club -- featured a sumptuous buffet and a speech by new IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA.

"It is always great fun to see many of our good friends at the Annual Donor Reception," said ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH. "I have a chance to catch up with the wonderful group of people share our dedication to ARRL and Amateur Radio. In the eight years that we've been holding this event, its popularity grows and we get to meet new donors, and in some cases, their spouses and children. We look forward to hosting this evening and having an opportunity to thank key donors in person for all they do to support ARRL."

One of the highlights of the evening included the introduction of three new members of the ARRL's Maxim Society: Frank Donovan, W3LPL, of Glenwood, Maryland; Tom Hutton, N3ZZ, of Cupertino, California, and Tom Porter, W8KYZ, of Avon Lake, Ohio. With the addition of these three amateurs, there are now 61 members of the Maxim Society. Maxim Society donors are those amateurs whose lifetime giving exceeds \$10,000.

This elite group embodies the spirit of ARRL co-founder Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW, who, in 1914, envisioned an organization dedicated to encouraging and developing Amateur Radio as a source of enjoyment for radio operators and as a public service to communities nationwide. Maxim Society donors nurture the legacy and leadership exhibited by "The Old Man" so many years ago. Their infectious enthusiasm and deep commitment to Amateur Radio and ARRL are evidence of their abiding loyalty. Their willingness to contribute generously to the work of ARRL is evidence of a remarkable dedication to the vision of Hiram Percy Maxim.



Three new members were welcomed to the ARRL's Maxim Society at the donor reception.

After a welcome from ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, introduced Ellam, whose remarks focused on the impact that the ARRL had on his introduction to Amateur Radio as a young man in Canada, telling the story of how the *ARRL Handbook* played a pivotal role in his effort to secure his first Amateur Radio license in 1976.

"One of the textbooks for the Amateur Radio class run by my local club was the 1976 version of the *ARRL Handbook*," Ellam told the group. "The club also paid for associate membership in the ARRL, Canadian Division, which had the benefit of allowing students to receive *QST*. When it came time to write my exam, I decided to be a rebel. Rather than using all of the approved schematics to memorize and draw for the exam, I made one change: I drew a simple key klix filter that I had memorized from the *ARRL Handbook*."

"Weeks later, my exam results came in the mail. I had failed. The Canadian government decided the ARRL version of the key klix filter would not work north of the border and gave me a zero. This meant I failed the entire test, with no possibility of retaking it for several months. My hopes of becoming an amateur were crushed. So off to the local office of the Department of Communications I marched, with my trusty *ARRL Handbook* under my arm. After a spirited debate, the person manning the desk at the office allowed me to speak to an examiner and review my results with him. He argued I had failed to draw a correct key klix filter. I showed him the one in the *ARRL Handbook*. He refused to accept it! I pushed the issue. We went to see the district director, who was an amateur. He took one look at the schematic and said, "This is from the *ARRL Handbook* -- it must be right!" and overruled the inspector and passed me on the spot.

"I was so impressed by the power of the *Handbook* that I have maintained my ARRL membership to this day. By doing that, I of course received *QST* and through that, I became aware of the work of the ARRL and IARU."

Ellam said that it was "an honor to speak at the ARRL Donor Reception in front of so many supporters of ARRL and the Amateur Service. The IARU appreciates the support of the ARRL as the International Secretariat."

For more information on giving opportunities, please visit the ARRL Development Office Web site.

Article from: <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/05/27/10839?nc=1>

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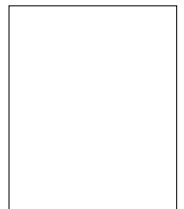
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224.800	-	No Tone	St. Joseph, MN
444.350	+	No Tone	St. Cloud, MN
442.225	+	No Tone	St. Cloud, MN
443.650	+	PL 85.4	Avon, MN
145.270	-	No Tone	Paynesville, MN
147.255	+	No Tone	Sauk Centre, MN
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146.640		Simplex	Nationwide Simplex



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About the St. Cloud Amateur Radio Club

The St. Cloud Amateur Radio Club is 88 years strong! It all started back in 1921 with Robert "Bob" Witchen, WØSV, licensed as 9SV. The St. Cloud Radio Club call is registered as WØSV in honor of Bob Witchen, first licensed ham in the area. Since then, the club has grown by leaps and bounds serving in many useful ways among the surrounding tri-county area. For a more detailed history visit our website at: www.w0sv.org

