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Prez Sez

By Bill McCollum, KEØXQ

I want to thank Corby, **KØSKW** for being Field Day Chairman this year. For awhile, it was touch and go whether the club was going to participate. Summer is upon us and many of us are working on antenna projects. Please keep safety as your number one priority when working on antennas. The year is half over and it is not too early to think about club elections. The Hamfest is on Sunday October 8th, and the club can use volunteers to make this a success. Hope to see you at the "Car Show" in July at the Red Cross.

What the BPL Industry thinks of Hams

From: Hare, Ed W1RFI

When interference occurs and is not reported formally, here is an example of the industry reaction. This is from the stock discussion board for the Ambient Corporation:

Editors note, I have removed much of the headers from these posts. Full posts are available upon request. We begin with the text of the first post.

by k.g.fl.

"...why haven't I heard the Hams screaming foul with RFI? I am puzzled...."

By: illeatabugonadare

Because there isn't any. Its all been notched away.

They (the ARRL) only filed the one complaint at Briarcliff because there was an older unit there where the notch was not working properly. They filed their complaint without giving Ambient notice or the chance to fix it.

(According to the FCC rules they are suppose to point out any issues to the company first and then file a complaint only if (there is truly harmful interference and) they get no resolution.)

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Upcoming Events

July 14	AARC Meeting, Red Cross, 7:00 PM
July 15	Pioneer ARC Flea Market, North Bend NE http://home.alltel.net/jlhoffman/index.htm
July 18	AARC Business Meeting, Red Cross 7:00 PM
July 18	Douglas Co. ARES Meeting, Ralston Fire Station, 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 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

- Knight AM Radio Model I63-a 110 ac with directional loop antenna 41 inch/h 29 wide 13 1/2 deep
- Knight AM Radio Table top 19 inch wide 10 inch /h 10 inch deep no model number,
- Two Kenwood TS940S HF transceivers w/ manuals
- Stewart Warner AM Radio Two record players Model 92cr3lp 34/h 26 wide 15 1/2 deep w/2 manuals

All radios are working and in good shape

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For Sale

- Two 144MHz 11 element yagi antennas, one is in very good condition, the other is in OK condition, \$25 for both.
- One 440MHz 10 element yagi antenna, excellent condition, \$20.

Todd, KKØDX.
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Contest Calendar

July, 2006

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

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
	1800Z, Aug 19 to 0600Z, Aug 20
North American QSO Party, SSB	2000Z, Aug 19 to 0700Z, Aug 20
New Jersey QSO Party	1300Z, Aug 20 to 0200Z, Aug 21
	0700Z, Aug 26 to 2200Z, Aug 27
Hawaii QSO Party	1200Z, Aug 26 to 1200Z, Aug 27
Keyman's Club of Japan Contest	1200Z, Aug 26 to 1200Z, Aug 27
YO DX HF Contest	1600Z, Aug 26 to 0400Z, Aug 27
Ohio QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 27 to 0400Z, Aug 28
Kentucky QSO Party	

September, 2006

All Asian DX Contest, Phone	0000Z, Sep 2 to 2400Z, Sep 3
Russian RTTY WW Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Sep 2
RSGB SSB Field Day	1300Z, Sep 2 to 1300Z, Sep 3

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

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

The **PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** is having it's 9th annual **FLEA MARKET** on Saturday, July 15 from 9:00-12:30.

This is a really nice Flea Market and I would encourage all of you to attend if you're able! Admission is \$2 and tables are available for \$5 or \$7 at the door. For more information contact Rich at mehaffey@dtnspeed.net

If it's a nice day, and if anyone would like to ride their motorcycle up to North Bend, it's a GREAT RIDE and we can go up as a group.

-73, Todd - KKØDX

Veep Speaks

Where are you planning to go on your summer vacation? Are you bringing a radio? Are you going to have a radio in the car with you? If you are, this is the month that you will want to check out other mobile installations. Coming up for the July 14 club meeting, we're looking for everyone to come out to show off their mobile set-ups. Yes, we're having a car-show!

We're not looking for how many coats of wax or the detail pin striping or the fancy shag carpeting hanging down from the top-liner. No, we're looking for the mobile installations and the antenna installations that. We want you to show off your work and show other amateurs how to do it right!

We'll start the car-show at 7:00pm in the Red Cross parking lot and then at 8:00 we'll retire inside to have our July monthly meeting. Bring a friend and show them how easy it is to install a radio in their car.

Don't forget to put Sunday, October 8 on your calendar for the **AKSARBEN HAMFEST '06**. A lot of work is already happening for this event and it should prove to be a fun Hamfest for everyone. If you're interested in working on the Hamfest, contact me and we'll get you all set up.

Looking forward to some of the programs coming up we will be having: Stealth Antennas, Repeaters, Noise Detection, VOIP, and many others.

See you all on Friday, July 14 with your Mobile Installations for the AKSARBEN Car Show!

-73, Todd - KKØDX

Request for Ham Hum Articles

I am looking for some articles for publication in the Ham Hum. Some ideas are how did you get interested in Ham Radio, unique experiences you have had due to Ham Radio or anything else that is radio related. Articles can be anywhere from the length of this request to several pages. They may be published at any time (I might save it for a while).

Please submit articles to n0up@cox.net and put Ham Hum in the subject line or mail to the PO Box listed in the contacts section.

Steve N0UP

AK-SAR-BEN HAMFEST '06

Sunday, October 8, 2006

9:00am - 2:00pm

Large Vendor Area
Admission - \$3

• ARRL VE Exams
• Kitbuilding Forum*
• ARRL Forum*
• APRS Forum*

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But nooooooooooooo. Not the ARRL. They're a privileged pack of rodents.

Ambient was able to resolve the problem pronto as soon as they became aware (by virtue of the complaint.) Then, understandably, Ambient complained to the FCC for themselves and called the ARRL (Ambulance Re-Router League) complaint frivolous and asked the FCC for relief from all the trivial twaddle.

Now be prepared to duck. You are about to see a whole bunch of crap flying about from a whole bunch of frivolous hamsters because of this post.

Best,
EatABug™

By: jonas_grumby_ccccvii

Bug _ I will take exception to that last post. It is imperative for some poor souls that live in their trailer parks, to use ham radio as they drive through the park to ensure all the offsprings of neighbors that the hamsters produce, are out of harms way when they drive their 1972 Gremlin into the trailer park and the car's brakes are not operational. So this communications method is need by society as a whole, for those living in double wides and wearing aluminum foil hats.

Field Day 2006

The last weekend in June has come and gone, and with it goes ARRL's Field Day 2006 until next year. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude for those who came out to Standing Bear Recreation Area to get in on the happenings. K0CTU, N0TRK, KK0DX, WB0CMC, KC0SQX, N6KVA, WA6BUL, KC000U, and many other club and non-club members stopped by to get a glimpse of the action.

Thunderstorms early Saturday morning put a grim look on my face as I was certain it was going to rain on my parade. I arrived at the Field Day Site around 11:00 to find AE0EG, NG0K, WA6BUL, and KC000U bright-eyed, bushy-tailed, and ready to "Get On The Air!" On-Air activities started promptly at 1PM local time, with NG0K doing CW on his Elecraft K2, and the rest of us fishing for SSB contacts on Marvin's TS-2000X.



Field Day 2006

Photo By K0SKW

A storm rolled through around 7PM local time, sending NG0K packing and heading for home, and AE0EG and I to the camper with all our gear. After some hail, wind, and plenty of rain, the storm passed, and we set back up in the shelter area. With NG0K gone, we were short a transmitter, but couldn't change our designation half-way through the contest, so we remained a 2A class. N6KVA and KC0SQX soon arrived and we were able to persuade N6KVA to operate the Ten-Tec AE0EG brought.

The night was slow, with few contacts. One made on 6-meters by myself, which made me happy, even though it was W0WIE, an Omaha-resident.

Though our performance in terms of completed QSO's was measly by comparison to other years, fun was still had, and much was learned by all that participated!

Official results will be put in the Hum when they are made available. Thanks to those who came out, and those who participated. You made it possible to have the Field-Day-That-Almost-Wasn't!

Until next time, may your verticals stand tall and your signal reports be high.
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