



## Membership Form 2015

# Ham Hum

This form may be used for any of the following purposes (check all that apply):

- Pay Dues ( New  Renew)
- Change of Mailing Address
- Update personal information (new callsign, upgrade, etc.)

### Personal Information

Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member?  Yes  No

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Ham Hum Delivery:  Mail  Email

### Spouse Information (complete only for spouse applying at same time)

Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member?  Yes  No

### Minor Dependent (complete only for minors applying at the same time)

Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member?  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

### New Member Application Signature

I agree to conduct my activities in accord with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues (January thru December)		
For Club Use Only – DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA		
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Member	\$20.00 year	Amount: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Accompanying Spouse	\$ 4.00 year	Amount: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Accompanying Minor Dependent	\$ 4.00 year times number of minors renewing	Amount: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Member (full time student)	\$ 8.00 year	Amount: _____
		Total Paid: _____

Make sure your information is correct and return this form to the Club with your dues. Dues are payable at any time and are considered in arrears if not received by Feb 28. Club members renewing within two years of their last year of paid membership must still pay the the full years dues. After two years, members must reapply for membership.

## HtKWiy,Y



Jim Westcott KAØKCV

That is, *How to Keep What Is Yours, Yours*. Over the past year, a number of AARC members have been the victims of theft; property stolen from their car or their homes. So it was appropriate that Jim Westcott, KAØKCV, a retired deputy sheriff who'd worked in the burglary division, to give a talk on the subject.

Jim covered some of the aspects of theft from a law officer's point of view, such as the differences between theft and burglary, why pawn shops have to keep items on site for 13 days, and the recent increase in gang activity and break-ins.

However, his main topic was about the steps that can be taken to reduce the likelihood of being robbed. A couple of examples included investing in security systems for cars (if not already equipped) and homes; plus hiding some items such as garage door openers and vehicle registration: if your car is broken into while you're at work, the thief now knows where you live and has a possible means to get in.

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## Time to Nominate AARC Officers

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### November Meeting: EZNEC Antennas



For the November presentation, Fred Erikson, KBØLF, talks about the EZNEC antenna modeling software and how to use it. You don't want to miss it.

Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, Red Cross Building, 81<sup>st</sup> & Spring Streets, Omaha, NE.

HAM HUM is the official newsletter of the AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc. in Omaha, Nebraska. It is printed monthly and is distributed to members of the club, local disaster officials, local electronics outlets, and editors of other ham radio newsletters.

Articles about activities of members are solicited. The subject matter must be of general interest to radio amateurs and be understandable to a significant portion of the membership. No payment will be made to contributors and submissions will be subject to the usual editorial review. Articles containing statements that could be construed as libel or slander will not be accepted. No guarantee can be made that an accepted article will be published by a certain date. Send your contributions to Ham Hum, P.O. Box 24551, Omaha, NE 68124-0551 or email hamhum@aksarbenarc.org. Please contact the editor for permission to reprint anything appearing in the Ham Hum.

### Club Officers & Board Members

President	Adam Kavan	KDØMMG	402-598-1521	akavan@gmail.com
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### Address Change?

If you've changed your mailing address, or would prefer to receive the *Ham Hum* via email, please contact Mary NØTRK (Membership) or Bill KCØSVZ (Publications) with your new information.

### AARC on the Web

**Club Web Site:** <http://www.aksarbenarc.org/>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/aksarbenarc>

**Yahoo! Groups:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AKSARBENTalk/>

## AARC Officer Nominations

We have once again reached the time of year for Club Officer nominations. This includes President, Vice-President, and Directors. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions.

**President:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vice-President:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

Assess your dedication, position, and ability to accept a floor nomination. Help continue to keep AARC an ongoing strong organization. Realistically, it takes only a couple hours each month. If you are interested or willing to take a position please contact one of the current Club officers to discuss the details. Please consider helping.

## AK-SAR-BEN ARC PROXY

This form is used to have your vote represented by a member attending the annual business meeting in the event you are unable to attend. If you cannot attend, decide on whom or what you wish to vote and instruct the recipient of your proxy to do so.

Known by all men by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_ as attorney and proxy to appear and cast the votes which the undersigned, as a member of the AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc., is entitled to cast at the annual meeting of said corporation, to be held at the Heartland Chapter House of the American Red Cross, 2912 South 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska on December 12, 2014, and at any adjournment thereof. The undersigned hereby instructs said attorney to vote:

1. For the election of new directors and officers of the corporation, and
2. Upon any other business which may properly be brought before the meeting of any adjournments thereof.

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

## Veep Sweeps Winner

Kudos to Mitch WBØGBI for winning First Place, Nebraska Section, in the 2013 ARRL November Sweeps (SSB). He scored 63,294 points for Single Operator Unlimited, High Power. (Due to delays at the ARRL, the certificate didn't arrive until a few weeks ago.) Mitch is also to be congratulated for earning his Amateur Extra license last month.

Note: If you've recently upgraded your license, or won an award related to amateur radio, please let us know and we'll see that you get a mention in the *Ham Hum*.



Bill KCØSVZ

## 2014 Market-to-Market Relay

A hardy group of hams spent most of a Saturday on October 11 providing communication support to the Market-to-Market Relay Race. The Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club provides communication to the first half of the race—which covers points from Memorial Park to the Platte River, plus winding through parts of Omaha, Bellevue, Papillion, and Springfield.

Several of our regulars were not able to make it this year, but a couple of "newbies" to the event stepped up and we managed to cover all our assigned points. Some of the helpers were out of bed braving the dark and cold as early as 4:30 AM to help keep the runners on track and the organizers informed on the progress. It takes about five hours just to start all the runners in groups.

The cool weather is good for the runners and many of the participants dress in unusual costumes and compete for best costume, best name, and best decorated support van.

No runners strayed from the trail or ran past the exchange points under the watch of the AARC this year. That is a first, so great job to all the volunteers. Thanks again to all who helped!

Steve NØUP	Dave NØJSB	Chris Rice	Virginia NØVMH
Jim KAØKCV	Wayne KE6DZD	Pat KØCTU	Jerry W9JD
Justin KDØBPH	Rob AI7Q	Kevin KAØVNY	Brian KDØSVD

de-Mary NØTRK

## Veep Speaks



Our November program will be given by Fred Erikson, KBØLF, a member of our club, on how to use the EZNEC computer program on antenna modeling. If you have an antenna design that you want to put in a certain space at a certain height, this program will predict its performance. There are questions on the Amateur Extra test on this modeling program, so it is relevant if you plan on upgrading your license.

I attended the Volunteer Examiner session this past Sept 30 at the Red Cross to upgrade my license to Extra Class. The volunteers were from several area ham clubs. Marv, AEØEG was one of the hams from our club. I was impressed with how well run and organized the testing session was. The VE's congratulated those that passed their ham exams, and were sympathetic and encouraging to those that didn't pass. We are fortunate to have such well run exam sessions available to us. My thanks go out to them.

If you upgrade your license, or know of anyone else in our club that upgrades, please let me or one of the other officers know. You should be given recognition for this accomplishment and it will encourage others to upgrade as well.

Mitch WBØGBI, Vice President AARC



## Marion Michael Wilczynski, WBØBMV, Silent Key

Mike Wilczynski, WBØBMV, passed away at his home, surrounded by his family, on October 18, 2014. He was 84. Mike started playing with radios in the 1940s as a kid and got very active in amateur radio. He served as past president of Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club in 1974 and 1975. Mike was my neighbor and elmer when I started in 1971 and was always eager to help anyone in need.

Mike also taught me a lot about carpentry as I worked with him summers and some weekends during school. I remember taking a couple of trips to visit another ham, Ray Howerter, at Lake of the Woods, Canada, complete with generator and ham station. That was a long time ago!

Jon Penner, N5MHI

# Club Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2014

Bill WA9ASD, Secretary AARC

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by the Vice-President Mitch, WBØGBI by saying the Pledge of Allegiance followed by introductions by name and call. There were 25 attendees.

Officers and Board members present included: Mitch, WBØGBI; Dave, NØJSB; Bill, WA9ASD; Barb, KCØHLB and Russ, NØMNW.

Secretary's Report - Bill, WA9ASD - A motion was made by Barb, KCØHLB, seconded by Mary, NØTRK to accept the minutes of the previous club meeting as published in *Ham Hum*. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Dave, NØJSB - In the month of September there were deposits of \$27 for refreshments, \$40 for memberships, \$187 for excess club equipment sold and \$1,337.66 from Flea-Esta. Payments consisted of \$14.50 for refreshments, \$24.70 to the Washington County Treasurer for the license plates for the N6KVA trailer, \$294 for stamps for *Ham Hum*, \$200 for the annual insurance premium for the club's liability insurance, \$742.62 for Flea-Esta expenses and a \$3 bank fee. This leaves the balance of all the club accounts at \$21,929.17.

President's Report - Adam, KDØMMG - no report

Vice President's Report - Mitch, WBØGBI - Tonight's program will be presented by Jim Westcott, KAØKCV on "How To Keep What Is Yours, Yours". The November program will be by Fred Eriksen, KBØLF on the EZNEC Antenna Modeling software.

## Public Service

- ARES - Steve, NØUP - There will be a combined OMMRS and ARES training session on December 16 at 6:30 PM at a location to be determined. The topic is yet to be determined also.
- SATERN - Jim, KAØKCV - We're workin'!
- Community Events - Pat, KØCTU - On October 12 the Crop Walk will be held from 1 PM until 5 PM starting at 62nd and Western. We need a couple more volunteers. On October 11 the Market-To-Market Relay will be held beginning at 4:30 AM until about 3 PM. There will be about 300 teams participating.

Education Committee - Mary, NØTRK - The class is over and 4 people passed their tests on last Tuesday. The next class will be after the first of the year.

Membership Committee - Mary, NØTRK - no report

## Publications/Web Services

- *Ham Hum* - Bill, KCØSVZ - *Ham Hum* was mailed one day late. There is an opening on the staff for the editor's position. There will be a sign-up meeting after the club meeting.
- Web Site - Mary, NØTRK - It's there and we're on Facebook and Twitter.

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Jim also discussed ways of making it easier to recover the property. Take photos of your items with a scale (such as a small ruler) next to them. This will give investigators an idea of their size. Also photograph the item serial numbers, if they have them, and put the information in a spreadsheet. In other words, take accurate inventory. Make three copies of your inventory: one for your records, another for your insurance company, and one for off-site storage—someone trusted or a safety deposit box. Buy an engraving tool and put a unique identifier on your property—your call sign, for example. For items such as tools, spray paint over the engraving to make it harder to remove.

Jim's talk was educational and made for a worthwhile evening. He stated that you need to help the officers as much as you can. The more information you can give them that is accurate, the better the chance of getting back what is yours.

Bill KCØSVZ

## Club Calendar

Nov 12	7:30 PM LARC Meeting, 4647 Superior St., Lincoln, NE.
Nov 14	7:00 PM AARC Meeting. Red Cross Building, 81 <sup>st</sup> & Spring St., Omaha, NE.
Nov 15	<b>6:00 PM AARC Coffee. Perkins Restaurant, 108<sup>th</sup> &amp; L Streets, Omaha, NE.</b>
Nov 16	3:00 PM AARC Rabbit Hunt. Memorial Park, 57 <sup>th</sup> and Underwood.
Nov 19	7:00 PM Heartland Hams, 403 Railroad Ave., Glenwood, IA.
Nov 20	7:30 PM BARC Meeting. Masonic Hall, 1908 Franklin St., Bellevue, NE.
Nov 20	7:30 PM PARC Meeting. 1900 E. Military Ave, Fremont, NE ( <i>see Notes, below</i> ).
Nov 20	7:30 PM SWIARC Meeting. 705 N 16 <sup>th</sup> , Council Bluffs, IA ( <i>see Notes, below</i> ).
Nov 25	6:30 PM AARC Directors' Meeting. Village Inn, 78th & Dodge St., Omaha, NE.
Nov 25	6:30 PM AARC License Exam, Red Cross Building, 81st & Spring St., Omaha NE.
Dec 4	<i>Ham Hum</i> article submission deadline.
Dec 4	6:30 PM LARC License Exam. See <a href="http://k0kkv.org/">http://k0kkv.org/</a> for details.
Dec 10	7:30 PM LARC Meeting, 4647 Superior St., Lincoln, NE.
Dec 12	7:00 PM AARC Meeting. Red Cross Building, 81 <sup>st</sup> & Spring St., Omaha, NE.
Dec 13	11:00 AM HBQRP, Bredeaux Pizza, 1425 Silver St., Ashland, NE.
Dec 17	7:00 PM Heartland Hams, 403 Railroad Ave., Glenwood, IA.
Dec 18	7:30 PM BARC Meeting. Masonic Hall, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue, NE.
Dec 20	6:00 PM AARC Coffee. Perkins Restaurant, 108 <sup>th</sup> & L Streets, Omaha, NE.
Dec 21	3:00 PM AARC Rabbit Hunt. Memorial Park, 57 <sup>th</sup> and Underwood.
Dec ??	7:30 PM PARC Meeting. 1900 E. Military Ave, Fremont, NE ( <i>see Notes below</i> ).
Dec 23	6:30 PM AARC Directors' Meeting. Village Inn, 78th & Dodge St, Omaha, NE.
Dec 27	7:30 PM SWIARC Dinner Meeting. China Buffet, 17 <sup>th</sup> & Broadway, C.B., IA.

## Notes

- Due to a conflict with Thanksgiving, both PARC and SWIARC will be meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup> instead of the fourth Thursday.
- PARC December date is yet to be determined.

For more details and the latest updates, see the *Calendar* section of the AARC web site (<http://www.aksarbenarc.org/>). If you know of an event of interest to other hams and want to see it here, please contact the *Ham Hum* editor or one of the AARC officers.

## Area Nets

### Monday

7:00 PM 145.290 South-West Iowa ARES Glenwood, IA.  
8:00 PM 144.250 NE Missouri SWOT.  
9:00 PM 146.940 AARC Chat Net. Ak-Sar-Ben ARC Omaha, NE.

### Tuesday

7:00 PM 147.360 QCWA Net, Chapter 210 (seasonal, October through March).  
8:00 PM 50.200 6m SSB Net.  
9:00 PM 145.310 Washington Co. ARES Washington Co, NE.

### Wednesday

7:00 PM 146.670 Dodge Co. ARES Dodge Co, NE.  
7:30 PM 7.122 CW Four State QRP Comfortable Net.  
8:00 PM 3.564 CW Four State QRP Comfortable Net.  
8:00 PM 145.310 Saunders Co. ARES Saunders Co, NE.  
8:30 PM 7.122 CW Four State QRP Comfortable Net.  
9:00 PM 3.580.5 PSK Four State QRP Comfortable Net.  
9:00 PM 146.820 Pottawattamie County ARES Council Bluffs, IA.

### Thursday

8:30 AM 7.122 CW Four State QRP 40M Morning Net.  
7:30 PM 145.310- Lincoln/Omaha SATERN Net. Ashland, NE.  
8:00 PM 28.350 10-Meter Net.  
8:00 PM 144.250 2-Meter SSB Net.  
8:00 PM 146.360 Heartland DX Association.  
9:00 PM 28.305 10-Meter Net.

### Saturday

12:00 PM 146.82 Swap Net Council Bluffs, IA.  
8:30 PM 3.921.000 QCWA Chapter 20.

### Sunday

8:00 AM 3.902.500 Swap Net.  
8:30 AM 3.896.000 3900 Club.  
8:30 PM 443.925+ (103.5 tone) IRLP Net.  
9:00 PM 146.940- Douglas Co. ARES net, KØUSA repeater.

Please let us know of any updates or corrections to the above.

## AARC Equipment Loaner Program

Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club members who are in good standing and possessing an active FCC issued US Amateur Radio License may borrow one of two Icom HTs. Each radio is a basic two meter transceiver with an NiMH battery and charger. It is perfect for when you need to borrow a rig to help with that community service event, or if you are itching to get on the air as you shop for your new radio.

Other equipment includes an ARRL *Introduction to Morse Code* CD set and (in the near future) an MFJ-259B antenna analyzer. A policy for the antenna analyzer is still being set—see the AARC web page at <http://www.aksarbenarc.org/main/> for its status.

You can check out a radio for one month at any Club meeting and return it at the next. Alternately, you can contact the equipment committee at [equipment-committee@aksarbenarc.org](mailto:equipment-committee@aksarbenarc.org). For more details, see the AARC web page listed above.

*de AARC Equipment Committee*

## (Club Meeting Minutes *continued from page 4.*)

Repeater Committee - John, WBØCMC - It's working. The club accepts donations for any area repeater and forwards the money to the appropriate owner.

Field Day - It's over.

QSL and Technical Committee - Eddy, KØIL - no report

Courtesy Committee - Bill, KEØXQ - no report

Trailer/Equipment Committee - Mary, NØTRK - no report

Public Awareness - The Mini-Maker Fare at the Durham Museum on Saturday September 13 was a lot of fun with the bike generator with lots of kids trying it.

Flea-Esta - Chris Rice - It's over and we lost \$9.32.

Old Business - Pat and Kevin helped WØSMY with some antenna work.

New Business - The club has set up an Amazon Smile Foundation account. When you buy things on Amazon, click on the Amazon Smile Foundation link and select Aksarben ARC and 0.5% of your purchase will be donated to the club.

Announcements - The Sooland ARC Hamboree 2014 will be tomorrow in Sergeant Bluff.

- Marv, AEØEG announced that he has Douglas County Voter's Guides available.
- The QCWA of Lincoln is sponsoring the Nebraska Counties on the Air tomorrow from 8 AM until 5 PM. Get on and activate a rare county.
- The Transmitter Hunt will be on Sunday October 19 at 3 PM. Dave, NØJSB will be hiding the transmitter.
- Rollie, ABØNN announced that for tonight's door prize drawings what he couldn't provide in quality is made up for in quantity. Unlike last month the Mr. Reeh Door Prize and the Brown Bag Door Prize are new and improved tonight. All tickets purchased are held and used in the drawing at the December meeting for the annual Grand Door Prize.
- Coffee and cookies are available in the kitchen thanks to Don, WBØVGB. Please help yourself and donate to offset the cost of this.

At 7:33 PM a motion was made by John, WBØCMC, seconded by a number of people to end the meeting. So moved.

*Bill WA9ASD, Secretary AARC*

## BOARD MEETING NOTICE

The next AARC Board Meeting is scheduled for November 25, 2014, 6:30 PM at the Village Inn on 78th and Dodge Streets. Unless noted otherwise, Board meetings take place at that time and location on the fourth Tuesday of the month. For any changes to this schedule, check for an announcement at the next club meeting, or on the AARC web page at <http://www.aksarbenarc.org/>.

## Want Ads

FREE TO A GOOD HOME Tektronix video waveform monitor with book. It worked the last time I used it. Contact: John WBØCMC at 402-932-3443, or email [wb0cmc@cox.net](mailto:wb0cmc@cox.net)

Wanted: Byonics Tiny Tracker Looking for any version of a Byonics Tiny Tracker APRS device in good condition. If you have one you aren't using, I'll be happy to take it off your hands. Interested in TT3 or TT4. Other items considered as well. Price \$20.00. Contact Mary NØTRK at the next AARC meeting, or email [n0trk@arrl.net](mailto:n0trk@arrl.net)

For Sale: Kenwood TS-870S AT (with DSP) HF Amateur band transceiver in VERY NICE shape with the original manual, matching PS-52 Power Supply, SP-31 speaker, and MC-80 desk mic. A great looking and performing radio! Read the details direct from Kenwood at this link: <http://tinyurl.com/km6cea6> Price: \$1,200.00. Contact an AARC officer at the next meeting, or send an email to the club web site at: <http://tinyurl.com/p55ckov>

For Sale: Anderson Power Poles I have some extra Anderson Power Poles (new). Too many to store in the parts drawers. These are the 30 amp variety. Price: \$1.00 per pair (1 Set of Black and Red connectors). Contact: Mary NØTRK at the next AARC meeting or email [n0trk@arrl.net](mailto:n0trk@arrl.net)

Job Opening: Ham Hum Editor Position available in March, 2015. This is a low-stress job where you set the hours. Put on some music once a month, then kick back and dictate some copy to your secretary; describe in general terms what pictures you want and how the layout should appear. Your staff will take care of the rest. Also, Santa will give you a pony for Christmas. If this sounds like the job you've been looking for, contact Bill KCØSVZ at [kc0svz@gmail.com](mailto:kc0svz@gmail.com) or any club officer at the next meeting.

### *Want to Use KØUSA 146.940 for Community Service Events?*

The KØUSA repeater is an open system and is available for any licensed ham radio operator to use. We welcome other clubs and organizations to use it for providing communications support for nonprofit activities. To avoid scheduling conflicts, the Club asks that you obtain permission from the AARC Repeater Committee *at least* 72 hours in advance. To submit your request, please click the *KØUSA Use Request Form* link on the AARC web site: <http://tinyurl.com/msodyvh>

### NEBRASKA DMR-MARC [KØBOY] REPEATER SYSTEM

KØBOY	442.650	(I-480 & Harney Street – Omaha, Ne)
KCØHYI	442.775	(Nebraska Highway 50 – Weeping Water, NE)
KBØZZT	442.275	(1500 Wayne Street – Bellevue, NE)
WBØQQK	442.425	(13 <sup>th</sup> & O Street – Lincoln, NE)
KIØPY	444.975	(105 <sup>th</sup> Street & I-80 – Omaha, NE)
WAØRJR	442.800	(Nebraska City, NE)
WØAAI	TBA	(158 <sup>th</sup> & West Maple Road – Omaha, NE)

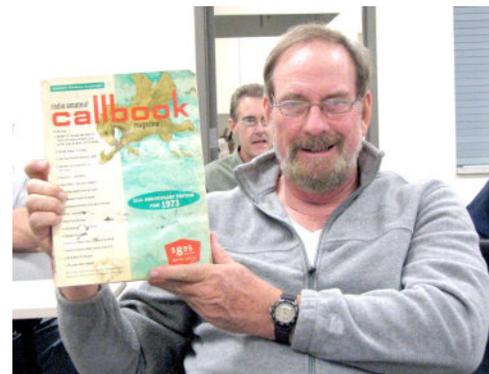
## October Door Prizes

In October, to counterbalance the quantity over quality prizes of the September meeting, Bestower of Excellent-Goods Rollie ABØNN, went for quality rather than quantity: a CEN-TCH power inverter, a Chicago Halogen Shop Light, a set of Pittsburgh 16-foot Heavy Duty Booster Cables, and a Drillmaster Cordless 3/8" Drill/Driver with keyless chuck.

There was also the Brown Bag Prize and the Mr. Reeh Door Prize—which go beyond classifications such as "quality."

Chris Rice drew the tickets.

The first winner was Mitch WBØGBI who got the power inverter. Next, Dave NØJSB was awarded the shop light. The set of booster cables went to Nick NØFEZ. Through luck of the draw, Mary NØTRK got the Brown Bag Prize, which turned out to be a 10-inch cable cutter. Through no luck at all, Brian KDØSVD got stuck with the Mr. Reeh Door Prize. Opening the ominously heavy package, he discovered that it contained a tattered copy of the *Radio Amateur Call Book*.



*Brian KDØSVD displays his rare book.*

Technobibliophile and old-book mavin Bill WA9ASD identified it as an "...original 51st Anniversary Edition on the North American Call Book for the year 1973. Only \$8.95 at your newsstand." He went on to show some of the newer hams how to use it to look up information on a particular call sign—a skill now rare in this age of the FCC ULS, QRZ.COM, and other online databases.

Note that the proceeds for each month's tickets go for buying next month's prizes. Also, all tickets are kept and included in the Grand Prize drawing in December (*next month, people*).

*Bill KCØSVZ*

### WØEQM Repeater Back on the Air

John WBØCMC reported on October 22<sup>nd</sup> that the Red Cross repeater, WØEQM, 443.775 MHz, went back on the air around 3:30 PM that day. He arrived on site at 10 AM and worked with Dan NØPOT until four or five PM to check the system.

Joe Francis of Pinpoint Communications and two others were the tower crew. They set up the antenna on the northwest side of the Channel 42/15 tower at about the 1,115-foot level. John said that reaching it with a hand held from Lincoln is not a problem.

*[Note: Joe has helped John before with tower work. See page 7 of the May, 2014 issue of the Ham Hum. --Bill, KCØSVZ]*

# Contest Calendar

## November 2014

CQ-WE Contest

EANET Sprint

QRP Fox Hunt

CWops Mini-CWT Test (20 wpm)

RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB

NCCC RTTY Sprint

QRP Fox Hunt

SARL Field Day Contest

Feld Hell Sprint

All Austrian 160-Meter Contest

RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW

NA Collegiate ARC Championship, SSB

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB

Homebrew and Oldtime Equipment Party

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest

QRP Fox Hunt

CWops Mini-CWT Test

NAQCC CW Sprint

NCCC RTTY Sprint

QRP Fox Hunt

YO International PSK31 Contest

LZ DX Contest

SKCC Sprint

CWops Mini-CWT Test

QRP ARCI Topband Sprint

RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW

NCCC RTTY Sprint

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW

## December 2014

ARS Spartan Sprint

NRAU 10m Activity Contest

NCCC RTTY Sprint

ARRL 160-Meter Contest

TARA RTTY Melee

ARRL EME Contest

Wake-Up! QRP Sprint

TOPS Activity Contest

Ten-Meter RTTY Contest

SARL Digital Contest

1900Z-2300Z, Nov 8 (CW/Digital) and

0100Z-0500Z, Nov 9 (Phone) and

1900Z-2300Z, Nov 9 (Phone) and

0100Z-0500Z, Nov 10 (CW/Digital)

0800Z-1200Z, Nov 9

0200Z-0330Z, Nov 12

1300Z-1400Z, 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 12 and

0300Z-0400Z, Nov 13

2000Z-2100Z, Nov 12

0145Z-0215Z, Nov 14

0200Z-0330Z, Nov 14

1000Z, Nov 15 to 1000Z, Nov 16

1600Z-1800Z, Nov 15

1600Z, Nov 15 to 0700Z, Nov 16

2100Z, Nov 15 to 0100Z, Nov 16

2100Z, Nov 15 to 0300Z, Nov 17

2100Z, Nov 15 to 0300Z, Nov 17

1300-1500Z (40m), 1500-1700Z, (80m) Nov 16

0200Z-0400Z, Nov 17

0200Z-0330Z, Nov 19

1300Z-1400Z, 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 19 and

0300Z-0400Z, Nov 20

0130Z-0330Z, Nov 20

0145Z-0215Z, Nov 21

0200Z-0330Z, Nov 21

1600Z-2200Z, Nov 21

1200Z, Nov 22 to 1200Z, Nov 23

0000Z-0200Z, Nov 26

1300Z-1400Z, 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 26 and

0300Z-0400Z, Nov 27

0000Z-0600Z, Nov 27

2000Z-2100Z, Nov 27

0145Z-0215Z, Nov 28

0000Z, Nov 29 to 2400Z, Nov 30

0200Z-0400Z, Dec 2

1800Z-1900Z, Dec 4 (CW) and

1900Z-2000Z, Dec 4 (SSB) and

2000Z-2100Z, Dec 4 (FM) and

2100Z-2200Z, Dec 4 (Dig)

0145Z-0215Z, Dec 5

2200Z, Dec 5 to 1600Z, Dec 7

0000Z-2400Z, Dec 6

0000Z, Dec 6 to 2359Z, Dec 7

0600Z-0629Z, 0630Z-0659Z, Dec 6 and

0700Z-0729Z, 0730Z-0800Z, Dec 6

1600Z, Dec 6 to 1559Z, Dec 7

0000Z-2400Z, Dec 7

1300Z-1600Z, Dec 7

Sources: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html> & <http://www.aksarbenarc.org>  
If you know of an upcoming contest that should be published in the next *Ham Hum*, please send the information to the editor or an AARC officer during the regular meeting.

## Saturday Night Coffee

Things were quiet at Perkins on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Only Pat KØCTU, Bill KCØSVZ, and Mary NØTRK were able to make it. Most of the regulars were busy with end-of-summer activities, or were out of town. Nevertheless, we had interesting conversation about the MS Walk, work on the transmitter at the Salvation Army, bicycles with radios, mesh radios, the 2014 Handbook, and local repeaters.

The AARC Coffee get-together is held at Perkins restaurant at the corner of 108th and L Streets in Omaha on the third Saturday of the month, starting at 6 PM. Everyone is invited.

**NOTE:** *The third Saturday in the month of November is on the 15<sup>th</sup>, which is the day after the regular club meeting. So don't wait a week if you want to attend our Coffee and Conversation dinner.*

Bill KCØSVZ

## AARC Rabbit Hunt

Kaninchenjäger Pat KØCTU, Mary NØTRK, and Bill KCØSVZ met at Memorial Park for the monthly search. Dave NØJSB was the winner last month, so he hid the transmitter for this session. Pat and Mary made up one team, while Bill hunted alone. At 3:00 PM, the rabbit began calling out in its distinctive voice on 146.475 MHz. Pat and Mary immediately got a bearing and left. Bill decided that the signal was unusually strong, so searched the park for awhile on the assumption that it was nearby. He was wrong.

Finally deciding that he needed to relocate to another part of town to get another set of bearings, he drove off to take some samples at Elmwood Park. While this was closer to the transmitter, there wasn't a significant difference in angle between it and the readings at Memorial. This resulted in more wandering about.

Meanwhile, Pat and Mary had already found the rabbit.

After some hints from NØJSB and a few more misses, Bill was finally directed to Pipal Park near 78<sup>th</sup> and Center, where Dave, Pat, and Mary were waiting at a picnic table while cooking a delicious hasenpfeffer on the grill (see picture). We talked for awhile, enjoying the weather, then went our separate ways.



*Left to right: Dave NØJSB, Mary NØTRK, and Pat KØCTU wait for the rabbit to finish cooking.*

**NEXT EVENT:** The next rabbit hunt is scheduled for Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 3PM. Starting location is the parking lot at Memorial Park near 57<sup>th</sup> and Underwood. Last-minute changes will be announced at the club meeting the Friday before. Also look for announcements on the AARC Internet sites (page 2). Everyone is invited.

Bill KCØSVZ

## JAMBOREE ON THE AIR (JOTA) 2014

The local Boy Scouts, Wagon Wheel district, Troop 231 hosted a JOTA event at the Bellevue University on 18 Oct 14. Much thanks to the University for providing a fabulous location and much thanks to AKSARBEN ARC for loaning 100 feet of feed line that made it possible to extend an antenna away from the building.

Arriving at 0700 for the initial setup were Dudley Allen (KDØNMD), Kim Moss-Allen (KEØBXXB) Ray McNally (N5SEZ), Fred Eriksen (KBØLF), Brian Johnson (KI6VTY), Terry Gampper (NØBXQ), Don Brown (WØAF), Ed Glaser (ADØHY), Darwin Piatt (W9HZC), and Weston Chrisman (KDØPGV). These members of the Plattsmouth, Glenwood, and Aksarben radio clubs set up two HF stations and two Echolink stations.

We were not sure how many scouts would visit the JOTA site, but we were not disappointed. Scouts started arriving at 0900. Boy Scouts seeking the Radio Merit Badge were introduced to the systems and then assigned a computer station to complete an on-line training course that guided them through their merit badge workbook. Following that, each scout had plenty of hands-on time on HF and Echolink.

A total of ten scouts completed their merit badge. (Hopefully they will continue for Technician!) Twenty-three scouts, plus some parents, visited. Several of the visitors were Girl Scouts who were as interested in radio as the boys. Scouts enjoyed contact to the following countries and states. States: California, Arkansas, Alabama, New York, Illinois, Florida, Massachusetts, Washington, Georgia, and Hawaii. Countries: Malta, Italy, Germany, Australia, Finland, Scotland, England, Mexico, Brazil, Barbados, Belgium, Tasmania, Azores, Norway, India, Jamaica, Cuba, Portugal, Fiji, Costa Rica, Poland, Aruba, New Zealand, and the Netherlands.

The one visual image of success that sticks in my mind is two Girl Scouts sitting at the Echolink station manned by Brian Johnson. Those two little girls were chatting with Girls Scouts that were maritime mobile somewhere along the coast of Australia! They were having much fun!

Another mental image is that of a scout on HF having a chat with an operator on the summit of Rich Mountain, Arkansas who was participating in the Summits on the Air event. The operator was not QRP—as must such events are—but had to lug a car battery to the top!!

Let's hope there will always be amateur radio operators willing to "Elmer" young folks so that we can share our hobby and the magic of radio with those much younger than us. A young person introduced to the art of radio early in life can enjoy the magic for a lifetime.

*Yours in Scouting,  
Dudley Allen, KDØNMD  
Scoutmaster, Troop 231.*

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*You may be a ham radio operator if...your significant other sits in the back seat, and your radios ride in the front.*

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### JOTA 2014

Left, two Girl Scouts try out the EchoLink station operated by KI6VTY (not pictured). Below, starting in the upper left and going clockwise: KDØPGV demonstrates EchoLink. KDØNMD helps scouts at a monitor and a transceiver. Lower left, N5SEZ and W9HZC work HF. (Pictures by KDØNMD.)

