(**KOAIZ** on the ARRL continued from page 1.)

Art presented a slide show about his visit to the ARRL headquarters while attending a Section Manager's Workshop. This included pictures of the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station, the W1AW antenna farm, displays of Go-Kits, a rotary spark transmitter, a D-Star system, the ARRL Testing Lab, the QSL Bureau, and others.

Art mentioned that—while he was at the workshop—he helped Harold Kramer, WJ1B, to get his WAS for 20 meters via the Internet. Harold only need a QSO from Nebraska so Art connected his laptop to the ARRL HQ LAN, brought up his station at home, and made the contact with WJ1B, who was operating in the same building. As Art told us, he was transmitting from Nebraska, but "with a long mike cord."

Art concluded his presentation by pointing out that the popularity of ham radio is on the rise—both nationwide and in Nebraska. He thanked the Club for its participation in community events and emergency services. He urged members to contact him (k0aiz@arrl.org) if they had constructive criticism or needed help for anything related to amateur radio.

Bill KCØSVZ

(**Dayton** continued from page 11.)

W8CI-Michael Kalter, General Chairman of Hamvention 2011, appeared with guest VU2RBI- Devulapalli Bharathi Prasad, Chief Coordinator from the National Institute of Amateur Radio, India (see her extensive biography on QRZ.com). Mike said attendees this year included people from China, Qatar, Tunisia, Germany, Japan, Great Britain, Vietnam, Korea, and other countries. He said it takes almost 300 volunteers working all year to make Hamvention happen. Bharathi was a Dayton award winner a few years ago, has assisted through relief activities after the Tsunami in 2004 and recently after the Japanese Tsunami. This was her 3rd visit to Dayton; she has been a ham for 30 years (licensed at the age of 20 in 1980) and has gone on 6 expeditions. She is active on HF (14200) and is planning an expedition to Nicobar.

Tom interviewed (gravity call KF5BOC; antigravity call NA1SS) Astronaut Col. Doug Wheelock (Commander of Expedition 25 of the International Space Station) live Friday and Saturday. Tom personally talked to Col. Wheelock 28 times while Doug was aboard the ISS. Tom also sent Memphis BBQ to Doug when he landed and was in quarantine in Houston. Tom presented Doug with a "Worked Nearly all Memphis Certificate." Doug hopes to get another command in 3 to 4 years and stated, if he gets a chance to get back (to the ISS), he would add stations and would "get that Nearly scratched off." When Tom asked Doug how he wanted to be logged in on 5KUB, he said as "astro wheels" (on Twitter as @astro wheels). Doug discussed food, contacts, learning to float, commercial space providers, technical problems, scary moments, ISS radio gear, auroras, and operations on the ISS. Doug said he's not good at answering mail on Twitter, but he does try to send pictures from space. Doug signed an autograph for KJ4SLS-John Moroney (at the booth). He said the space program belongs to all of us and we should be proud of it. Doug said he had the time of his life on board the Space Station communicating around the globe. Doug was an excellent speaker. Be sure to catch the entire interview on W5KUB.com.

Christina NØRIS

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KØAIZ on the ARRL and Amateur Radio



The speaker for the June meeting was Nebraska Section Manager Art Zygielbaum, KØAIZ, who talked about ham radio and activities at the ARRL.

Art started the presentation by mentioning that ham radio had been around for 100 years and that he'd gotten his first amateur license (WV6SAL) 50 years ago at age 14. He asked the audience if there were anyone present who'd also been a ham for at least 50 years and if there were any lifetime ARRL members. For each one that raised their hand, he awarded them with a copy of

the ARRL Repeater Directory 2011-2012. There weren't many recipients as attendance was sparse that night, so he asked for a show of hands of regular ARRL members and got a better response.

The last time Art spoke before the Club (*Ham Hum*, October 2010), he described several ham-related projects that were in the works; this time, he brought us up to date on the status of some. For example, legislation to authorize storm spotters to use flashing amber lights on their vehicles and NEMA ID cards for emergency volunteers, are uncertain. Others, such as ARES/RACES restructuring and a ham emergency communications network are still progressing. The latter project is based on D-Star but would be independent of the Internet. Though Art's worried that politics may slow progress on that project, he's still expecting three new systems to be ready in the next six months. One system is already operational in a Lincoln hospital.

Art discussed "why we're hams" and played a video of Walter Chronkite, KB2GSD, who described one reason: Helping out during a disaster when other forms of communications are down. After the video, Art pointed out that hams had done well in the recent tornadoes in Missouri, Alabama, and Georgia. He emphasized what Walter said in the video, hams truly are "the last line of defense." (You can view the video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Z9136_Nhh4)

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This issue: Field Day Photos

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July Meeting

The next meeting of the AARC will be on Friday, July 8th, at 7:00 PM. The location is the Heartland Chapter House of the American Red Cross at 81st and Spring (near 81st and Center). The featured speaker is Greg Rothman, KG9OC, of the Heartland Organization of Rocketry (http://www.nerocketry.org/).

AARC on the Web

Club Web Site: http://www.aksarbenarc.org/main/

Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=325594348836 **Yahoo! Groups**: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AKSARBENtalk/

Dayton 2011 via W5KUB – Celebrity Interviews

Christina Norris, NORIS

(This is Part II of a two-part article by Christina NØRIS on her experiences as a remote moderator of the W5KUB chat room at the 2011 Dayton Hamvention. Part I [May, 2011 issue] presented a moderator's-eye-view of some of the events at Dayton, while this article concludes with summaries of interviews of some of the better-known hams that attended.)

KB3LEZ-Garrison Kunst, a 17 year old from Pennsylvania, discussed plans for his **Youth Forum** talk about hiking and ham radio. Garrison got into ham radio at 10 or 11 years old. It took Garrison 13 tries (his new lucky number) to get his license.

N8VES-Sam Anderson made a brief appearance Friday. Sam has attended Hamvention with his **antenna hard-hat** for more than 15 years. It took 3 days to build his hat; he wanted "to be the person you just had to stop and see." Sam gave a demonstration of the "real, 3-foot, crank-up tower on a hat." Sam is a member of DARA and volunteers for Hamvention.

KØNEB-Joe Eisenberg (cat-in-the-hat) appeared on Friday and gave a rundown of his 32nd trip to Hamvention. He said they had about 100 persons in the kit-building forum with guest speakers including **WØXI-Phil Anderson** (speaking about an attenuator kit) and **KI6DS-Doug Hendricks** (with a simple code-practice oscillator kit and an antenna dipper). Elecraft revealed the brand new KX3 which is a hand-held, all-mode (built-in AM, FM, CW, Sideband, PSK31, Teletype), HF, 10-Watt transceiver. It has all the functions of an SDR; you can use RIT control and logging programs. The KX3 will be out around the end of the year. Elecraft will also have a 100-Watt amplifier. Of course Joe mentioned CQ-amateur-radio.com.

On Saturday, **AD8N-Wally Wright**, the **1978 DARA Chairman** stopped by to speak at 5KUB carrying a sign with his call letters on it. Some chat room attendees commented (another odd-ball?) until he was identified. Wally spoke to us via Tom's interview microphone, joking that people could always find him (the sign was taller than him), and said the sign actually is an antenna for his transceiver.

We had a visit from a man in a full (Apollo) space suit, with a backpack and hand-carried antenna. The suit's ATV transmitter (broadband on 427) put out intermod and caused severe sync buzz. There was complaining in the chat room. When Tom was off screen, **Spacesuit Man** "hammed it up" saying: "Eenie meenie miney moe, how do you hear my radio? Fee fie foe fum, 5 by 9 and no hum." I did not catch Spacesuit's name or call. Tom mentioned talking with the Chairman of the FCC earlier that day and joked about Spacesuit Man being shut down for the hum. The get-up was outstanding! When asked, Tom told Spacesuit Man that WiFi does not work at Hamvention. Instead, he uses a 6 Gig link coming from outside and an Ethernet. 5KUB has tried but can't go wireless at Hamvention even for a distance of 20 feet.

(**Dayton** continued on page 12.)

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.

Club Meeting Minutes - June 10, 2011

Bill WA9ASD, Secretary AARC

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by saying the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 12 attendees. Introductions by name and call.

Note: At this point it was believed that there were not sufficient voting members present to constitute a quorum. A quorum for business meetings "shall consist of a minimum of 10% of the total voting membership including at least two board members." At least one attendee at this point was not a member. Therefore, no busines was conducted at this meeting.

Officers and Board Members present included: Bill, KEØXQ; Bill, WA9ASD; John, WBØCMC; Claudia, K1AUD; Marv, AEØEG.

<u>President's Report</u> - It was reported that Mary, NØTRK is attending and manning the club booth at the Contagion Outbreak Convention tonight.

Repeater Committee - John, WBØCMC reported that the repeater is working.

It was reported that the club's participation in the Museum Ships on the Air operating event has been canceled. Freedom Park is not accessible due to flooding and the rules of the event state that the operating position of participating stations must be on or within sight of the ship.

<u>Field Day Committee</u> - Claudia, K1AUD reported that the permission paperwork has been approved but not yet received. There will be a shack captains meeting at the site in the near future.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> - Marv, AEØEG, reported that since the last meeting there had been payments in of \$76 and disbursements of \$86.

<u>Vice President's Report</u> - Bill, KEØXQ reported that the program for tonight's meeting will be by Art Zyiegibaum, KØAIZ, Nebraska Section Manager.

The July meeting program will be on the Contagion Outbreak Convention and Field Day. The August meeting will be, weather permitting, a mini hamfest.

Courtesy Committee - no action necessary

<u>Prize Committee</u> - Rollie, ABØNN, suggested that due to the low attendance only 2 donated ARRL Repeater Directories and the Brown Bag Door Prize will be raffled off and the remaining prizes will be held over to the next month.

<u>Old Business</u> -There was no information on the donated equipment inventory. There was no new information on the purchase of the 4 bandpass filters for Field Day.

Announcements – none

The meeting ended at 7:21 PM. There were 14 people in attendance at this point although no count of the voting members present was possible.



Prez Sez

June hasn't gone exactly as planned for a lot of people. The flooding of the Missouri River has caused disruptions and devastation along its banks from Montana to Missouri. Ak-Sar-Ben ARC was forced to cancel its participation in Museum Ships Weekend from the USS Hazard which is on display at Freedom Park along the river. This also meant a move of our Field Day site from the same location and back to our old standby, Standing Bear Lake.

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the Contagion Science Fiction Convention. It was a long weekend, but we

had a great time and met a lot of great people and networked with a lot of groups. The presentation went well and we received invitations to present at two other science fiction conventions in the Omaha area. We accepted one, OSFES, the Omaha Science Fiction Education Society on July 22-24. Look for more details about the Contagion Event in other parts of the newsletter.

Thanks to all the regulars and a few new faces who helped pull Field Day off. I won't say without a hitch, but as Field Day is part "emergency drill", we adapted. It all worked out, if not exactly as expected. Special thanks to those that arrived early to help set up. And VERY special thanks to those that came back out Sunday to help tear down and pack up. We had a dedicated group of operators and from what I saw everyone was having a GREAT time.

73, Mary NØTRK, President AARC

Volunteers Needed for Babcook Races

We're looking for volunteers that can help with communication assistance for the Babcook bike races. This year the races will be on Saturday, July 16th at 9:00 AM, and Sunday, July 17th at 9:45 AM.

The route, including the start and finish locations, will be different than last year but they will still use some of the same roads. Saturday's race is actually the Cornhusker State Games Road Race "Rider of the Year" event and is a time trial where bikes will be started one at a time every 30 seconds. The start point/finish line is just west of 204th and Rainwood. The route will take riders near Hwy. 64, which is the highway that runs between Elkhorn and Waterloo. Once they reach that point they will turn around and go back to the point where they started. We will be on the course to watch for any accidents or route obstructions that might come up.

Sunday's race will be the "Babcook Memorial Race". A road race with everyone out on the course. The start will be just west of 204th and Rainwood; the finish will be at a different point on the route. Again, we will be out on the course to watch for accidents and report them to the emergency medical staff on hand.

If you can help this year please email me at k0ctu@cox.net.

Thanks again for everyone's continuing support for our community service efforts.

Pat KØCTU

(See page 9 for more information on the Babcook bike races.)



Veep Speeks

I want to thank Art, KØAIZ for doing his presentation about the ARRL at the June meeting.

The program for the July meeting will be presented by Greg Rothman, KG9OC, of the Heartland Organization of Rocketry (http://www.nerocketry.org/). The program for the

August meeting will be an outdoor tailgate in the Red Cross parking lot.

What I am about to say may offend some people, but at least I hope it will make you think about what direction the club is heading in.

The attendance at the June meeting was very disappointing and embarrassing. Art, KØAIZ, put on a fine presentation about the ARRL. Those of us that saw it were brought up to date on what is going on in the Nebraska Section and at ARRL Headquarters. There were only about 14 at the meeting. I realize people have things going on when the weather gets nicer. I know the situation with the flooding prospects has a lot of people concerned. Do we need to maybe only have one or two meetings in the summer?

The biggest complainers in the club are the ones that claim they are too busy to get involved. We have asked for your input on how to make the club meetings more interesting—we mostly get silence; or once and awhile there is grumbling coming from the back of the room. If you want a flea market, fine, but be prepared to help make it a success. Why do the same people have to do all the work? How about a club picnic? This takes work and it needs to be a club effort-not just a few members doing all the work.

I am soliciting your ideas on activities for the club.

73, Bill KEØXQ, Vice President AARC

PARC Flea Market

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club's 14th Annual Flea Market will be Saturday, July 30, 2011, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Location is: St. Charles Parish Center, 8th and Locust Streets, North Bend, NE. Talk-in on the 146.67/07 WNØL repeater

There will be VE testing, plus free coffee, tea, and food by Darlene's Diner (NØLOP). Prize Drawings held every half hour with the door prize drawing at 12:00 PM. The Grand Door Prize is a complete Weather Station.



Admission: \$2.00 at the door. Vendors aren't charged admission to the event but are eligible for the drawings.

Vendor setup at 7:30 AM. Each 8-foot space is \$5.00 in advance or \$7.00 at the door. Please send or email your registrations to: Rich Mehaffey KBØARZ, 2030 W. 11th Street, North Bend, NE 68469-4011 PH 402-652-3410. Email: 4randjme@futuretk.com

Required information is: Full name, call sign, address, city, state, zip, phone, and email address. For more details, see the club's web page at: http://www.k0jfn.com/

Steve KFØMS

Contest Calendar

July 2011				
10-10 Int. Spirit of 76 QSO Party	0001Z, Jul 4 to 2400Z, Jul 10			
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 4			
MI QRP July 4th CW Sprint	2300Z, Jul 4 to 0300Z, Jul 5			
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Jul 5			
FISTS Summer Sprint	0000Z-0400Z, Jul 9			
IARU HF World Championship	1200Z, Jul 9 to 1200Z, Jul 10			
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Jul 10			
ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2359Z, Jul 10			
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Jul 11			
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z and 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 13 and			
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RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 13			
DMC RTTY Contest	1200Z, Jul 16 to 1200Z, Jul 17			
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z and 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 16 and			
1	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 17			
Feld Hell Sprint	1600Z-1800Z, Jul 16			
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	1800Z, Jul 16 to 2100Z, Jul 17			
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Jul 16 to 0600Z, Jul 17			
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Jul 18			
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jul 21			
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 21			
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 22			
WAB 144 MHz QRO Phone	1000Z-1400Z, Jul 24			
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jul 27			
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z and 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 27 and			
•	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 28			
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 29			
US Counties QSO Party	1200Z, Jul 30 to 0600Z, Jul 31 and 1200Z-2359Z, Jul 31			
RSGB IOTA Contest	1200Z, Jul 30 to 1200Z, Jul 31			
<u>August 2011</u>				
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Aug 2			
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Aug 5			
TARA Grid Dip Shindig	0000Z-2400Z, Aug 6			
European HF Championship	0000Z-2359Z, Aug 6			
10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB	0001Z, Aug 6 to 2359Z, Aug 7			
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Aug 6 to 0600Z, Aug 7			
ARRL UHF Contest	1800Z, Aug 6 to 1800Z, Aug 7			
RSGB RoPoCo CW	0700Z-0830Z, Aug 7			

For details, check: http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html

Origin of the Babook Memorial Race

SARL HF Phone Contest

The Babcook Memorial Road Race is a celebration of cycling to benefit the Babcook Family Cancer Research Fund. Dave Babcook was a cyclist and research associate at the UNMC Eppley Cancer Center who raced in the Masters and Cat. III divisions prior to being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 1998. Dave underwent treatment at UNMC but lost his battle with the disease in 2000. His family established the Babcook Family Research Fund in his memory. We also remember Dave's mother, Clarissa Babcook, who also succumbed to pancreatic cancer. Our thoughts are with the Babcook family and we dedicate this race to increasing awareness of this terrible disease.

1300Z-1630Z, Aug 7

Puzzle

In the June 6, 2011 issue of the *Washington County Pilot-Tribune* they published, as they do every week, a listing called "Time Gone By." This is a section in which they list selected news items from the newspaper's archives from 1 year, 5 years, 10 years, 25 years, 50 years, 75 years, 100 years and 125 years ago.

Under the "75 Years Ago (1936)" section they listed the following:

Six Washington County radio "hams" met for an annual get-together and picnic at the Lyons Park. All radio fans were invited to attend from over northeast Nebraska.

Was this the first hamfest in Nebraska? If you have documented evidence of an earlier one, please let us know.

Bill WA9ASD

June Door Prizes

Due to the low attendance of the June meeting, only three door prizes were put up for raffle: Two copies of *The ARRL Repeater Directory 2011-2012*, and the Brown Bag mystery prize. The other prizes were held over until the next meeting.

There was some discussion on which prizes should be awarded this time around. Rollie, ABØNN, stated that the Brown Bag prize should be one of them "as it wouldn't keep." This got people

wondering if it was something perishable.

Rollie conducted the session. Andrew, NØCALL, wasn't available to draw the winning tickets, so Rollie did the honors. Don, WBØVGB, won the first repeater directory. For the second director, Rollie drew KEØXQ's ticket—who declined—followed by KCØSVZ, who also declined. The prize finally went to Joe, KØNEB.

The Brown Bag prize went to Claudia, K1AUD, and turned out to be a power strip. Note that the proceeds for each month's tickets go for buying next month's prizes. Each month's tickets are kept and included in the Grand Prize(s) drawing in December. The more tickets you buy each month, the better your chances of winning at the end of the year.

Bill KCØSVZ

June 19-25 was Amateur Radio Week in Nebraska

Governor Dave Heineman had once again declared the week before Field Day as Amateur Radio Week in the State of Nebraska. At a ceremony on June 7th at the State Capitol, he presented the proclamation to Nebraska Section Manager Art Zygielbaum, WØAIZ, and Section Legislative Liaison Bob Mitchell, WBØRJJ. Art thanked the governor on behalf of Nebraska hams.

(A PDF copy of the proclamation can be downloaded from http://www.ctwsoft.com/arrlne/2011Proclamation.pdf.)



Club Calendar

- Jul. 7 7:00 PM VE Testing. Lincoln ARC, T&R's Garden Restaurant, Lincoln NE.
- **Jul. 16** PPRAA Megafest. Lewis Palmer High School, Monument, CO.
- **Jul. 16-17** Dave Babcook Memorial Bike Race May need workers for both the Time Trials and the race. Contact Pat, KØCTU for details.
- Jul. 23 WØDXCC Convention. Riverfront Community Center, Leavenworth, KS.
- **Jul. 26** 6:30 PM Ak-Sar-Ben ARC Board Meeting at Borders at 72nd and Dodge.
- **Jul. 26** 6:30 PM VE Testing. Red Cross Building 81st and Spring Streets.
- Jul. 30 Pioneer ARC Hamfest. North Bend, NE. 9 AM-12:30 PM. (www.k0jfn.com)
- **Jul. 30-31** Central Nebraska 50th Annual Hamfest. Victoria Springs State Park, NE.
- Aug. 3 Douglas County Evacuation Drill (no other information available).
- Aug. 4 7:00 PM VE Testing. Lincoln ARC, T&R's Garden Restaurant, Lincoln NE.
- Aug. 5-7 Midwest Division Convention. Clarion Hotel & Teamsters Hall, Cedar Rapids, IA.
- Aug. 12 7:00 PM Ak-Sar-Ben ARC Meeting. Red Cross 81st and Spring Streets.
- **Aug. 13** 8:00 AM MARE Drill (OMMRS). Offutt AFB and Douglas/Sarpy Counties.
- Aug. 20 WAARCI Area Hamfest. Johnson Co., Missouri Fairgrounds, Warrensburg, MO.
- Aug. 21 DRC Hamfest. Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Golden, CO.
- Aug. 21 Kansas State Convention. Salina Bicentennial Center, Silina, KS.
- **Aug. 27-28** Offut Air Show. Hams not attending air show should stand by for possible activation in the case of an event at the air show.
- Aug. 30 6:30 PM Ak-Sar-Ben ARC Board Meeting at Borders at 72nd and Dodge.

For the latest updates and new events, see the Upcoming Events section on the AARC web site (http://www.aksarbenarc.org/main/).

X's and O's on .94 Net

Some people at the June AARC meeting expressed curiosity about the X's and O's beside people's names on the participant list in the article "Firefox Net Night" (June *Ham Hum*, page 11). Hugs and kisses? Or some kind of attendance record? According to Rich, WAØZQG, the X's indicate those who responded during the net; O's, not.

CNARC Hamfest and Steak Fry, July 30-31

Central Nebraska Amateur Radio Club celebrates 50 years of fun and fellowship (and good steaks) at Victoria Springs State Park, 7 miles east of Anselmo, Nebraska. Talk-in on 147.06/66. Send e-mail to kc0da@arrl.net for additional information.

Note: Get your park permit at the Park office immediately upon arrival.

Planned events include door prizes and Grand Clock Prize (must be present to win), flea market, tours, VE testing, fox hunts, homemade ice cream social, hot dogs, and coffee and donuts. Also anniversary T-shirts, steak fry, fellowship, Merna garage sales, New Helena Country Club barbeque, Special Event station, entertainment, popcorn, and ham stories.

FUN FOR EVERYONE! Hope to see you all there!

Steve AGØL

Tower For Sale

Self-Supporting Tower, Rohn HDBX48 w/40' & 48' rotor plates & thrust bearing, new HDBX hardware package and BXB8 concrete base stubs, extra "flat" steps kit, 10' carbon steel mast, grade 40 rebar (28); (costs for all items if new: \$2050); asking \$550. Contact Ed KØiL 402-598-0574



Field Day 2011 Photos