



The BAARCeR



January 2011

For Anyone Interested in Amateur Radio

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Club Call: WØUJ

BAARC REPEATERS

53.110 MHz- 123.0 Hz
 147.225 MHz +
 145.130 MHz- Echo Link
 Node number 233515
 443.925 MHz + 110.9 Hz
 Packet: 145.670 MHz
 MNBRD, BRDBBS
 144.390 WØUJ-5 APRS
 Crosslake 147.030 MHz+
<http://brainerdham.org>

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Yes, there is a Santa (sort of). Darrell Schneider (ABØVP) again entertained the Members at our annual Christmas-Cheer Event. Darrell, newly elected Mayor of Crosslake, expertly and dramatically provided readings appropriate to this holy season. With his well modulated and cadenced voice he conveyed not only serious thought but also some satirical humor—all to the enjoyment of those attending. To top it off, a buffet of Christmas goodies was shared with the large group braving the MN cold.

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— **Events Calendar** —

Sat., Jan. 1, NO Club Breakfast @ Northwind Grille—CLOSED.
Sat., Jan. 15, Club Breakfast @ 9 @ Northwind Grille in Brainerd
Sat., Jan. 22, Annual Fishing Extravaganza—Ops. Needed—
 contact KIØFW, NØCRM, KCØTGT—More Details on the Nets.
Thurs., Jan. 27, Board and Membership Mtg. @ 4 & 7—Fire
 Hall. Main Program: “Year in Review.” Brief Visit from Fire Chief. *Send
 your event photos to Lyle KØLFV ASAP.*
Sat., Jan 29, Winter Field Day (National)
Sat., Feb. 5, Club Breakfast @ 9 @ Northwind Grill in Brainerd
Sat., Feb. 12, Sled-Dog Race—Emily-Outing-Remer—Ops. Needed-
 contact Al WØRC or Dave KCØTGT.

Thursday, December 16, 2010 – 4:00 PM - BAARC Board Meeting Minutes Brainerd Fire Station

President: Charles Lane, W5CCL
Vice President: Steve Mott, NØCRM
Secretary: Ron Finger, KØGOP
E-Communications Director: John Luce, WØWY

Past President: Al Dore, WØRC
Past President: Lyle Amundson, KØLFV
Trustee & BAARCer Editor: Fritz Bertelt, WØKO
Special Events Co-Director: Dave Fournier, KCØTGT

President Charles W5CCL opened the meeting at 4:00 PM with 8 board members in attendance. A motion to accept the published minutes for November was approved. The Treasurer's Report was waived until the 7 PM membership meeting.

Upcoming Events: Discussed was a request from the Brainerd Jaycees for an additional Club "shadow" to handle on/off ice traffic requests during the **Jaycee Ice Fishing Extravaganza** event on Saturday, January 22. After exploring the limitations of what we do and do not do for these events, it was decided to make a counter-proposal of having a senior Jaycee official on-site at the Club trailer, and then pass their information via net-control from there. Al WØRC will make an effort to attend any meetings for last-minute event information on the **Mid-MN 150 Dog Sled Race** in February. Flyers are ready to print and distribute for our **July Hamfest**.

Old Business: Steve NØCRM reported on preparations for learning the new web-design software recently purchased for the Club website. He and Ron KØGOP will be using the books and video tutorials to maintain the current website, as well as preparing a new and improved website from the ground up. Lyle KØLFV will complete the Club equipment inventory in January.

New Business: The possibility of providing remote-operation capability for our Club station was presented by Lyle KØLFV. Lyle will chair a committee to explore this project with John WØWY, Al WØRC, Steve NØCRM, and Ron KØGOP. John WØWY will pursue the possibility of setting up an available radio tower in Fifty Lakes for emergency communication use, following an email lead from Terry KIØFW.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Thursday, December 16, 2010 - 7:00 PM - BAARC Membership Meeting Minutes Brainerd Fire Station

President Charles W5CCL opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with many members and guests present. A motion to accept the published minutes for November as approved, was made by Dave KCØTGT, seconded by Chris KDØLFA, and passed. The Treasurer's Report was then presented by Doug KDØERE, and approved.

Digital & Emergency Communications: The possibility of using the 6-meter repeater during the **Sunday Night Club Net** was discussed.

Upcoming Events: Details and sign-up sheets were presented for the **Jaycee Ice Fishing Extravaganza**, and **Mid-MN 150 Dog Sled Race**.

Old Business: Doug KDØERE has arranged for the Club financial audit to be completed over Christmas break. Lyle KØLFV will complete the Club equipment inventory in January.

The Membership Meeting was adjourned following a motion by Jim KBØINZ and second by Fritz WØKO. Thanks to Steve NØCRM for taking notes in my absence.

--Respectfully submitted by **Ron KØGOP**, Secretary



Mission Statement: The Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club is comprised of about 85 licensed Amateur Radio Operators who meet monthly to exchange ideas, improve radio skills, organize activities that are of service to the area, promote development of Amateur Radio, and join together in the mutual interest of Ham Radio. **In addition, the Club endorses and honors the Radio Amateur's Code : The radio amateur is considerate, loyal, progressive, friendly, balanced, and patriotic.** The BAARCer newsletter is provided to club members for information and entertainment as a non-profit service. The material is supplied "as is" and without warranty. Permission is granted to copy and distribute any information published here provided the source is credited. Because space is limited in the BAARCer newsletter, you will often find more photos and more details for club news stories on the BAARC website at: <http://brainerdham.org>

Want to Try some CW operations? CW NETS: MN Section News—

ARRL. From now through Sunday, January 30, MSN/1, will operate at 4:30 p.m. CST on the usual frequency of 3568 kHz. During the same time-frame, MSN/2 will continue to operate at 9:50 pm on 3568 kHz with the option of a follow-up MSN/2 session ten minutes later at 10:00 p.m. on 1806 kHz as needed. These temporary changes are being made to maintain communications during challenging winter HF propagation conditions. **From KØWPK - Bob Fehr, MSN Net Manager**

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More Photos of Hams enjoying themselves from a Buffet of Goodies shared by the Members at the Christmas Gathering. Also see pages 4 and 6.

At the right are our two newest members: **Pat WØOPW** of Pillager and **Jim KBØINZ** of Staples. We thank Darrell **ABØVP** for honoring us with his renditions suited for the occasion. Photos by WØKO.

More Photos of our Group at the December Meeting. See others on these pages.



Top photo foreground l-r is **Kevin KAØWJC**, **Ed KAØEXB**, **Steve NØCRM**, and **Jim WØYA**.
 Bottom left photo l-r is **Eldon WØMQO** chatting with President **Charles W5CCL**. In the right photo is **Dave KCØTGT**, Special Events Coordinator, with **Gary KØPOW** (seated).

DX and the Paper Chase

A Blessed Christmas (belatedly) and a Happy New Year from our family to your family. Once again we remind ourselves what this season really means. As for DX, well, it's out there depending on propagation (of course) and a little luck. I worked Madagascar one fine day by answering his CQ...I was the only taker. His signal was light but very readable. What an adrenalin rush it is to answer a CQ from a far away exotic station, and this is what keeps me coming back day after day for more. The WW 10-meter contest this past weekend was a bust here in the upper Midwest with poor to very poor signals. I was able to work into South America on 10-meters and that was "it" for me for both days the contest was QRV. There were several days of outstanding propagation into Europe and Asia on 17-meters, bringing very nice signals from both regions. Other than that, the beginning of December was nothing to write home about because DX signals were not too good. As promised, I'm including two more of the **13 Rules** associated with good operating practice when chasing DX. **Rule No. 5:** I will wait for the DX station to end a contact before I call him. **Rule Number 6:** I will always send my full call sign. Once again, we're reminded that the bands belong to all of us, and if we follow the rules of common sense, we'll all enjoy good DXing. In closing I would like to remind you that no one can hear you listening, so key your mic and call CQ because someone someplace is listening for your signal. So long from Huntersville for now. 73 and good DX from **Bob/WØZPE**.

Twass the Month Before Christmas—Modified Version Darrell ABØVP

'Twas the month before Christmas

When all through our land,
Not a Christian was praying
Nor taking a stand.

See, the Police had taken away,
The reason for Christmas—no one could say.
The children were told by their schools not to sing,
About Shepherds and Wise Men and Angels and things.
It might hurt people's feelings, the teachers would say,
December 25th is just a "Holiday."

Yet the shoppers were ready with cash, checks, and credit
Pushing folks down to the floor just to get it!

CD's from Madonna, X BOX, an I-Pod
Something was changing, something quite odd!
Retailers promoted Ramadan and Kwanzaa
In hopes to sell books by Franken and Fonda.
As Targets were hanging their trees upside down,
At Lowe's the Christmas—was no where to be found.
At K-Mart and Staples and Penny's and Sears
You won't hear the word Christmas; it won't touch
your ears

Inclusive, sensitive, Di-ver-si-ty
Are words that were used to intimidate me.

Now Daschle, Now Darden, Now Sharpton, Wolf
Blitzen

On Boxer, on Reid, on Kerry, on Clinton!
At the top of the Senate, there arose such a
clatter

To eliminate Jesus, in all public matter.
And we spoke not a word, as they took away our
faith

Forbidden to speak of salvation and grace
The true Gift of Christmas was exchanged and
Discarded.

The reason for the season, stopped before it
started.

So as you celebrate "Winter Break" under your
"Dream Tree"

Sipping your Starbucks, listen to me.
Choose your words carefully, choose what you
say

Shout **MERRY CHRISTMAS**—Not Happy Holiday!

More Photos of our Members enjoying the Christmas Cheer and Good Conversation.



Top left Photo: Shirley KØDCW, active in many roles, with Darrell ABØVP. Top right Photo l-r: Lyle KØLR, Lyle KØLFV, new Trustee, and Kathy KØTHY
Bottom left front is Wynn KA3DQN with Jim WØYA to his back and John WØWY, Crow Wing County EC for ARRL on right. Right photo is Al WØRC, past officer and General Fixer for the Club repeaters. By the way, Al and John are two very successful Licensing Instructors. WATCH FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE CLASSES AND EXAM SESSIONS.



Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Dues Year January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2011
(One Application for Each Person)



Name (First, MI, Last) _____ Call Sign: _____

Street Address: _____ License Class: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Additional Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Date of Application: _____ Circle One: New / Renewal

E-mail Address: _____ Member ARRL? Circle One: Y / N

I would like to receive the BAARCer via the Internet / US Mail (Circle One). (Internet saves Club money)

Circle One: \$20 Full Member / \$10 Additional Family Member / \$10 Student Member

Note: For first-time members, pay \$5 per quarter for the time remaining in the year you join. For information on a life membership, contact Doug, our treasurer: <baarctreasurer@charter.net>

Membership Dues

\$ _____

Make checks payable to BAARC. The Club is a 501C3 non-profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible. Mail to Treasurer.

**Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club
Treasurer - Doug Bergsnev
KDØERE
15912 Olsen Lane
Brainerd, MN 56401**

Voluntary Contribution

\$ _____

Total Enclosed

\$ _____

I hereby make this application and agree to abide by the Club By-Laws.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Disclosure: This information will not be sold or given to another organization without express permission of the BAARC members.

Please mail one form, along with dues (check/money order), for each person who wants to be a member.

Check our Club's Website for other Information and Newsletters.

Regular Updates on the Sunday Night Nets on 147.225

www.brainerdham.org

SUNDAY NIGHT NET OPERATORS

01/02/11	Steve	NØCRM
01/09/11	Steve	WØTNT
01/16/11	Charles	W5CCL
01/23/11	Terry	KIØFW
01/30/11	Fritz	WØKO
02/06/11	Dylan	KDØLFE
02/13/11	Doug	KDØERE
02/20/11	Skee	WØDCY
02/27/11	Joe	KBØVYJ

Can't make the schedule? Please Find a substitute operator. BAARC Sunday Night Net Control Coordinator is Fritz WØKO. To volunteer: w0ko "at" arrl.net



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Congratulations to Ken Mehr, KFØNG, for passing the Extra Class Exam in December.

Our Thanks to Ron KØGOP and Steve NØCRM on their continued work on the website. The Club recently purchased improved software. Be patient—it takes time to learn it and apply it.

DUES are now being collected for 2011. Please see page 7, print it, and send your \$20 in. It is still a bargain considering what you get as a member. Other clubs provide far less. **Thanks to all who have done this early.**

The Leaders of the Club wish all the members a very prosperous and healthful 2011. God bless us and our Country!!!!



Send your photos of 2010 Club activities to Lyle KØLFV. Do this ASAP so he can collect all of them and he will relay them to Steve NØCRM for the January Slide Show "Our Year in Review."

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UPDATES ON CALENDAR EVENTS—CHECK SUN. NETS.

United We Stand



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