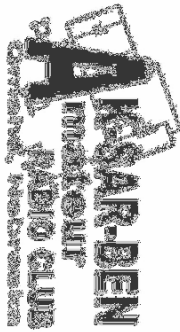


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Prez Sez

At the Board meeting on Tuesday, August 15th, a discussion was held on how to get more people, especially new hams, exposed to H.F. operating. There were many good suggestions, with emphasis on seasoned hams allowing people to operate from their stations. This could be during contests, special event stations or just a chance to get on the air and experience the thrill of contacting a DX station. If you are interested in permitting this type of operation, please contact me. It was also decided that a "Contest Chairperson" needs to be appointed to spark interest in contesting. I was informed by Michael, **KBØTHC**, that he is unable to continue on as Education Chairman, due to his work schedule. If anyone is interested in this position, please contact me. Don't forget the hamfest is less than 2 months away and we are in need of volunteers to make this a successful event. Contact Todd, **KKØDX** to volunteer.

73, Bill **KEØXQ**

Veep Speaks

Have we got a treat for all of you coming to the September AKSARBEN ARC club meeting this month! Our own, Eddie Edwards, K0IL will give a presentation about Power Line Noise entitled; "Power Line Noise - What to do before you call OPPD."

This affects so many of us that run HF and often we feel like we're on our own. This should be very informational for everyone involved in radio operation.

Next month will be our big HAMFEST! If you haven't done so already, be sure to reserve Sunday, October 8 on your calendar. We've got some great programs, great door prizes, and great tables with stuff to buy. We've still got tables available for you to get so just contact me and we'll be sure to get you a couple of tables in the hall. Remember, 10/8/06 at the Millard American Legion Hall. Talk-in will be available on the 146.94 repeater!

Hope to see EVERYONE at both of these events!

-73, Todd - **KKØDX**

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Upcoming Events

September 8	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Red Cross
September 12	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Red Cross
September 17	Boyer Valley ARC Flea Market, Missouri Valley IA
September 26	AK-SAR-BEN ARC/HDXA VE Session, 7:00 PM, Red Cross
October 8	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Hamfest, Omaha NE
October 13	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Red Cross
October 17	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Red Cross
October 21-22	Jamboree On The Air

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;
CDE Ham 3, series 2, rotor controler.
Heathkit HM-2102 SWR meter. Very clean.

Do you need a new door for your Ham Shack?
30" wide oak veneer door slab. No cut-outs for door knob or mortis for hinges.
Don't make me donate it to the flea market as a door prize!

Wanted: A reasonably priced Hi-8 camcorder. Not a digital 8. I have some non-digital tapes to dub off.
My previous Digital-8 camcorder bit the dust, and my new one doesn't play non-digital tapes. (Or maybe someone could loan one to me for a few weeks.)

Pat Joseph KØCTU
492-9156

Ham Hum Delivery

If you would like the Ham Hum delivered electronically by email, please let NØUP n0up@cox.net or WA6POZ wa6poz@arrl.net know. We will make sure your hum arrives when the mailed hum would arrive. This is an opt-out of receiving the Hum by mail only. If you do not request an emailed copy, you will continue to receive it by postal mail. Ed.

Correction: IN EARLIER DAYS

In 1940 I received W9PHW as my call. It was not until after the war in 1946 that Nebraska became part of the newly established zero district. My 1946 license became WØPHW. John
(Maybe a topic for an article? ED.)

Contest Calendar

September, 2006

ARRL September VHF QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 9 to 0300Z, Sep 11
Tennessee QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 10 to 0100Z, Sep 11
FISTS Get Your Feet Wet Weekend	0000Z, Sep 15 to 2400Z, Sep 17
South Carolina QSO Party	1300Z, Sep 16 to 2100Z, Sep 17
QRP Afield	1500Z-2100Z, Sep 16
QCWA Fall QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 16 to 1800Z, Sep 17
North American Sprint, SSB	0000Z-0400Z, Sep 17
144 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Sep 18
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Sep 23 to 2400Z, Sep 24
Texas QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 23 to 0200Z, Sep 24 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 24
Fall QRP Homebrewer Sprint	0000Z-0400Z, Sep 25
222 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Sep 26
CIS DX Contest	1200Z, Sep 30 to 1200Z, Oct 1
Arkansas QSO Party	1600Z, Sep 30 to 0600Z, Oct 1 1800Z, Oct 1 to 0200Z, Oct 2
FISTS Coast to Coast Contest	1800Z, Sep 30 to 1800Z, Oct 1

October, 2006

Oceania DX Contest, Phone	0800Z, Oct 7 to 0800Z, Oct 8
EU Autumn Sprint, SSB	1600Z-1959Z, Oct 7
California QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 7 to 2159Z, Oct 8
PRO CW Contest	1600Z-1800Z, Oct 7 0600Z-0800Z, Oct 8
10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint	0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10
YLRL Anniversary Party, SSB	1400Z, Oct 10 to 0200Z, Oct 12
Oceania DX Contest, CW	0800Z, Oct 14 to 0800Z, Oct 15
EU Autumn Sprint, CW	1600Z-1959Z, Oct 14

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

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

Make a Wish Bicycle Ride

Jim, KCØSHZ is assisting Make a Wish with their bicycle ride this year. It is a good cause that can use all of our help.

The ride will take place on Sunday 9/24 starting in Percival, Iowa and looping around the Missouri River bluffs and valley. I am recruiting Hams to help with communications on the ride. Anyone interested can contact me at kc0shz@yahoo.com

ARRL MIDWEST DIVISION DIRECTOR WADE WALSTROM, W0EJ, SK

ARRL Midwest Division Director Robert W. "Wade" Walstrom, W0EJ, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died August 31 during a surgical procedure. He was 59. An ARRL Life and Diamond Club member, Walstrom was elected in 1999 to succeed retiring Midwest Division Director Lew Gordon, K4VX. He won a third term (2006-2008) as Midwest Division Director last fall. Born in Nebraska, Walstrom grew up in South Dakota. He'd been an Amateur Radio licensee for 46 years and previously held the call signs K0ZTV and WA6TXE.

"Wade's sudden and unexpected passing is deeply shocking to all of us who worked with him during his many years of service to the ARRL," said ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ.

A member of the ARRL Executive Committee, Walstrom -- an electrical engineer and recently retired Rockwell-Collins project manager -- was a three-term Iowa Section Manager before becoming a director. He'd previously chaired the ARRL Board of Directors' Volunteer Resources and Programs and Services committees, and he'd served on the Membership Services and Election and Ethics committees.

Walstrom was instrumental in the effort to end interference to Amateur Radio from a broadband over power line (BPL) pilot project in Cedar Rapids. He not only worked with local radio amateurs but co-authored a technical report that pointed out BPL's harmful interference in the amateur bands and the inadequacy of "notching" techniques.

An active and serious DXer and contester, Walstrom was a member of the Eastern Iowa DX Association, QCWA, AMSAT and the Cedar Valley Amateur Radio Club.

ARRL First Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN, worked with Walstrom on the Volunteer Resources Committee, which, in 2003, revised the rules and regulations governing the ARRL Field Organization.

"He could always find the right words when I got stuck for how to phrase something," Craigie recalled. "It was a pleasure to work with him, and I am very sad that there won't be any more opportunities for us to benefit from his intelligence and good sense."

ARRL Hudson Division Director Frank Fallon, N2FF, said he was shocked and saddened to learn of Walstrom's untimely death. "He was a very fair and intelligent individual," Fallon said. "I think I can speak for all of us on the Board when I say we admired him and the values he stood for."

ARRL Midwest Division Vice Director Bruce Frahm, K0BJ, has succeeded Walstrom as the division's Director. ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, will appoint someone to fill the now-vacant Vice Director's seat.

Survivors include Walstrom's wife, Solveig, and their sons Robert and Steve, KC0LGE. Members of the ARRL Board of Directors will represent the League at a memorial service Tuesday, September 5, at 10 AM at St Mark's Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids.

The family invites memorial donations to the ARRL or to St Mark's Lutheran Church.--some information from The Daily DX

<http://www.dailydx.com>

From the ARRL Letter www.arrl.com

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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Board of Director's Meeting Minutes - August 15, 2006

Roll - NG0K

KE0XQ – Bill, KM0Y – Brian, AE0EG – Marvin,
KC0OYT – Rob, WA6POZ – Gerry,
KC0SHZ – Jim, N0UP - Steve
Visitors - Shelley KC0KAY, Andrew (harmonic of N0UP & KC0KAY)

Minutes - NG0K

Doug was not present, but would like to thank Bill for taking notes this month.

President's Report – Bill McCollum, KE0XQ

No Report. Was not present at last club meeting and board meeting.

Vice-President's Report – Todd LeMense, KK0DX

Not present.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Zdan, KM0Y

Checking	\$2,931.96
CD	19,162.21
Repeater	2,486.12
Total Assets	24,580.29

Standing Committee Reports

Disaster Preparedness – Jim Harper, KC0SHZ

Report - Jim suggested that we make paper name badges for those participating in public service/disaster actions functions.

Publications – Steve Schmitz, N0UP

Report – 150 ham hums are sent out every month. Toner cartridges and paper need to be purchased.

Other Committee Reports

By-Laws committee report – Revised By-Laws to be presented to Board at the October Board meeting.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

KC0VTO wants to set up a ham class for kids. KE0XQ will contact KB0THC to see if he wants to head up classes or would KC0VTO do it. It was suggested that these classes begin on October 17. Length of classes would be 6 weeks, ending November 21. Testing would be one week later at the VE session on November 28th. Also, it was suggested to have a microwave talk. (maybe invite a prof or grad student to go over this at a club meeting or at the hamfest)

Also discussed were ways of letting members with Technician privileges get on HF. Several Board members were open to letting people come to their shacks to operate. The club also needs to have a Special Event station to foster interest in getting people to upgrade and get the club more active in contests and special event stations. This will be discussed at the September meeting. The club will seek the appointment of a Contest Chairperson.

Greg, W0AAI was not present, but a report was passed on to Todd as follows:

Todd, as I mentioned I took vacation on Oct 8, for the hamfest. In addition, I'd like to meet up with you and discuss any publicity needs for this. It seems your way ahead of the game but feel free to point me in the right direction if you need help with anything.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at 7:00pm.
The next General Club meeting will be Friday, September 8, 2006 at 7:30pm.

Motion to adjourn by WA6POZ, Seconded by N0UP. The meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Doug Rathman, NG0K, AKSARBEN ARC, Inc. Secretary