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Dave Babcock Memorial Race

The 2007 Dave Babcock Memorial Stage Race is a Celebration of Cycling to Benefit the Babcock Family Cancer Research Fund. Proceeds from The Dave Babcock Memorial Stage Race support pancreatic cancer research at the UNMC Eppley Cancer Center. The Babcock Family Cancer Research Fund is managed by the University of Nebraska Foundation.

A stage race is a bike race held over successive days, with a different course each day. Stage races often feature a combination of long road races, a criterium and a time trial. The rider with the lowest total time (or most accumulated points) after completion of all the stages wins the overall race.

This year the race will be held on July 28 & 29th.

How can you help?

The Ak-sar-ben Amateur Radio Club will be providing communications support for the event. Operators will be needed on both days, morning, afternoon or all day. Depending on the stage and requirements, this could be driving an official with an APRS tracker in your vehicle, staff a traffic intense corner, or just watching the races go by. If you are interesting in supporting this event, contact Pat, K0CTU at bikerace@aksarbenarc.org

Editors Note- I apologize for the lateness of this months Ham Hum. On the Friday night that I was to finish editing and begin printing the Hum so it could be mailed at the start of the next week, I came home to discover the family dog had passed away during the day. That took a lot out of me and I was just unable to focus on anything. Thanks for understanding, Steve Schmitz, N0UP, Ham Hum Editor

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Ham Hum

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Field Day 2007

It's now July and that means two things: Field Day 2007 is over, and it's time to look forward to Field Day 2008!

This year's showing trumped last year's effort by a land slide! At approximately 80 feet under ground, one would think the site for this year would not be a good choice for getting a signal out, but work we did! We operated two stations from the Douglas County Operations Center. A portable HF station was set up outside for a few hours Saturday afternoon. Pat K0CTU and Rob KC0OYT made quite a few contacts on 40 meters using the portable rig -- and at 100 watts on a VERY crowded band! Down stairs, the IC -746PRO was hard at work on 20 meters, with the antenna atop the EOC. Combined, the two stations racked up over 230 contacts!

Good food and good times were had by those who dropped by, including Corby K0SKW, Mary N0TRK, Pat K0CTU, Rob KC0OYT, Greg W0AAI, Bill W0ERT, Rick KE4YQD, Claudia KC0SQX, Dick N6KVA, and Rollie AB0NN.

Thanks to all who came down, and to those who didn't, we'll see you next year!

Corby Krick



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Contest Calendar

July, 2007

IARU HF World Championship	1200Z, Jul 14 to 1200Z, Jul 15
FISTS Summer Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Jul 14
Colorado QSO Party	1200Z, Jul 15 to 0400Z, Jul 16
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Jul 21 to 0600Z, Jul 22
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	1800Z, Jul 21 to 2100Z, Jul 22

August, 2007

10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB	0001Z, Aug 4 to 2359Z, Aug 5
National Lighthouse Weekend QSO Contest	0001Z, Aug 4 to 2359Z, Aug 5
ARRL UHF Contest	1800Z, Aug 4 to 1800Z, Aug 5
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Aug 4 to 0600Z, Aug 5
Maryland-DC QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 11 to 0400Z, Aug 12 1600Z-2359Z, Aug 12
Keyman's Club of Japan Contest	1200Z, Aug 18 to 1200Z, Aug 19
Russian District Award Contest	1400Z, Aug 18 to 0800Z, Aug 19
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Aug 18 to 0600Z, Aug 19
New Jersey QSO Party	2000Z, Aug 18 to 0700Z, Aug 19 1300Z, Aug 19 to 0200Z, Aug 20
Hawaii QSO Party	0700Z, Aug 25 to 2200Z, Aug 26
Ohio QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 25 to 0400Z, Aug 26

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

Upcoming Events

July 13	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Red Cross
July 21	PARC Flea Market, North Bend NE
July 28-29	Dave Babcock Memorial Race
July 31	AARC/HDXA VE Session, 6:30 PM, Red Cross
August 4 & 11	BARC 2 day Technician Class, Papillion
August 7	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Red Cross
August 10	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Red Cross
August 10, 11, 12	10-10 Convention, Omaha NE
August 18	BARC VE Session 1:00 PM, Midlands Hospital, Papillion
August 26	MS-50 Bike Ride
September 16	BVARC Flea Market, Missouri Valley IA
October 7	AK-SAR-BEN ARC 2007 Hamfest, more to follow

There are two local HF nets Sunday Evening

At 1900 local time the area 10 meter net is on 28.400
At 2100 local the Area ARES HF net is on 3982 (or close).
Please try out one or both of these HF nets.

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2007

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

The board meeting started at 7pm. The meeting minutes from the last meeting were not available.

President's Report - Todd, KKØDX. Todd reported that he will be an ARRL assistant, working with Congressman Lee Terry on HR462. This is the Emergency Amateur Radio Interference Protection Act.

Vice President's Report and Programs - Greg, WØAAI. Greg was not present.

Treasurer's Report - Brian, KMØY.

Money Market	5013.88	Includes 13.88 Interest
CD	15,000.000	(approx) New CD
Repeater Acct	1,186.12	
Repeater CD	2,000.00	Due 6/15/07
Checking Acct	3,597.27	
Total	26,797.27	

Old Business

Hamfest – D&L will be at the Hamfest. Todd will have some flyers promoting the event ready in a couple of weeks.

New Business

None

Publications – Steve, NØUP. Tonight all the BOD members chipped in and helped Steve prepare the Ham Hum for mailing. Submissions for the Ham Hum are due Tuesday after Field Day.

Field Day – Corby, KØSKW. Field Day will be at the EOC. Planning to run class 2F. Logistics for parking and access to the facility are being planned.

Disaster – Jim, KCØSHZ. Jim announced that N9XTN has a new webpage coming soon. It will be useful for storm spotters.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 7/10 at 7pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Doug Rathman, NGØK, AKSARBEN ARC, Inc. Secretary

KØGAA SK

It is with a heavy heart that I tell you that my wife Gwen Anderson (KØGAAA) died peacefully with the family at her side this morning. She fought a battle against ovarian cancer, and while the cancer may have claimed her body, she ultimately won and is in the presence of God. I appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers for Gwen and ask that you continue to pray for us as we now go thru this next stage of our lives.

Matt Anderson Family

ANDERSON-Gwen A., 48 yrs, June 28, 2007 at her home in Ashland. Survived by husband, Matthew; sons Evan and Nick; daughter, Natalie, all Ashland; parents, Edward and Natalie Niemeier; sister, Kay Muskat, all Talmage, NE; brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Myra Niemeier, Reston, VA; niece, Lori Muskat; nephews, Jeff Muskat and Nils Niemeier. Memorials in care of the family.

PARC Flea Market Ride

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club is having their annual Flea Market on Saturday, July 21 in North Bend, Nebraska. North Bend is just North West of Fremont, Nebraska. I hope that many of you will be able to support their event.

For those of you that ride motorcycles, I am planning to ride there. My initial plan is to meet at PowerSports on Maple at about 8:00am and leave about 8:15am. If you are interested in joining the ride, let me know so we have an idea of the number in our contingent. My Motorcycle is a 1000cc Kawasaki Concours Sport Touring bike and, NO, I don't have a radio installed.... yet.

For those of you that would like to take a longer ride after the flea market, I'm sure there will be those that would like to ride further north and/or west if the day is nice.

Any questions??? Be sure to ask!
-73, Todd - KKØDX

145.115 WBØQQK Repeater News

Due to interference issues, the WBØQQK repeater on 145.115 MHz will now require a subaudible (CTCSS) tone of 179.9 Hz. in order to access the system. Until recently, three of the four satellite receivers required CTCSS, while the Bellevue receiver remained carrier squelch. By encoding the subaudible tone, users of low-power or portable transceivers will recognize a more satisfactory transfer of their signal since the voted system measures the best strength and audio for relay. Satellite receivers are located in Council Bluffs, Central Omaha, West Omaha and Bellevue. The system is still considered to be open and available for the use of all licensed amateurs with VHF privileges.

Frank - WBØQQK

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2007

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

The board meeting began at 7:00pm.

Minutes – Doug, NGØK - Doug was not present this evening and Greg took the minutes.

President's Report - Todd, KKØDX – No report.

Vice President's Report and Programs - Greg, WØAAI – Reported meeting this month is confirmed with Reynolds KØGND to do a D-Star presentation. The location will be at the St. Michaels Lutheran Church 132nd & Blondo. June is slated for the mobile show. An outdoor event to 'show off' your best mobile, most interesting installation, etc.

Treasurer's Report - Brian, KMØY -

Money Market	19,656.49	
Repeater Acct	1,186.12	
Repeater CD	2,000.00	
Checking Acct	3,760.73	
Total	26,159.86	

Old Business – The May meeting will be held at the Saint Michael Lutheran church at 132 and Blondo. We will have a talk in on 146.94. The presentation will be on D-Star digital format with Reynolds Davis, KØGND, Lincoln, presenting.

New Business – None.

Hamfest Report - The board held discussion on the Hamfest. Todd stated the contract is complete for the Millard American Legion again this year on October 7th. Some vendors have been contacted and expressed interest.

Publications – Steve, NØUP - No report

Field Day – Corby, KØSKW - Members held discussion on the possibility of operating a class F station at a local EOC. Corby will follow up further, as the Bellevue Club, who previous expressed interest in a joint project this year, have declined.

Repeater – Gerry, WA6POZ - No report.

Other Items - VE session 5/29 at the Red Cross. The next meeting will be Tuesday 7/10 at 7pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8pm

Doug Rathman, NGØK, AKSARBEN ARC, Inc. Secretary

AKSARBEN HAMFEST '07

OCTOBER 7, 2007

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Millard American Legion Hall
4618 South 139th Street
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9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Great Hourly Door Prizes

LARGE VENDOR AREA

Breakfast & Lunch available

TABLES AVAILABLE \$7 each

Talk-In on 146.94 - KØUSA/R

Information - <http://www.aksarbenarc.org>
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Hamfest News

Pre-sale Admission and door prize/raffle ticket sales will begin at the August club meeting.

Each purchased table will include one admission and door prize ticket.

There will be an Silent Auction featuring some surplus items from the AARC, anyone else wishing to sell items on the silent auction, please contact Steve, NØUP (contact info on officers page). More details to follow.