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Contest Calendar

May, 2007

10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW	0001Z, May 5 to 2359Z, May 6
Indiana QSO Party	1600Z, May 5 to 0400Z, May 6
New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 5 to 2400Z, May 6
FISTS Spring Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, May 12
US Counties QSO Party, SSB	0000Z, May 19 to 2400Z, May 20
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	0000Z, May 26 to 2400Z, May 27
MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint	2300Z, May 27 to 0300Z, May 28

June, 2007

RSGB National Field Day	1500Z, Jun 2 to 1500Z, Jun 3
IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW	1500Z, Jun 2 to 1459Z, Jun 3
Alabama QSO Party	1600Z, Jun 2 to 0400Z, Jun 3
Portugal Day Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Jun 9
Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB	1100Z-1300Z, Jun 9
ARRL June VHF QSO Party	1800Z, Jun 9 to 0300Z, Jun 11
All Asian DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Jun 16 to 2400Z, Jun 17
West Virginia QSO Party	1600Z, Jun 16 to 0200Z, Jun 17
Kid's Day Contest	1800Z-2400Z, Jun 16
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	1200Z, Jun 23 to 1200Z, Jun 24
Marconi Memorial HF Contest	1400Z, Jun 23 to 1400Z, Jun 24
Quebec QSO Party	1700Z, Jun 23 to 0300Z, Jun 24
ARRL Field Day	1800Z, Jun 23 to 2100Z, Jun 24

For details check the following web site the week prior to the contest.

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

Ham Hum Delivery

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10 Meter Net

W9HZC has resurrected the 10m Net on Sunday evenings. Come and join in on some HF activity at 7:00 p.m., Sunday evening on 28.400 MHz. This is a USB net and falls in the portion of the band open to all amateurs.

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NOTICE

Location Change for the May AK-SAR-BEN ARC Meeting

The meeting will be held at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 132nd & Blondo

Talk in will be held on the K0USA Repeater, 146.94-

The location change is due to a one month only schedule conflict, we will be back at the Red Cross for the June meeting.

[The program this month will be on the ICOM D-Star digital radio system](#)

We've all observed the ads in the trade publications for this product. Now come see if in operation for yourself at the next Aksarben Meeting! D-STAR is an open protocol digital radio system which allows simultaneous transmission of data and digital voice. High speed and low speed data, and MUCH more. Reynolds Davis, K0GND, from Lincoln will be presenting the program. Remember the meeting location will change this month. We'll be meeting at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, located at 132 and Blondo Street in Omaha.

Grea W0AAI

Upcoming Events

May 8	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Red Cross
May 11	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 132 & Blondo , Omaha
May 26	All Communicators Picnic, Papillion NE
May 29	AARC/HDXA VE Session, 6:30 PM, Red Cross
June 5	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Red Cross
June 8	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Red Cross
June 23-24	Field Day
June 29-30	Hamboree 2007, South Sioux City NE
October 7	AK-SAR-BEN ARC 2007 Hamfest, more to follow

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.

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Usenet "newsgroup" rec.radio.amateur.moderated

This is a project that I had a small hand in getting off the ground. It's a Usenet "newsgroup" called rec.radio.amateur.moderated. Unlike other unmoderated amateur radio newsgroups, this one actually has productive and civil discussion about amateur radio. Usenet newsgroups predate Yahoo Groups, blogs, etc., and provide easily-accessible, globally-distributed, bulletin-board style, public discussion about hundreds of different topics, including amateur radio. Unlike mailing lists, they don't require subscriptions, and don't fill up your Inbox.

For more information about accessing the newsgroups, see the following resources:

For Cox:

http://support.cox.com/sdcommon/asp/contentredirect.asp?sprt_cid=cdef7771-2b9e-4f0f-8d25-b59ecbeafccd

For Qwest:

<http://www.qwest.net/help/newsgroups.html>

For other Internet Service Providers, it may be possible just to type the following URL in your web browser:

<news:rec.radio.amateur.moderated>

Newsgroups are also accessible via Google Groups:

<http://groups.google.com>

<http://groups.google.com/group/rec.radio.amateur.moderated/topics>

General information about rec.radio.amateur.moderated can be found at:

<http://www.panix.com/~rram/usenet/rram/index.html>

Please feel free to pass this announcement along to any other local amateur radio club or group mailing lists.

Any other questions may be directed to me at my E-mail address below.

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73, Paul W. Schleck, K3FU

pschleck@novia.net

<http://www.novia.net/~pschleck/>

Finger pschleck@novia.net for PGP Public Key

I'm sure most of us are pretty familiar with reading HF propagation forecasts, but with the numbers so bad I thought this reprint from KQ6XA might be of interest:

Todd KK0DX

KQ6XA RULE OF THUMB for How To Read HF Propagation Numbers.

The A index = LOW is GOOD.

1 to 6 is BEST

7 to 9 is OK

11 or more is BAD

SFI index: HIGH is GOOD.

70 NOT GOOD

80 GOOD

90 BETTER

100+ BEST

K index: LOW is GOOD.

0 or 1 is BEST

2 is OK

3 or more is BAD

5 is VERY VERY BAD

A low "A index" is most important!

For Low Power Portable DX openings

at 10MHz to 30MHz, look for an A index LESS THAN 6.

73---Bonnie KQ6XA

Minutes, from page 3

Repeater – Gerry, WA6POZ. We received an OO notice that we have a date/timestamp with no ID. The announcement was removed and all others were reviewed for compliance.

Other Items - VE session 5/29 at the Red Cross. The next meeting will be Tuesday 5/8 at 7pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Doug Rathman, NGØK, AKSARBEN ARC, Inc. Secretary

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2007

Roll Call

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

The board meeting was started at 7pm. The meeting minutes were accepted written.

President's Report - Todd, KK0DX. No report tonight.

Vice President's Report and Programs - Greg, W0AAI. Greg reported that NGØK will be giving a program on Ham Radio Deluxe for the April meeting. A program on D-Star is planned for May. June is currently open for a program.

Treasurer's Report - Brian, KMØY was not present. Gerry, WA6POZ reported the following:

Money Market	19,656.49	Includes 45.37 Interest
Repeater Acct	1,186.12	
Repeater CD	2,000.00	
Checking Acct	3,760.73	One expense was the renewal of the PO box which was \$62.20
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. Many thanks to Jim, KCØSHZ for getting a location.

Hamfest Report – Contract has been signed for Sunday October 7th at the Legion Hall in Millard.

Publications – Steve, NØUP. We all discussed the idea of using envelopes to send the Ham Hum. It cost about \$0.06 per envelope. It would cost about \$4.00 per month extra to send them. There are also printing considerations. Steve will investigate further and may even try it out for one month.

Field Day – Corby, KØSKW. Corby was not present, but he has been in contact with the Bellevue club about a joint field day. No other details at this time.

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Picnic

The Bellevue Amateur Radio Club is holding the **First Annual "All Communicator's Picnic"** on May 26th at Halleck Park in Papillion. The picnic is open to all Amateur Radio Operators in the metro area and beyond if they want to travel to join us. Registration and payment deadline is May 12th. Please register by May 12th so that we can plan the correct amount of food needed. Please mail registration and payments to: Bellevue Amateur Radio Club, % Tom Huber, 7518 Chandler Hills Drive, Bellevue, NE 68147

Ticket Cost for Lunch: Adults \$6.50 ea. Children \$4.00 ea.

Note: Gate prices will be \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Children ages 3 – 12 if registration is not paid by May 12th prior to attending the event.

In addition to food and conversation, we have also planned some door prizes, and some raffle prizes. Raffle tickets will be \$1 ea. or 6 for \$5.00. Check the Bellevue Amateur Radio Club Website at bellevuearc.org for up-dates on other planned activities. We are planning a talk-in frequency, but haven't finalized those details yet. We will post further up-dates as final plans come together.

We hope everyone who is able, comes out to join us for some good food, conversation and a chance to get to know other communicators in the area, and people who you might be working along side if any disasters or emergencies happen in any of the surrounding counties.

Contacts: KB0OUO at ladmclark@yahoo.Com, or KC0HLB at Barbwestcott@cox.net.

Any questions, please e-mail one of us at the address listed above

The fourth annual **Mid-Atlantic QSO Party (MAQP)** runs from Saturday May 12, 2007 at 1600 UTC until Sunday May 13, 2007 at 0400 UTC.

The MAQP is a an old-fashioned QSO Party for Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington DC, but we encourage participants from around the world.

Activity will be on all non-WARC amateur HF bands from 160 to 10 meters, plus the 6, 2, 1.25, and .7 meters bands, all modes.

This year's event has been shortened to 12 hours, and we moved it away from Mother's Day.

All stations are welcome – single, multi, clubs, mobile, QRP – as long as your power is limited to 200 watts.

Visit our website at <http://maq.p.info> for details on plaques, awards, rules, maps, submittal forms, etc.

73,
Walter O'Brien, W2WJO
For The Mid-Atlantic QSO Party Committee

PS: For all 6 Meter fans out there, this year's Spring VHF Sprints for 50 mHz will be run during the MAQP, so many ops will use that time as an "activity window" for more contacts.

For more information on the Spring Six Meter Sprint, contact their new organizers at <http://www.sysadnet.com/vhfsprinrules.htm>.

Helpful Hints from Joe WØLHZ

Do you know how to type the Ø symbol with your computer keyboard--- WØLHZ instead of W0LHZ? Type W (hold ALT KEY DOWN----with NUN LOCK indicator on ---using number keys at lower right hand side of keyboard press 0216) then L H Z. The number Keys above QWERTY keys will not work. This is one feature of the built in Character Map Generator in most Windows computers and is available in the many different fonts and sizes.

The Character Map Program extend the capabilities of the keyboard. An introduction to the Character MAP can be found at http://www.frontpagewizard.com/use_alt_keys.asp: This is limited information and you might want to explore all other possibilities on your own. If you are using Windows 98 it is located at Programs>>Accessories>> Character Map. To find in XP requires a Search for the Character MAP program CHARMAP.EXE. When you type in CHARMAP make sure you select "More Advanced Options" as it will come up empty handed with a regular search. A list of items will come up in the Search Window and you are looking for an ICON followed by charmap.exe. Placing a Short Cut on your Desktop is recommended and then open from the Short Cut.

Using your cursor I would recommend creating a short cut on your Desktop. It is unbelievable what characters are available that can be selected. The Icon you are looking for is charmap.exe.