



The BAARCer



November 2008

For Anyone Interested in Amateur Radio

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Club Call: WØUJ

Brainerd Area Rptrs.:
 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
 BBS MNRD, WØUJ
 Club DX Cluster:
 147.525 MHz BRDDX
 144.390 WØUJ-5 APRS
 Crosslake 147.030 MHz+
<http://brainerdham.org>

President:
 Lyle Amundson **KØLFV**

Vice President + WWW

Editor:
 Steven Mott **KCØYTE**

Secretary:
 Darrell Schneider **ABØVP**

Treasurer:
 John Myers **W3MQD**

Director-At-Large:
 John Luce **WØWY**

Trustee + BAARCer
Editor:
 Fritz Bertelt **WØKO**



JOHN BOWEN, KDØCIZ, gave the BAARC an informative presentation on the big role hams play in providing emergency communications in this county in conjunction with government.

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— Events Calendar —

Sat., Nov. 15, Club Breakfast @ Northwind Grille in Brd. @ 9 a.m.
Thurs., Nov. 20, Board Mtg. @ 4 in Library
Thurs., Nov. 20, BAARC Monthly Mtg. CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE, Brd. @ 7 p.m. Room E313—E. Classroom Bldg. We have met there before. Program on NVIS Antenna Theory and Practice. VOTING AT THIS MTG. BRING YOUR BALLOT.
Note: Thanksgiving holiday forced the earlier meeting this month.
Sat., Dec., 6, Club Breakfast @ Northwind Grille in Brd. @ 9 a.m.
Thurs., Dec. 18, Board Mtg. @ Lib. @ 4 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 18, BAARC Monthly Mtg. in Lib. with Christmas Treats @ 7
Sat., Dec. 20, Club Breakfast @ Northwind Grille @ 9 a.m. in Brd.

October 30, 2008 - 4:00 PM - BAARC Board Meeting Minutes – Small Mtg. Room- Brainerd Public Library.



The meeting was opened by President Lyle KØLFV, while in attendance were Vice President Steve KCØYTE, Treasurer John W3MQD, Coordinator of Public, Digital and Emergency Services Al WØRC, Advisor Shirley KØDCW, Advisor Roger WØWUG, and Secretary Darrell ABØVP.

The Report of the September Meeting as published in the BAARCer was accepted as written. Treasurer John W3MQD led a discussion of the Financial Report including Budgeting dated 9/30/2008. Steve KCØYTE moved to approve the Financial Reports; the motion was unanimously approved following a second by Al WØRC.

Steve WØTNT will be net control for Goblin Watch on Friday October 31st.

Al WØRC reported on the month's activities in Digital & Emergency Communications. Al WØRC, Lyle KØLFV, and Roger WØWUG discussed a work session at Ski Gull next Monday. Al WØRC moved with a second by Steve KCØYTE that BAARC reimburse Lyle KØLFV for the cost of a special trip to Duluth get the antenna needed for installation scheduled for next Monday at Ski Gull; the motion was unanimously approved.

Al WØRC agreed to place his name on the 2009 BAARC Ballot for another term as President with his understanding that the goal for 2010 would be a ballot with all new officers – the other officers agreed with this goal and also agreed that they would personally support the work of the new officers as necessary.

The meeting was adjourned about 5:00 pm. following a motion by John W3MQD that was seconded by Al WØRC. The next Board Meeting will be on November 20th at 4:00pm @ the Library Small Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted, Darrell ABØVP, Secretary

October 30, 2008 - 7:00 PM - BAARC Membership Meeting Minutes – Brainerd Fire Station

President Lyle KØLFV opened the meeting with about twenty Hams and guests in attendance.

The September Membership Meeting Minutes as published in the BAARCer were accepted as written. Treasurer John W3MQD presented a Year-to-Date Budget Report and Financial Report dated September 30, 2008. Doug KDØERE moved to approve the financial reports that were unanimously approved following a second by Shirley KØDCW.

The Ballot Proposal for BAARC Officers for 2009 was presented as follows:

President..... Al WØRC

Vice President..... Steve KCØYTE

Treasurer..... John W3MQD

Director-at-Large..... Roger WØWUG

Secretary..... Darrell ABØVP-

President Lyle KØLFV requested additional nominations from the floor—none were received.

Ballots and instructions for voting will be available on the BAARC website.

The business meeting was adjourned following a motion by Fritz WØKO. The next Membership Meeting will be on November 20th, 7:00 pm at the Forestview School.

Respectfully submitted, Darrell ABØVP, 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 in 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>

DX and the PAPER CHASE

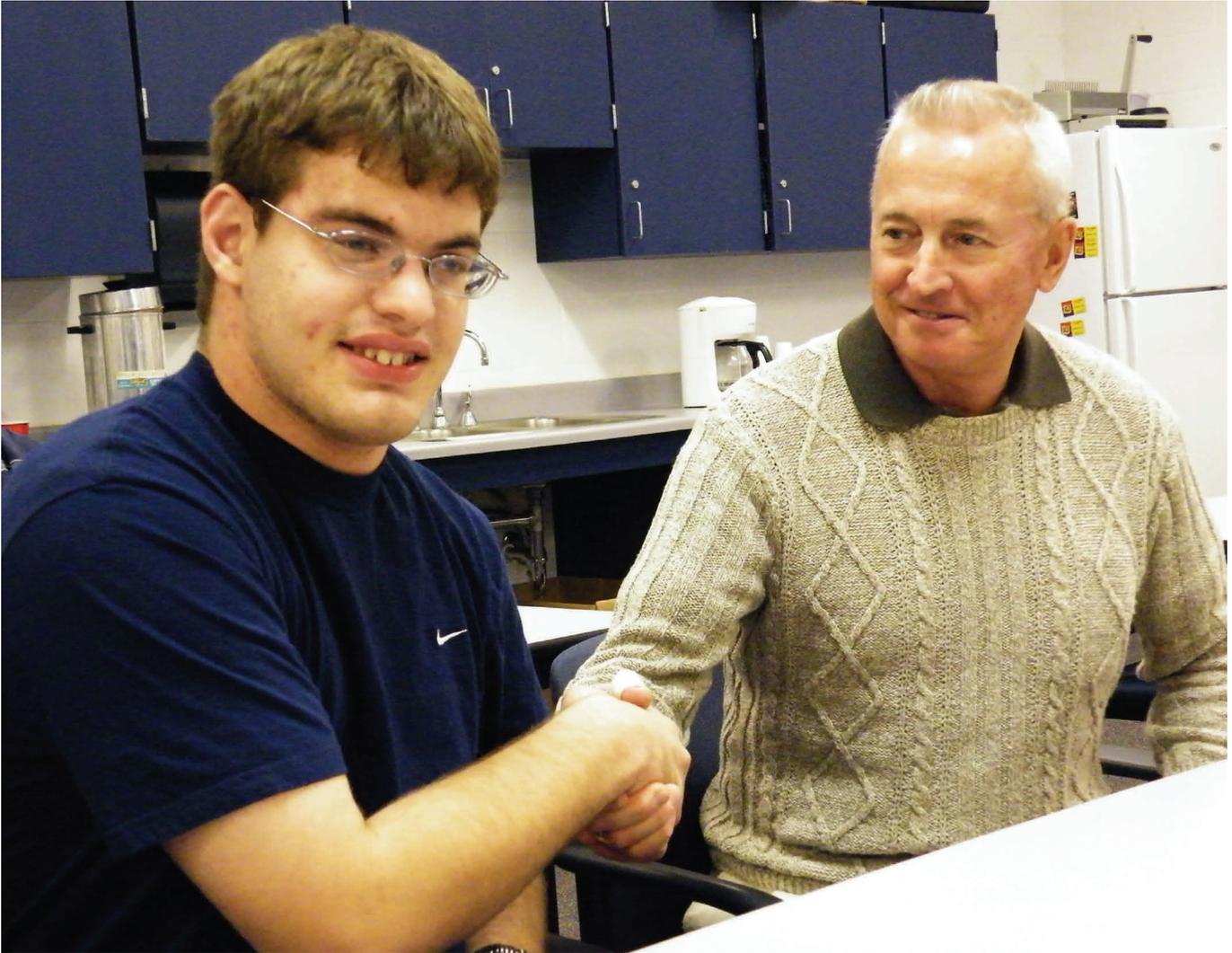
So much has happened in the world of DX over the past several weeks that would please every DXer after a very long dry spell at the bottom of cycle 23. It would appear that there were/are some sunspots attributed to cycle 24 and that there is a dramatic change in the world of DXing. On a personal note I was able to pick up 3 new DXCC entities, including Botswana (A25) Armenia (EK8) and Wallis Island (VK9) and all of these "new ones" were on the 17-meter band which is enjoying fantastic propagation around the world. Working Europe on 17 in the morning is like old times and later in the evening hours I swing the beam 320° to work into JA land. I also did some 15-meters into South and Central America. My continuing success on 40-meters in working into Australia, New Zealand and the Coral Sea areas during the early morning hours (4:00AM) is more fun than one can imagine. Just think, I can talk with Australia on a low band (40-meters) using a ground-mounted vertical, and what a thrill it is to connect with stations you though you'd never be able to get. I cannot even imagine how wonderful the world of DX is going to become as cycle 24 kicks into full gear and—I intend to be there! I continue to preach the necessity of aluminum, lots of aluminum, patience, and above all—good operating techniques and you'll enjoy the best this hobby has to offer. Oh, I almost forgot, TURN ON YOUR RADIOS and enjoy the wonderful world of HF and DXing. So long from Huntersville. 73 for now and good DX—de Bob WØZPE

Do you remember former BAARC member Zoon KA1ZNU?

He was also the radiation oncologist a few years ago at St. Joe's? Well, he has been in Mansfield, Ohio, for some time and recently made the local press there. Here is the link:

<http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080905/NEWS01/809050319/1002>

Test Session/Class Session Interest? If you are interested in taking a ham-licensing class from excellent and experienced teachers, please let Al WØRC know. He can be reached at <w0rc "at" arrl.net> The tentative thought is that a class may start up this winter or spring at the latest—1-3 hr. class meeting once a week for about 6 weeks and ending with a test for the license.

BRAND-NEW HAM

Being a ham for only a few days, Scott Colombe (KDØFMK) of Little Falls is congratulated by Wynn KA3DQN on the right. Scott came up with his dad Greg. Scott is a CLC student and works for a Little Falls radio station. Listen for the new hams on the Club repeater.

Field Day 2008 Results—Report from Lyle KØLFV. If anyone is interested to find out how the Brainerd Amateur Radio Club Field Day performance turned out, here are the results as published on the ARRL website. Out of 2409 entries WØUJ placed 1289th with a total score of 1270. We operated Category 5A and made 188 contacts on various HF and VHF frequencies. The first place F/D station had a score of 33664 and operated a category of 23A with the last place station achieving a score of 2. Everyone who participated had a great time and I am sure that we as a Club are looking forward to achieving even a higher score during our upcoming 2009 Field Day Event. Great fun and great practice communicating! Thanks to all who participated.

November 2008 Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club

Board Member Election Ballot for 2009 Year

Please Vote for the Following Officer Positions

- For President: Al Doree WØRC Write-in: _____
- For Vice-President Steve Mott KCØYTE Write-in: _____
- For Secretary Darrell Schneider ABØVP Write-in: _____
- For Treasurer John Meyer W3MQD Write_in: _____
- For Director-at-Large Roger Williams WØWUG Write-in: _____

Please print and bring this ballot to the November 20, 2008, 7 PM Membership Meeting, which will be held at the Central Lakes College, Room E313, (East Classroom Bldg). Come in from the East Parking Lot and turn right once inside—follow the room numbers around the corner to E313. We have met there before.

If you are unable to attend, you can mail the completed ballot to:

Darrell Schneider, ABØVP

(Secretary) BAARC

12481 Arrowhead Lane

Crosslake, MN 56422

Ballots received by mail at or before 1 PM or in person by the Secretary on November 20, 2008, will be counted at the 7 PM Membership Meeting.

TOWER SITE CLEANUP WORK: Recently, Al WØRC and Roger WØWUG met at the 443.925 MHz repeater site to do a little fall cleanup work. While Roger was whacking down taB weeds and light brush with his Stihl weed-whacker equipped with a nasty-looking machete blade, Al was inside the transmitter hut sweeping up more mouse poop than anyone would think possible. (Yuck!)

Al, who is well known for his ability as a game hunter, bagged himself a nice fat mouse, trying to escape the building. Roger and Al inspected the building, noting where the critters had been entering, finding a few places that need attention. They also cut down a couple scrub "volunteer" trees that were encroaching on the footings of the building. One more work session at the site this fall will have everything in order for the winter.—73—de WØWUG

BAARC Goblin Watch--2008

Twelve radio operators and 3 XYLs from the Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club participated in the Annual Goblin Watch. This three-hour event started at 6:00 PM and ended at 9:00 PM on October 31st. Net control for this event was located at the Brainerd Law Enforcement Center. Eleven radio operators were scattered throughout the communities of Crosby, Ironton, Nisswa, Pequot Lakes, Brainerd, and Baxter. For the most part it was very quiet; however, several suspicious vehicles and pedestrians were detected and reported by us. The law enforcement folks were very pleased to have our assistance during this busy time. Thanks to all who participated in this most worth-while activity.

Participants:

KA3DQN Wynn - worked the Crosby-Ironton area
 W5CCL Charles - worked the Crosby-Ironton area
 KIØFW Terry - worked the Crosby-Ironton area
 W3MQD John and Vi - worked the Pequot Lakes-Nisswa area
 WBØCZZ Tom - worked the Pequot Lakes area
 KDØDUA Patrick - worked the Pequot Lakes area
 KBØMNM Jon and Karen -worked the Baxter area
 KØHHF Tom and Kristi - worked the Baxter area
 KDØERE Doug - worked the Brainerd area
 KDØDTZ Eric - worked the Brainerd area
 WØTNT Steve - worked as net control



Special thanks to WØRC for coordinating this event. 73—de Steve WØTNT

SOLAR UPDATE

Tad "The sway of magic potent over Sun and star" Cook, K7RA, last week reported: Sunspot 1007 is still there, but probably rotating off the visible solar disk sometime today. This is the eighth sunspot of the new solar cycle -- and also the largest. Sunspot numbers for October 30-November 5 were 13, 16, 16, 17, 18, 14 and 11 with a mean of 15. The 10.7 cm flux was 66.8, 68.1, 66.7, 69.1, 69.5, 68 and 67.7 with a mean of 68. The estimated planetary A indices were 11, 6, 1, 2, 1, 1 and 0 with a mean of 3.1. The estimated mid-latitude A indices were 11, 5, 0, 2, 1, 1 and 0 with a mean of 2.9. For more information concerning radio propagation, visit the ARRL Technical Information Service Propagation page <<http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/propagation.html>>.

**Sunday Night Net Control Operators
on the 147.225 MHz+ Repeater at 8 PM:**

11/02/08 Jim WØJDS
 11/09/08 Tom KØHHF
 11/16/08 John KBØMNM
 11/23/08 Al KBØGWB
 11/30/08 Doug KDØERE

12/07/08 Mike NØGAU
 12/14/08 Tom WBØCZZ
 12/21/08 Dick WØECJ
 12/28/08 Pat WØETY

Can't make the schedule? Find a substitute operator. BAARC Sunday Night Net Control Coordinator is Fritz WØKO. Contact him to volunteer.



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A Note of Appreciation

The BAARC Leadership Team deserves our collective thanks. Lyle KØLFV has done an outstanding job as President, and it is not surprising he is not seeking another term. The job is demanding. Also, we must at the same time thank the other three officers for again throwing their hats into the ring: Steve KCØYTE, John W3MQD, and Darrell ABØVP. Also we want to recognize that Al WØRC, who has so ably served us before, has once again volunteered to lead us in 2009. Of course, we must mention that John WØWY, who has served in many capacities before—most recently as Director-at-Large—will continue other important and necessary functions in the Club. Roger WØWUG, a long-time member, has thankfully agreed to run for the latter's position. Roger brings lots of electronic expertise to the BAARC. Again, thank you, past officers and 2009 candidates.

United We Stand



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