

## DARC Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

8/11/26

### Computer News . . .

Unfortunately, Computer Scams are getting more clever. Keeping your guard up on the Internet is a super cool idea. Here's some good info from Avast Free Antivirus :

#### Phishing

Phishing is making false Websites or E-mails to trick people into handing over your personal banking info so they can rip you off. Most of the phishing scams are well made & look very much like a official website with logos they copied & pasted in place. These fake websites are able to avoid antivirus & spam blockers cuz the domain name may be legitimate. Some are poorly made so anyone paying attention to detail, would likely notice it's suspicious. Watch for misspelled words, extra periods or dashes, logos that don't look right & the sense of urgency where you must act now.

#### How to avoid phishing attempts

Don't panic if you see an extremely alarming or alerting E-mail. Most use a fake Netflix, HBO Max, Sirius Satellite Radio, Amazon, E-Bay accounts, Cloud Storage, etc saying your Credit Card payment failed & they want you to Log In **HERE** so they can capture your Credit card Numbers & rip you off. Pay close attention cuz it's probably a scam. If you get a suspicious E-mail, don't click on any Links or **Pay Here Box**. Delete the E-mail.

Some other phishing scams to watch for are Fake Websites. A fake AT & T login page shown below. Careful you don't share a User Name or Password with them. Watch for misspellings, out of place elements, typos, errors & fake logos. Pay close attention when you're On Line & watch for Scams.

## **Some Trends to Watch For . . .**

- 1. Human Verification becomes the new norm :**  
Verifying the Human will become necessary to make sure imposters don't go undetected.
- 2. More trust issues with AI :**  
There are Scams so good at exploiting your feelings that they now use real time sentiment to put together a Con in minutes.
- 3. Scams take on a new look.**
- 4. Browsers are breeding grounds for deception :**  
Browsers used to be a neutral window into the Internet, but not anymore. They're the first place criminals look. Your every day Tabs are convenient footholds for attack. Watch out for seemingly legitimate Websites that hide Malware behind near perfect AI generated content.

## **New Life in the Old Milaca Repeater . . .**

Some DARC Members helped fix the Milaca Repeater & get it working good. It's still on 145.350 - . The old Tone is gone & now runs a DCS 172. It is now linked on FM to our Minnesota Allstar Hub & is part of the DARC FM Net. It's new Repeater is a Yaesu FM or Fusion Digital latest model. It works good on FM or Fusion Digital. Many stations are hitting it with 5 watts.

## **Brainerd Free Tailgate Hamfest . . .**

**By the Brainerd Radio Club**

**Our Annual Tailgate/Hamfest will be taking place this coming Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds and we still need 2 to 3 Volunteers to help direct Sellers and Buyers to the designated parking areas. Volunteer times would be 7:30 to 10:00 AM. Seller set-up will be 8:00 to 9:00 AM and Event times are 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

**We would also appreciate any donations of Amateur Related items to sell at our Barter Table. Your donation would help our Club raise money to help cover the cost of Repeater Upgrades which we will start doing later this year.**

**This is a Rain or Shine event and if for some reason we have Bad Weather we will move the event into one of the Large Fairgrounds Building.**

**Volunteers to Date:**

**Shirley KØDCW and Pat NØCXC will be at the Fairgrounds Entrance handing out informational flyers and directing Sellers and Buyers to the designated areas.**

**Gus WØYJC will be at the Barter Selling Table and Colleen WØYIV will be at the Welcome/Information area handing out Snack Bars and Water.**

**Your donation and or your help would be greatly appreciated and if you can volunteer please contact me for additional information. Thank you**

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**Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club**



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**<http://brainerdham.org/>**

**St Cloud Free Tailgate Hamfest . . .**

**The St Cloud Radio Club Free Tailgate Hamfest was held on 7/25/26.  
Our newest Ham 14 year old Ryker got a new keyer to learn CW.**

**D-Star News . . .**

**Please see attached Iowa D-Star net 20260808.**

**To Be Continued . . .**

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