



AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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## Prez Sez

By Bill McCollum, KEØXQ

I am happy to report that the club's printer has finally been purchased. Steve, **NØUP** informed the Board at last night's meeting. The meeting/program for June will be the tailgate, to be held in the parking lot of the Red Cross. There will be more information about this from Todd, **KKØDX** after he returns from the Dayton Hamvention. The AKSARBEN ARC will be hosting a Hamfest on Sunday, October 8th at the Millard American Legion Post. We are looking for help in making this event a success. As of this writing, several vendors have already been lined up and we hope to have a few more. It was felt that by moving it back to Omaha, more people would attend. The legion will be taking care of the food. This is your chance to get involved with **YOUR** club. If you are interested in helping with this event, contact **KKØDX** or me, **KEØXQ**. Field Day is the last full weekend in June. Corby, **KØSKW** is this years' chairman. If you are interested in participating please contact him, he is listed in the **HAM HUM**.

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## Upcoming Events

June 9	AARC Meeting, Red Cross, 7:00 PM
June 13	AARC Business Meeting, Red Cross 7:00 PM
June 9-10	Midwest Division Convention/Hamboree 2006, Sioux City IA <a href="http://www.3900club.com">www.3900club.com</a>
June 24-25	Field Day
July 14	AARC Meeting, Red Cross, 7:00 PM
July 15	Pioneer ARC Flea Market, North Bend NE <a href="http://home.alltel.net/jhuffman/index.htm">http://home.alltel.net/jhuffman/index.htm</a>
July 18	AARC Business Meeting, Red Cross 7:00 PM
July 25	VE Session, Red Cross, 6:30 PM
September 17	Boyer Valley ARC Flea Market, Missouri Valley IA
October 8	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Hamfest, Omaha NE

## Classified Ads

Classified ads are free to members. Send an email with the wording exactly as you want it printed to [hamhum@aksarbenarc.org](mailto: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.

**FOR SALE** Icom IC-T7H 2m and 440, \$150.00 Bought new from AES about a month ago. I have the box all the paper work. 895-2422 or 871-5842 ask for Dan Thank You

You see, wire telegraph is a kind of a very, very long cat. You pull his tail in New York and his head is meowing in Los Angeles. Do you understand this? And radio operates exactly the same way: you send signals here, they receive them there. The only difference is that there is no cat.

--Albert Einstein, when asked to describe radio.

73's (Amateur Radio for Best Wishes)  
Scott WBØQPP

## Contest Calendar

June, 2006

Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB	1100Z-1300Z, Jun 10
ARRL June VHF QSO Party	1800Z, Jun 10 to 0300Z, Jun 12
West Virginia QSO Party	1600Z, Jun 17 to 0200Z, Jun 18
Quebec QSO Party	1700Z, Jun 17 to 0300Z, Jun 18
Kid's Day Contest	1800Z-2400Z, Jun 17
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	1200Z, Jun 24 to 1200Z, Jun 25
ARRL Field Day	1800Z, Jun 24 to 2100Z, Jun 25

July, 2006

RAC Canada Day Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Jul 1 to 1500Z, Jul 2
MI QRP July 4th CW Sprint	2300Z, Jul 4 to 0300Z, Jul 5
IARU HF World Championship	1200Z, Jul 8 to 1200Z, Jul 9
FISTS Summer Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Jul 8
ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2400Z, Jul 9
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	1800Z, Jul 15 to 2100Z, Jul 16
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Jul 15 to 0600Z, Jul 16
ARS Flight of the Bumblebees	1700Z-2100Z, Jul 30

August, 2006

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TARA Grid Dip Shindig	0000Z-2400Z, Aug 5
10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB	0001Z, Aug 5 to 2359Z, Aug 6
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Aug 5 to 0600Z, Aug 6
ARRL UHF Contest	1800Z, Aug 5 to 1800Z, Aug 6
WAE DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Aug 12 to 2359Z, Aug 13
Maryland-DC QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 12 to 0400Z, Aug 13
	1600Z-2359Z, Aug 13
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	0600 local, Aug 19 to 2400 local, Aug 20
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Aug 19 to 0600Z, Aug 20
New Jersey QSO Party	2000Z, Aug 19 to 0700Z, Aug 20
	1300Z, Aug 20 to 0200Z, Aug 21
Hawaii QSO Party	0700Z, Aug 26 to 2200Z, Aug 27
Keyman's Club of Japan Contest	1200Z, Aug 26 to 1200Z, Aug 27
YO DX HF Contest	1200Z, Aug 26 to 1200Z, Aug 27
Ohio QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 26 to 0400Z, Aug 27
Kentucky QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 27 to 0400Z, Aug 28

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

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

## Veep Speaks

Here we are, the month of June and it's time for Field Day! Let's all make an effort to get out and be involved in the AKSARBEN ARC Field Day. There's a lot going on with Field Day and everyone is more than welcome to come out and help out. Korby KOSKW is our new Field Day Chairman and he can use everyone's assistance to get set up, work field day, and tear down.

As I'm writing this article, I am on my way home from the 2006 Dayton Hamvention. What a fantastic journey. I was able to charter a bus and individuals from many different clubs, including the AKSARBEN ARC, joined us for the journey. We spent two days at the world's largest hamfest just trying to see it all! Going to Dayton is one of the things that every ham should do at least once. Pictures, speeches, and presentations just can't show and explain the scope and magnitude of Hamvention.

This month for our June meeting, it's time to clean out the radio stuff you don't need. We're going to have a FREE Amateur Radio Tailgate. Bring your stuff to the meeting and we'll begin the buying, selling and trading. Just a few rules: Only AARC members may sell, all equipment must be in or on your car or truck, all equipment must be amateur related and no selling before 7:00pm or after 8:00pm. There will be no vendors, no electricity, no door prizes, and no admission. For those that are not AKSARBEN ARC members and wish to sell at the Tailgate, the cost will be \$20 which will include a FREE membership to the AARC!

Time to start preparing your car for next month's July AARC Meeting. We're going to be showing off our mobile installations and antenna installations. We'll start the AARC CAR SHOW about 7:00. Come and check out how others have installed their radios in a mobile environment. Trucks, bicycles, motorcycles, boats (on a trailer) and other vehicles are more than welcome to join us for our first CAR SHOW!

If you haven't already, mark your calendars for Sunday, October 8. Our club is sponsoring the AKSARBEN HAMFEST '06. This hamfest will be held at the Millard American Legion Hall at 4618 South 139th St. (139th and old "L" street). We will have vendors, speakers, programs, VE sessions, and lots of door prizes. Just to give you a taste of what will be some of our prizes, we will have": A Yaesu 8102M 2 meter mobile radio, a Vertex (Yaesu) VX-150 2m HT, a 12v switching power supply, a 144/440 fiberglass base antenna, and many prizes donated by various vendors and manufacturers. If you're interested in a table at the Hamfest, contact me via email and we'll get you all set up!

Should be a good summer for amateur radio in Omaha!  
-73, Todd - KK0DX

# Renew Online ?

Brian KM0Y [bjdan@cox.net](mailto:bjdan@cox.net)

Site: [wireless.fcc.gov/uls/](http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/)

Renew Ur License Online For Free in Ten Minutes

I am one of the local volunteer examiners. Every now and then, I get a call from a Ham who does not want to upgrade his or her license, but simply wants to **renew it**. Sometimes he requests a **Form 605**. This is the 21st century, however, so it seems odd to fill out a paper form, when you can easily accomplish the same task online.

A Ham can renew his or her license up to **90 days prior** to the current license expiration date and up to **two years after** the license expires. My license was to expire on March 20, 2006. So last December, I spent a few minutes on the FCC website to "re-up" for another ten years. The new paper license came in the US mail eight days after I renewed online. I am now good until March 20, 2016.

Here are step-by-step directions for renewing online. Not having a computer is no excuse. Almost any public library has computers connected to the internet for patrons to use. Not being familiar with the World Wide Web is no excuse. Hand these directions to any child over the age of 10, and the child will know what to do.

Point your browser to <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>, select

Online Filing; log in with your FRN (FCC Reg. Number) and password, and follow these instructions, which I downloaded from the FCC website. If you do not have an FRN, see below.

From your License At A Glance page, choose the Renew link in the right hand menu called Work on this License. When your license is within the renewal period of 90 days before the expiration date until the expiration date, or within the 2 year grace period allowed there after the Renew link will appear. If your license is not eligible for renewal the link will not appear.

On the Select Updates page, review the licensee information displayed beneath the table of license information. If any of the data is missing or out of date you must update it. Click on the box to the left of the Licensee Information heading to insert a checkbox and select it. When ready click Continue.

Answer the questions on the Applicant Questions page, and click Continue when ready.

On the Licensee Information page, review and update all of your licensee information. Make any corrections that are necessary.

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On the Summary page review the information you have entered. If you wish to make additional changes, click the Edit button next to the section of your application you wish to Edit. You will be able to return to that page of the application. Make the desired change and select the Return to Summary button.

When ready to submit your update to the Commission, choose the Continue to Certify button.

After reading the certification, enter your first and last names in the boxes at the bottom of the page. You **MUST sign** the application. When finished choose the Submit Application button.

From the ULS Confirmation screen, we recommend you print a copy of your application and/or the Confirmation screen itself from your web browser.

If you **do not have an FCC Registration Number** (FRN), first click on "Register" in the New Users box above Online Filing and follow the directions.

de **Brian KM0Y / VK7ACU**

P.S. If you need to renew your **Australian license**, you can do that online too. E-mail me at (my call) KM0Y @ arrl.net for instructions.

K2BSA-11

Near Space Ventures and Venture Crew 239 will be launching a high altitude balloon on Field Day, June 24, 2006 from the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation in Bonner Springs, Kansas.

The launch is set for early morning between 7:30 and 8:00 am, and it will carry a simplex repeater on 147.555mhz with an expected radio horizon of 400 miles at altitude. Field Day participants are encouraged to call any of the several operators that will be monitoring this special event station, they include Scout Ham operators at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation near Osceola, Missouri as well as the Bonner Springs site.

The balloon itself will be using the call sign K2BSA-11 for the inaugural flight of the VentureStar2 nearsat spacecraft. Any additional questions about the launch or if you are a Venturer or Boy Scout and interested in attending the launch please contact me at [keith.kaiser@gmail.com](mailto:keith.kaiser@gmail.com), or look for more information on our web site at <http://nearspaceventures.com>.

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## Field Day 2006

I have not heard anyone expressing interest in setting up stations at Field Day! This is quite concerning to me as Field Day is quickly approaching!

I have applied for space at Standing Bear (including the shelter area) and have gotten an email back from a contact at the Parks div. which tells me that they have received my letter and will no doubt mail me an official letter in coming days.

That's all fine and good, except with out people, Field Day is nothing! I NEED YOU!

Ideally we'd have 3 stations and a Get On The Air station, which will be another station at our site but will keep its own logs, and callsign (so it will need to use someone's call, not the k0usa call that everything else will be using).

These stations could be anything, CW, PSK, SSB.... On any band, 160m on up!

I am not an HF guy, so I have no experience in HF bands, but I know you guys do! Please, step up, get a station at Field Day!

BUT! It's not limited to just stations, we need food! If anyone has any desires for food, please submit them to me! I can see what I can do. I've thought about everything from pizzas to a giant Subway sandwich to buying a bunch of hamburgers and grilling them at the site. Again, if we do this, we'd want a couple people to man the grill, too.

As XQ said, this is your Field Day. If no one steps up, it won't happen. I'd hate to see a club with out a Field Day. In order to have a Field Day, there has to be interest. If you have that, express it!

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K0SKW - Technician  
Omaha, Nebraska

From the ARRL Section Manager,

Please check out the Nebraska Section News. In their you will see an Alert about a ham who has had some medical problems and is in the Veterans Hospital in Wyoming. Jim Paxton WAØNKC is the ham that would appreciate a phone call or card. I took a moment today and called him and it really lifted his spirits. It sounds like he will be there for a bit. Please, everyone take a small moment of time out of your day and either call him, (the number is toll free) 1-888-483-9127 Ext 3726

Or send him a card, might I suggest a QSL card to this address...

Jim Paxton  
Veterans Cheyenne Medical Center  
Room 144  
2360 East Pershing Blvd.  
Cheyenne, WY 82001-5356

I know that we are all busy, but a just a few minutes of our time will make all the difference in the world for Jim.

73's

Matt Anderson  
KAØBOJ

## After Meeting Gatherings

You are invited to have coffee, a light snack, or dinner at a local restaurant after the AARC Club Meeting as coffee, cookies, and doughnuts will no longer be available at the Red Cross. There will a small group that will meet at Perkins Restaurant at 72nd & Grover after the club meeting. All Amateurs are welcome to attend! This was done due to complaints from the Red Cross concerning the cleanliness of the meeting room after meeting nights. There are pop and snack machines available to all. I repeat, all are welcome to attend these social gatherings after the meeting. 73, Bill **KEØXQ**

# AK-SAR-BEN HAMFEST '06

*An ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest*

**Sunday, October 8, 2006**  
**9:00am - 2:00pm**

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Large Vendor Area  
Admission - \$3

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