

November Meeting Program

The Program for the November AARC Meeting will be QRP, presented by K0AWB and others. The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm on Friday November 9th at the Red Cross.

Classified Ads

Classified ads are free to members. Send an email with the wording exactly as you want it printed to hamhum@aksarbenarc.org or mail your ad to Ham Hum, P.O. Box 24551, Omaha NE 68124. Ads must be received by the third Friday of the Month to be included in the next Ham Hum.

FREE - 20 ft. steel poles - FB for antennas! Contact Ralph W0SMY - 556-5625

For sale: 4 1/2 foot tall Norfolk Island Pine tree. Very healthy and does well in high RF environments. Likes to sit outside in the shade, summer, bright window inside, winter. It's getting to big for me. Makes a great xmas tree. I've raised it from a pup (only about 6" when I got it). Easy to care for. Make offer. WB0CMC

SKYWARN RECOGNITION DAY

SKYWARN Recognition Day was developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League. It celebrates the contributions that volunteer SKYWARN radio operators make to the National Weather Service. During the day SKYWARN operators visit NWS offices and contact other radio operators across the world.

This event will take place on Dec. 1st, this year. I wanted to give you all time to make your calendars and plan to come out to NWS and operate for a while. I will be sending another e-mail out soon to ask for volunteers and request times you would like to operate so we can all share in the fun.

Thanks All.

p.s. You do not need to be in ARES, RACES or any special Club to come along and help with this event. Dar...

For more information, follow this link.

<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/hamradio/index.php>

NWS stations will operate Saturday, December 1, 2007, from 0000 - 2400 UTC.

Any question? Just call or write. :)
Darwin (Dar) Piatt , W9HZC
Amateur Radio Emergency Service
Douglas County Emergency Coordinator

AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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For those of you that are members of the AKSARBEN Amateur Radio Club - We are looking for interested members that would like to participate in the "business" end of the club. At our Annual Meeting in December, we have elections for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Board Members for the upcoming year. I am putting together a committee to put a slate of candidates for the AKSARBEN ARC Election. If you think you might be interested in being a part of the Board of Directors, please let me know.

The current direction of the club is good... we're coming back to the "general purpose" club that AKSARBEN ARC needs to be. We have successfully touched on many many aspects of amateur radio during 2007 and I feel that we can continue to provide good service to our club members in 2008. I know that there are still a lot of items that need to be completed and there are even some projects that are going to be introduced within the next few months that will be great for the club.

The Positions that we are currently looking to fill are:

President - Runs the monthly Board Meeting and general meeting. A member of several committees and oversees the running of the club.
Vice-President - Fills in when the president is absent and traditionally is the Program Chair.

Treasurer - Works with the financial committee to develop a budget for the club and makes sure that all bills are paid and income is noted correctly.

Secretary - Takes minutes at BoD meetings and General meetings. Gets the minutes to the HAM HUM editor for inclusion in the newsletter.

Board Member - Attends monthly BoD meeting and general meeting. Brings items of concern from the membership to the BoD.

The Board of Directors (BoD) meetings occur on the Tuesday before the Friday club meeting and generally last about an hour. This is a great way to get to know the "inner workings" of the AKSARBEN ARC. Nothing is ever secret and all members of the club are invited to attend the Board meetings.

If you are interested or just have questions about the positions, please let me know and I'll be happy to discuss it with you.

Thank You,
-73, Todd - KKØDX
President, AKSARBEN ARC, 2007

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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.

Contest Calendar

November, 2007

WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Nov 10 to 2359Z, Nov 11
OK/OM DX Contest, CW	1200Z, Nov 10 to 1200Z, Nov 11
Kentucky QSO Party	1400Z, Nov 10 to 0600Z, Nov 11
CQ-WE Contest	1900Z, Nov 10 to 0500Z, Nov 12
YO International PSK31 Contest	1600Z-2200Z, Nov 16
SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Nov 17 to 1000Z, Nov 18
LZ DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 17 to 1200Z, Nov 18
Feld Hell Sprint	1500Z-1700Z, Nov 17
All Austrian 160-Meter Contest	1600Z, Nov 17 to 0700Z, Nov 18
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	2100Z, Nov 17 to 0300Z, Nov 19
RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 17 to 0100Z, Nov 18
NA Collegiate ARC Championship, SSB	2100Z, Nov 17 to 0300Z, Nov 19
EU PSK63 QSO Party	0000Z-2400Z, Nov 18
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Nov 22
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 24 to 2400Z, Nov 25
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Nov 24 to 2359Z, Nov 25
ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Nov 30 to 1600Z, Dec 2

December, 2007

ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 8 to 2400Z, Dec 9
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 12
MDXA PSK DeathMatch	0000Z, Dec 15 to 2400Z, Dec 16
OK DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 15
Croatian CW Contest	1400Z, Dec 15 to 1400Z, Dec 16
Feld Hell Sprint	1500Z-1700Z, Dec 15
International Naval Contest	1600Z, Dec 15 to 1559Z, Dec 16
ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2400Z, Dec 16
DARC Christmas Contest	0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
RAC Winter Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 29
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Dec 29 to 1500Z, Dec 30
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 29 to 1500Z, Dec 30

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

Upcoming Events

November 9	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Red Cross
November 27	AARC/HDXA VE Session, 6:30 PM, Red Cross
December 1	Skywarn Recognition Day, See back cover for details
December 11	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Red Cross
December 14	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting and Elections, 7:30 PM, Red Cross

Website News

eSwap Coming Soon

The AARC Web site will soon sport a eSwap feature, allowing local hams to post ham radio items for sale. This feature will require registration for posting an item but not for viewing the items available. Registration will start this weekend. **Please do not register now! Wait until you see the announcement on the web site and email groups.** The reason for registration is so that we can be assured that the person selling is indeed a ham radio operator in the area and to help keep control over what is listed. We have added a couple of items from WØWWW's estate so that you can see what the eSwap site will look like. Watch for a more details coming up soon!

AARC 2008 Nominations

The report from the nomination committee includes the following members running for office;

Greg W0AAI for President

Doug NG0K for Board of Directors

Brian KM0Y for Board of Directors

Jim KC0SHZ for Board of Directors

Dan KD7GSW for Board of Directors

The Vice President position will need to be nominated from the floor.

The elections will be held at the December AARC meeting.

From the ARRL

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ARLX007 Motorola buys Yaesu

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>From ARRL Headquarters

Newington CT November 5, 2007

To all radio amateurs

SB SPCL ARL ARLX007

ARLX007 Motorola buys Yaesu

Motorola USA has announced its intention to launch a tender offer to acquire a controlling interest in Vertex Standard Co, Ltd. Vertex Standard is the parent company of Yaesu. Motorola will own 80 percent of Vertex Standard; Tokogiken, a privately held Japanese company, controlled by current president and CEO of Vertex Standard Jun Hasegawa, will retain 20 percent, forming a joint venture. The total purchase price for 80 percent of the outstanding shares on a fully diluted basis will be approximately US \$108 million.

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Membership Form 2008

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?
_____	_____	_____	- <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
_____	_____	_____	- <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
_____	_____	_____	- <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Annual Dues (January thru December)

For Club Use Only - DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA

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| <input type="radio"/> Full Member | \$20.00 year | Amount: _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Accompanying Spouse | \$ 4.00 year | Amount: _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Accompanying Minor
Dependent | \$ 4.00 year x # of minors
renewing | Amount: _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Student Member (full time
student) | \$ 8.00 year | Amount: _____ |

Total Paid: _____

Mail to:

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Board of Director's Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2007

Roll Call

[x] Todd – KKØDX [x] Greg – WØAAI [x] Brian – KMØY
[x] Doug – NGØK [] Bill – KEØXQ [x] Marvin – AEØEG
[x] Gerry - WA6POZ [x] Jim – KCØSHZ [] Steve - NØUP
[] Corby - KØSKW [x] Rollie - ABØNN
Also present – John, WB0CMC

The board meeting was started at 7pm. There was no official business conducted at the August meeting so no minutes were written. Instead the board members assembled the mass mailing.

President's Report - Todd, KKØDX The hamfest was a big success and Todd thanked everyone for the help.

Vice President's Report and Programs - Greg, WØAAI The program for October will be on 10-10 International by Gerry.

Treasurer's Report - Brian, KMØY

Balances - Checking \$3547.96, Repeater \$1132.12, MM \$5055.40 (10.24 interest), CD for repeater \$5059.40, CD \$14743.00.

Deposited \$1945.50 for hamfest income from the raffle, admission, tables, silent auction, \$25 from KOQVL estate, and \$120 for license books. Expenses were \$375 for room rent, \$300 for seed money, \$300 for door prizes, \$60 for supplies.

Old Business

Hamfest - Todd reported as follows: An estimated 300 to 325 attended the event. Todd recommended some changes in ticket handling for next year and proposed hamfest committees for next year. The grand prize winner of a Yaesu FT-2800 2m radio was Dennis Mitchel, KCØYKN. We roughly broke even or a little better on door prize sales. It was recommended that the VE session be relocated to a more quiet room and also be held earlier. It was recommended to keep the silent auction going for club members. There were some negative comments on the round tables but other than that everything was positive.

Mass mailing – The mailing costs around \$340.

New Business

The Red Cross facility will not have water service for the club meeting this coming Friday.

The website went down for a brief amount of time. It was a renewal issue and Todd recommended \$14.95 of funding on a yearly basis for Mary, NØTRK who manages the website. John WB0CMC moved that we pay Mary \$14.95 for renewing the website hosting. Rollie, ABØNN gave the second and the motion passed.

Elections – Todd reported that it's time to look for people to run for office and board of directors.

December meeting – It was suggested that we get some door prizes and bring in food.

Publications – Steve, NØUP The Ham Hum was going to be late this month

Education Todd thanked those who ran the class.

The next meeting will be November 6th at 7pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Doug Rathman, NGØK, AKSARBEN ARC, Inc. Secretary

NSTAR Flight 07-C launch announcement

NSTAR Flight 07-C is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 11th, at 8am CST from DC West High School at Pine and Hudspith Streets in Valley, NE. APRS will be on 144.34 MHz with callsign N9XTN-11 and on 144.39 MHz with callsign N9XTN-12. Flight time should be about 2 hours and the maximum altitude should be 90-95,000 ft. Landing is currently projected to be near Griswold, IA.

If the SSTV payload is ready, it will be on 147.585 MHz with Robot 36 images every 3 minutes.

Anyone wishing to watch, help launch, or chase is welcome to attend. We will be monitoring 446.30 MHz simplex and 443.550+ (PL 103.5) repeater in Valley, and will use 446.30 for the chase. We can always use more hands - no experience necessary. Feel free to forward this notice to other e-mail lists, but interested parties should check <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/knsp/messages> later in the week for last minute changes.

The weather this weekend looks favorable for us, but breezy conditions (more than 10 mph) or strong winds aloft may cause us to cancel. If you have any questions, e-mail me at n9xtn@arrl.net.

73 de Mark N9XTN
<http://www.nstar.org>