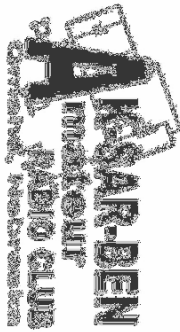


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Upcoming Events

February 9	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Red Cross
February 17	Bellevue ARC VE Session, 2:00 PM, Midlands Hospital
February 24	Bellevue ARC VE Session, 1:00 PM, Bellevue Masonic Lodge
March 3	SWIARC Hamorama, Omaha NE
March 6	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Red Cross
March 9	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Red Cross
March 24	Central Plains Severe Weather Symposium, Lincoln NE
March 27	AK-SAR-BEN ARC/HDXA VE Session, 7:00 PM, Red Cross
March 29	Spotter Training, 7:00 to 9:00 PM, Boys Town National Headquarters

AARC GENERAL CLASS

The AARC Board is checking for interest in a General and Code class for 2007. If you are interested in taking the class or helping/leading the class, contact a member of the Board of Directors.

Morning Group

Just to let anybody that gets up early in the morning know that there is action in the A.M. on the K0BOY 444.975 repeater starting at 6:00 A.M. so grab your HT or anything that will work on UHF and join in the local chit chat before work, also a good time to try out that dual band radio that never gets used on UHF. The 444.975 K0BOY has great coverage so fire up and join in

Thanks de N0GOZ Dave.

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Membership Form 2007

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

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

Personal Information

Callsign _____ License Class _____ Name : _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____ ARRL Member ? Yes No

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Spouse Information (Complete Only For Spouse Applying at Same Time)

Callsign _____ License Class _____ Name : _____ Email _____

address: _____ ARRL Member Yes No

Minor Dependent (Complete Only For Minors Applying at the Same Time)

Callsign _____ License Class _____ Name _____ ARRL Member?

_____ - Yes No

_____ - Yes No

_____ - Yes No

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

Mail to:

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Contest Calendar

February, 2007

CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	0000Z, Feb 10 to 2400Z, Feb 11
Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW	1100Z-1300Z, Feb 10
KCJ Topband Contest	1200Z, Feb 10 to 1200Z, Feb 11
Dutch PACC Contest	1200Z, Feb 10 to 1200Z, Feb 11
British Columbia QSO Challenge	1600Z, Feb 10 to 0359Z, Feb 11
FISTS Winter Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Feb 10
RSGB 1st 1.8 MHz Contest, CW	2100Z, Feb 10 to 0100Z, Feb 11
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0400Z, Feb 11
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Feb 12 to 2400Z, Feb 16
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Feb 14
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	2000Z-2130Z, Feb 14
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Feb 17 to 2400Z, Feb 18
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	2000Z-2130Z, Feb 22
Russian PSK WW Contest	2100Z, Feb 23 to 2100Z, Feb 24
CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	0000Z, Feb 24 to 2359Z, Feb 25
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Feb 24 to 0600Z, Feb 25
North Carolina QSO Party	1700Z, Feb 25 to 0300Z, Feb 26

March, 2007

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 3 to 2400Z, Mar 4
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0400Z-0429Z, Mar 3
	0430Z-0459Z, Mar 3
	0500Z-0529Z, Mar 3
	0530Z-0600Z, Mar 3
RSGB Commonwealth Contest	1000Z, Mar 10 to 1000Z, Mar 11
AGCW QRP Contest	1400Z-2000Z, Mar 10
Oklahoma QSO Party	1400Z, Mar 10 to 0200Z, Mar 11
	1400Z-2000Z, Mar 11
EA PSK31 Contest	1600Z, Mar 10 to 1600Z, Mar 11
North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Mar 11
Wisconsin QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 11 to 0100Z, Mar 12
10-10 Int. Mobile Contest	0001Z-2359Z, Mar 17
Russian DX Contest	1200Z, Mar 17 to 1200Z, Mar 18
Virginia QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 17 to 0200Z, Mar 19
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 24 to 2359Z, Mar 25
QRP Homebrewer Sprint	0000Z-0400Z, Mar 26

For details check the following web site the week prior to the contest.
<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes - January 9, 2006

Roll Call

[x] Todd – KKØDX [] Greg – WØAAI [x] Brian – KMØY
 [x] Doug – NGØK [x] Bill – KEØXQ [x] Marvin – AEØEG
 [x] Gerry - WA6POZ [x] Jim – KCØSHZ [x] Steve – NØUP
 [x] Corby – KØSKW [x] Rollie - ABØNN

Secretary – Doug Rathman, NGØK The meeting began at 7:00 starting with the approval of the December meeting minutes. They were approved as printed in the Ham Hum with one small correction.

President's Report and Agenda – Todd LeMense, KKØDX

Todd prepared a club meeting program on the new licensing requirements for a future club meeting. Todd also urged that the club get an education program started.

The club is looking for a chair and volunteers for the hamfest this coming fall. Steve NØUP moved that we reserve the Legion Hall and announce the hamfest pending the confirmation of the location. Brian KMØY 2nds the motion. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report – Greg Babbit, WØAAI

Greg was not present. The board discussed ideas for programs including computer control, rig demo programs, and ham radio operating procedures.

Treasurer Report – Brian Zdan, KMØY

Money Market	19,485.67	Includes 65.97 Interest
Repeater Acct	1,186.12	
Repeater CD	2,000.00	
Checking Acct	3,233.07	
Total	25,904.86	

The antenna trailer registration is due for \$16.00 and will be paid. Marvin, AEØEG suggested that we open CD's for the life membership account. Possibly in March with a split of the account into different CD terms. Brian will research and see what deals are available.

Disaster Preparedness – Jim Harper, KCØSHZ There will be an ARES meeting 1/23/07 at the Ralston Fire Dept. The topic will be the Bird Flu.

Publications – Steve Schmitz, NØUP Steve found an online source for toner kits that will save the club money. The vendor is www.tonerrefillkits.com. Brian KMØY moved that we approve \$306.61 to buy

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five toner kits, Marvin AEØEG 2nds the motion, and it passed.

Field Day – Corby Krick, KØSKW Corby confirmed that he will be the chairman this year. A local club is interested in participating with AARC for the 2007 field day.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, 2/6 at 7:00pm and the meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Doug Rathman, NGØK, AKSARBEN ARC, Inc. Secretary

It's Official! Morse Code Requirement Ends Friday, February 23

NEWINGTON, CT, Jan 24, 2007 -- Circle Friday, February 23, on your calendar. That's when the current 5 WPM Morse code requirement will officially disappear from the Amateur Radio Service Part 97 rules in accordance with the FCC's *Report and Order (R&O)* in the "Morse code proceeding," WT Docket 05-235. Beginning on that date, applicants for a General or Amateur Extra class Amateur Radio license no longer will have to demonstrate proficiency in Morse code. They'll just have to pass the applicable written examination. [Publication](#) of the new rules in the January 24 *Federal Register* started a 30-day countdown for the new rules to become effective. Deletion of the Morse requirement -- still a matter of controversy within the amateur community -- is a landmark in Amateur Radio history.

On or after February 23, an applicant holding a valid *Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE)* for Element 3 (General) or Element 4 (Amateur Extra) credit may redeem it for an upgrade at a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) exam session. A CSCE is good for 365 days from the date of issuance, *no exceptions*. For example, a Technician licensee holding a valid CSCE for Element 3 credit would have to apply at a VEC test session and pay the application fee, which most VECs charge, in order to receive an instant upgrade to General.

From the ARRL Website www.arrl.org

The 2007 Central Plains Severe Weather Symposium will be held on Saturday, March 24th, 2007 at UNL's Hardin Hall, 33rd and Holdrege, in Lincoln, NE. The 2007 theme is "Severe Weather on the Plains: Past, Present, and Future".

Nebraska Stratospheric Amateur Radio (NSTAR) and the Central Nebraska Near Space Project (CNNSP) are tentatively planning a dual balloon launch from the symposium.

Details are still being finalized, but it's expected there will be a spotter training session as there has been in past years. The CPSWS website is at <http://cpsws.unl.edu> . Details of last year's symposium are at <http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/nebraska/cpsws2006photo-index.html> .

Upcoming Local VE Sessions

17-Feb-2007

Sponsor: BELLEVUE ARC **Time:** 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
REGISTRATION AT 1:00 PM

Contact: STEVE RASMUSSEN (402)296-4434

Email: NOWY@ALLTEL.NET

Location: ALEGENT HEALTH MIDLANDS HOSPITAL
11111 S 84 STREET
SMITH SUITE
PAPILLION, NE 68046

24 Feb-2007

Sponsor: Bellevue ARC **Time:** Testing begins at 1PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Steve Rasmussen NOWY (402) 296-4434

Email: n0wy@alltel.net

Location: Bellevue Masonic Lodge Dining Room
1910 Franklin Street
Bellevue NE 68005
Three blocks north of Mission Street in Old Town Bellevue

27-Mar-2007

Sponsor: AK-SAR-BEN ARC INC **Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: STEPHEN W RASMUSSEN (402)296-4434

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Location: AMERICAN RED CROSS HEARTLAND CHAPTER
WEST SIDE LOWER LEVEL
2912 S 80TH AVE
NEAR 84TH AND CENTER
OMAHA, NE 68124

Spotter Training

The first annual combined ARES/REACT Spotter Training will be held on Thursday March 29th at Boys Town National Headquarters starting promptly at 7:00 and will end at 9:00 We have to vacate the building by 9:30 so who ever is left in the building at that time will have to clean up with the janitorial staff.

Sign in will start at 6:30 with the program starting at 7:00

Darwin (Dar) Piatt , W9HZC
Amateur Radio Emergency Service
Douglas County Emergency Coordinator