

Bloomington Amateur Radio Association

June 6, 2017 Monthly Meeting – Minutes

The club VHF Repeater frequency: 147.09 Mhz + (tone 100 hz)

The club website: <http://mnhamradio.com>

The June 6, 2017 meeting of the Bloomington Amateur Radio Association (BARA) was held in the Haeg Conference Room at Civic Plaza.

Business Meeting Highlights:

- The June meeting of the Bloomington Amateur Radio Association (BARA) was called to order by Club President Matt Holden, K0BBC.
 1. Meeting minutes from the May 2, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted.
 2. Brian Esmay, Club Treasurer reported the current balance was not substantially changed from the balance on April 22, 2017, which was \$1189.23, although the exact figure was not on hand.
 3. Field Day will be held June 24-25, 2017, with the Richfield Club at the Richfield Community Center at 70th and Nicollet.
 4. The next meeting will be held on September 5, 2017. Members are encouraged to participate in a pre-meeting net on the 147.09+ (100hz tone) repeater. Start time for the net will likely be around 6:30 PM local time.
 5. HF antenna: the HF antenna strung on the roof of City Hall is not meeting the needs for the location (does not tune well on 80 and 40 m due to low height above roof). At Dayton Hamvention, Bill AE0EE and Matt K0BBC found a vertical which would likely work much better, starting around \$250.
 6. Jim Luzar (N0QHM) made a motion, seconded by Wayne Snyder (KC0ZJB), to authorize \$250 +/-50 for purchasing the vertical antenna and related paraphernalia. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

• **Meeting Presentation**

The program at the June meeting had two halves. The first half was Bill Mitchell (AE0EE) presenting about the various activities coming up at Field Day, including HF operation, digital modes (JT9 and JT65), meteor scatter, and transmitter hunting. The second half was presented by Don Clay (KC0TJ) on go-kits and microshacks.

• **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Bloomington Amateur Radio Association Membership dues are payable for the 2017: Membership dues are as follows:

- Individual Membership: **\$15.00**
- Family Membership: **\$20.00**

- Dues may be paid at the June meeting or made on line using the hyperlink below.

<https://mnhamradio.com/membership/pay-dues/>

Announcements:

The **next meeting** of the Bloomington Amateur Radio Association will be held Tuesday **September 5, 2017** at 7:30 PM, in the Haeg Conference room at Civic Plaza.

UPCOMING CONTESTS

Bill Mitchell, AEOEE is providing an ongoing listing of upcoming events via the club reflector. Thanks Bill for keeping members aware of these activities.

See Bill's announcements in the club reflector at KD0CL@googlegroups.com or check out the WA7BNM contest calendar: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/weeklycont.php>

AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE EXAMS

Amateur Radio License Exam Tests will be held in the Bloomington on June 24, 2017 and many Saturdays throughout the year. Schedules for 2017 as well as additional information may be obtained at <http://www.bloomington-ve.org>.

Field Day 2017

Field Day for 2017 will take place June 24-25, 2017 at the Richfield Community Center at 7000 Nicollet Ave, Richfield, MN. Radio operation will commence at 1:00 PM local time Saturday, and will continue through noon or 1 PM local time Sunday. Please sign up [using this link \(https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YH3Z6WY\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YH3Z6WY) so we know how many folks are coming and when.

Hamfests

Several hamfests are coming up soon; more details on the Dakota Division webpage, www.arrldakota.org

- MAGIC Tailgate, July 8, Roseville, MN
- Brainerd Tailgate Hamfest, August 19, Brainerd, MN
- Northern Plains Regional Radio Club hamfest, August 26, Brewster, MN (featuring license exams, forums)
- Rush City Radio Rendezvous, September 9, Rush City, MN

Bill Mitchell, AEOEE, filling in for Dan Royer KE0OR
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See club website at: <https://mnhamradio.com/> and the club reflector at KD0CL@googlegroups.com

2017 Club Officers

- President, Matt Holden, KOBBC
- Vice President, Bill Mitchell, AEOEE
- Treasurer, Brian Esmay, ADOMJ
- Secretary, Dan Royer, KE0OR
- Special Projects, Matthew Stepaniak, NOTNL

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