

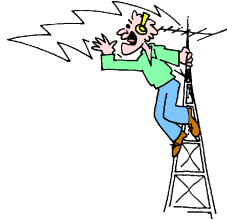
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## The Prez Sez

Recently I received an interesting phone call. Someone has started an interesting rumor, totally untrue but interesting anyway. The rumor was that the PL tone was going to be reactivated on 146.94. There are no plans to do this any time in the foreseeable future. Neither the Board of Directors nor the Repeater Committee have discussed or even mentioned the reactivation of the PL tone on .94. So, as we are currently toneless and we plan on staying that way, this rumor is false.



The BPL testing has begun with the taking of baseline readings along and around the test area. The first outing was met with some interesting stares and what is that questions. I can't blame anyone who was interested in the Green Escort with a giant eggbeater sticking out of the sunroof. One minor incident occurred during the pre trip loading when I suddenly met the concrete, sustaining only scrapes and bruises. Thankfully I was not carrying the Spectrum Analyzer. We are doing this to help protect the HF radio interests of our club members, but I require your input. What is an acceptable level of harmful interference? As someone who only plays on HF occasionally, I do not feel comfortable in setting this magic threshold.

There are many issues facing amateur radio in this area from the pollution of the bands from part 15 devices, unfavorable antenna regulations and club politics (both internal to the local clubs and between them). We must work to overcome these obstacles for the sake of the hobby. There has been too much club bashing lately, and it needs to stop. I don't care what clubs or organizations that anyone supports, if you don't like the other ones, so be it. Everyone is entitled to their opinion, having an opinion about something doesn't require the mudslinging and bashing that has been happening lately. If we as a whole are to overcome our obstacles, we must work together and not try to sabotage the efforts of the rest of the ham community.

The end of my term is nearing, to help the next President, I will begin a list of volunteers for positions in the club. There are some committee chairs who would like to retire or take a co-chair in the coming years. If you are interested taking a committee position, please send me or the next President (at

the December Meeting) a letter of interest including a short bio, list of qualifications, and the position(s) that you may be interested in. There may not be any changes made but that is not my decision, I am just trying to get a list of interested persons for the next President. There are currently open positions in Field Day (co-chair), Publications (the newsletter editor is not necessarily the chair of this committee and we have a good newsletter editor), HF Contest and DX, and others. I can think of at least one other chair who would be interested in a co-chair. I have heard that some members think that the same people run the entire club, that is because they are the ones who volunteer. You can be one of those people too.

See ya at the meeting

Steve Schmitz

N0UP

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### Next Meeting Information

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 7:30 p.m.  
Red Cross at 82<sup>nd</sup> & Spring Streets.

**Program will be on the KETV tower Progress and a refresher on Power Pole Installation**



### Volunteer Oppurtunities

October 10th will be the Annual Crop walk. The walk will start at 1:30 and end about 4:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 6630 Dodge Street. If you are intested in helping with this worth while event. Call k0ctu@arrl.net or landline at 492-9156



### Help Wanted

Before the nominating committee begins its work, I will ask for volunteers for the open club officer positions. The open positions are President, Vice President, and 4 at large Board of Director positions. President and Vice President are one year positions and the BOD positions are two year terms. If you are interested in the direction the club is heading or would like to serve, please contact me either by phone or email.

Thanks  
Steve Schmitz  
NØUP



### For Sale

Classified advertisements are free for all Ak Sar Ben ARC members. Icom 735. 160 through 10 meters. Has Mars Mod. Does AM,SSB,FM, and CW. Built in keyer board installed. Asking \$500. Geri Norris (N5RIG) 721-1592 n5rig@arrl.net.



Please send submissions to hamhum@aksarbenarc.org



### Nebraska Section Manager Elections

With our Long Time Section Manager KE0XQ, Bill McCollum will be retiring from his long service, elections for Section Manager are just around the the corner.. Ballots have begun arriving. ARRL members are encouraged to cast their Ballots for either Matt Anderson KAØBOJ, or Dan Steinhoff W7UP.



### DO-NETS

Do-Nets are unofficial, casual gatherings of Hams that occur between meetings. Everyone is invited to join in the fun, food, and camaraderie each week at any of these locations:

<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Talk-in</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tue 08:00	146.82-	Main St. Cafe, CB
Fri 20:00	146.39+	Wendy's Galvin Rd.
Sat 08:00	146.82-	HyVee, 16 <sup>th</sup> St. CB
Sat 08:00	146.94-	HyVee, 132 <sup>nd</sup> & Dodge
1 <sup>st</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue 12:30	146.52	Brandies Food Ct.



### ARES Happenings



#### OMMRS Training

Next month the training for ARES will be moved to October 23, and will be OMMRS training. From 10:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m. At Immanuel Hospital in the Centinnial Room. Talk in will be available on 146.940 MHz.

OMMRS' (Omaha Metro Medical Response System) goal is to prepare the local medical community in partnership with Public Health, fire, law enforcement, government entities and community organizations of the Metro Area, for an integrated medical response to any disaster.

All hospitals in the metro have had installed a permanant antenna and have had radios installed. At this time the new Lake Side hospital is the only Douglas County hospital that remains to have the installation completed. Radios for Ehrling Berquist at Offutt AFB, have been delivered to Sarpy County EMA for installation at that facility.

Even if you attended the OMMRS training a couple of years ago, we encourage you to attend this session, as many things have been added to the OMMRS communication system.

#### Level 1 Communications Class

Douglas County ARES will offer The ARRL Level I Emergency Communications starting on October 30<sup>th</sup>, the class will run for 6 weeks, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The classes will be held at the Douglas County 911 Center at 156<sup>th</sup> and Maple. Class size is limited and pre-registration **is required**. Contact the Douglas County ARES Training Coordinator NØTRK -at 492-9156. Or Barb Westcott at 397-2306 or check <http://www.qsl.net/dcares> for more details.

**Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club  
Invites you to  
Younkers Community Day Fundraiser  
Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

Younkers' Community Day Event is a special day of shopping for customers who have purchased a \$5.00 ticket from benefitting charities and schools. Ak-Sar-Ben ARC receives 100% of the ticket sales purchased directly from the Club. Proceeds from tickets purchased from Younkers will be divided between the participating organizations

**WITH YOUR \$5 TICKET YOU WILL ENJOY:**

**\$5 off any one item per ticket**

**Six coupons for 20% off any single item throughout the store (no minimum purchase required, but there are some exclusions)**

**"Lowest Prices" of the Season**

**A chance to win great prizes including a trip for Four to Cancun**

**Entertainment**

**Children's Activities**

**Restaurant Food Sampling**

**Tickets are good at all Younkers, Carson's, Boston Sotre, Bergners and Herberger's Locations**

**Thank you for Supporting Your Club**

**Flea-Esta '04 Grand Prize Winner**



Flea Chairman Pat KØCTU (right) awards Rich Swig WAØZQG (left) the Grand Prize from the 2004 Flea-esta, a \$200 Gift Certificate to Burghardt's Amateur Radio Center

**Veteran's Day Special Event Station**

To recognize Veterans Day and General Curtis E. LeMay's birthday again this year, the Strategic Air Command Memorial Amateur Radio Club (SACMARC) will be operating both **KØAIR** and **KØGRL** on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004 from 1200 hours to 2400 hours Zulu (UCT). The stations will operate in the general phone bands on or near to the following frequencies ending in 47 (for 1947 when the Air Force became a single entity) 3.947, 7.247, 14.247, 21.347, & 28.347, whichever band seems to be open best to most locations. Also look for us on 51.47MHZ. We will also be on 146.46 simplex for local folks. You should also listen to the 3905 Century Club WAS Net in the evening. Please join us in celebrating this day.

Extra stuff – If you are hearing us and we do not hear you. Go to our club web site at [www.sacmarc.org](http://www.sacmarc.org) where you will find a little form on our home page. Fill in the information and click on the submit button and we will get an e-mail telling us where you are..

To receive a KØAIR - KØGRL QSL card (after contact, of course), Please visit the SACMARC web site at <http://www.sacmarc.org>.

Contact information and mailing address are listed there also. Please include a 'SASE' with your QSL card. Both **KØAIR** and **KØGRL** are good in the current call book and can be found at <http://qrz.com>.

**Darwin (Dar) Piatt W9HZC  
Vice President SACMARC.**

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Sarpy County, U.S.A.



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*In Memory of the Strategic Air Command and General Curtis E. LeMay*  
Photo by Clay Mayrose, WA6LBU

**Official Record**

Minutes of the Board of Trustee Meeting

The Ak-Sar-Ben ARC Board of Trustees met on September 7, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Red Cross Emergency Services building, 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Spring Streets, in Omaha, Nebraska.

**Roll Call of Officers and Board Members**

President Steve Schmitz, N0UP; Vice President Kurt Kettelson, KC0HMI; Secretary Ken Noel, AJ0A; Treasurer Mary Joseph, N0TRK; and Board Members Marvin Taylor, AE0EG; and Steven Wisnieski, KC0LOD. Unable to attend: Geri Norris, N5RIG; Jim Westcott, KA0KCV; Sam Bellami, KC0NWL; Kevin Hill, KA0VNY; and Bill McCollum, KE0XQ.

Guests attending: Pat, K0CTU.

**President's Report – N0UP** None.

**Vice President's Report – KC0HMI**

Steve, N0UP, will present the September Club meeting program on BPL.

**Secretary's Report – AJ0A** Minutes of the August 2004 Board Meeting were presented. Marvin, AE0EG, moved to accept the minutes as printed and Steven, KC0LOD seconds. No discussion. Motion carried.

Ken, AJ0A, will not be at the September Club meeting due to a prior commitment. Steven, KC0LOD, will serve as acting Secretary.

**Treasurer's Report for August 2004 – N0TRK**

<u>Operating Assets</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Current Liabilities</u>	
Cash in checking	\$3,093.58	Free memberships	\$41.00
Less: Repeater donations in ckng	-2,306.17	Non-club repeater donations	20.00
Net Cash in checking	\$787.41		
Cash in savings	4,657.07		
Total operating funds	\$5,444.48	Total Liabilities	\$61.00
<b><u>Restricted Funds</u></b>			
Repeater fund	\$3,474.47		
Add: Repeater donations in ckng.	2,306.17		
Total Repeater fund	\$5,780.64		
Life Membership fund	13,827.97		
Total Restricted funds	\$19,608.61	Surplus	\$24,992.09
<b>Total Operating &amp; Restricted</b>	<b>\$25,053.09</b>	<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Surplus</b>	<b>\$25,053.09</b>

Profit and Loss: Income \$0 (deposits had not been made at the time of this report). Expenses \$1,940.88. Net \$-1,940.88.

Expense break down as follows: Fleaesta \$95.46; Membership (baseball outing) \$58.03; Insurance \$413.00; Repeater \$1,374.39.

Repeater fund donations included in the checking account will probably not be transferred to the repeater account since checks are currently being written to purchase hardware, etc. in connection with the move and installation

of the K0USA 146.34/94 repeater to KETV Crown Point.  
**Standing Committee Reports**

**Equipment** Marvin, AE0EG, is researching portable towers, generators, antennas and a trailer to transport them. Steve, N0UP, will provide Marvin with a list of ideas he has compiled.

**Flea Market** Mary, N0TRK, reports the Fleaesta is this Saturday September 11, 2004. A few tables are still available for \$8 each in advance or \$10 each at the door (if available). Door prizes. Free coffee. Breakfast served. Help is still needed to set up, take down, parking, kitchen and other duties.

**Membership** Mary, N0TRK, reported the tailgate and baseball outing at Rosenblatt Stadium was well attended. Everyone seemed to have a good time, including the Omaha Royals who won their game. Mary would like to hear from Club members on their ideas for other membership outings.

**Public Relations** Barb, KC0HLB reported the next Younkers Community Day sale is coming up in November.

**Repeaters – K0USA 146.34/94** Steve, N0UP, reports that an additional 200'-250' of 7/8" hardline will be needed to complete the run of transmission line from tower to building. This has been ordered. Antennas and hardware must be on-site (KETV Crown Point) when KETV or their contractor calls for it. When the repeater is relocated to KETV Crown Point it will be tested with the voters turned off. Coverage will be evaluated in the Omaha Metro Area to determine where or if voters are needed. An independent attorney should review legal documents that KETV may present to the Club before signing.

**Special Events** Pat, K0CTU, reports that the Cystic Fibrosis bicycle race is September 18 and the Crop Walk is the second weekend in October 2004.

From Geri, N5RIG of the National Weather Service, Valley and Ken, AJ0A: The NWS sponsored Skywarn Appreciation Day is December 4, 2004 from 0000 to 2400 UTC. Amateur radio operators will take to the airwaves from NWS office throughout the county including the NWS office at Valley. Operations from NWS Valley will be on HF, VHF and UHF. New this year at NWS is a permanently installed HF Yagi donated by Jim, N0AIH and a VHF Yagi and Ham IV rotor donated by Mitch, N0AZF. Thanks to NWS Valley for authorizing the installation, Jim and Mitch for their donations, and Geri N5RIG for doing the tower work and Steven KC0LOD and Ken AJ0A serving as her ground crew.

**Old Business** None.

**New Business** A moderator for AKSARBENtalk has requested clarification of who qualifies to be a subscriber to the group. Consensus of the Board is that a subscriber is a member in good standing of the Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club.

**Adjourn** Ken, AJ0A moved to adjourn. Stephen KC0LOD and Marvin AE0EG seconds. Motion carries.

**Respectfully submitted by Ken Noel, AJ0A – Secretary**





Mobile. Work stations in each county, county line contacts count 1 QSO from each county. Exchange: RS(T) and S/P/C (IL stations send county). QSO points: Phone--1 pt/QSO, CW--2 pts. Score: QSO points × IL counties (IL stations use states + IL counties + VE provinces + up to 5 DXCC entities). Count additional DX for points only. One bonus multiplier for each 8 QSOs with the same IL county. For more information: <http://my.core.com/~jematz/ilqso04.html>. Logs due Nov 15 to [jfunk@fosnorthamerica.com](mailto:jfunk@fosnorthamerica.com) (Cabrillo format only) or RAMS, c/o John Matz, KB9II, 7079 West Ave, Hanover Park, IL 60133.

**Bill Windle QSO Party**--CW, sponsored by First Class Operator's Club (FOC), from 0000Z-2359Z Oct 16. Frequencies: 160-10, 6 and 2 meters. Call CQ BW from 15 to 45 kHz above band edge; open to all hams, not just FOC members. Exchange: RST and name or FOC number, if member. Report total QSOs with FOC members, counted once per band, FOC members report total QSOs and total FOC QSOs. For more information: [www.firstclasscw.org.uk/](http://www.firstclasscw.org.uk/). QSO totals due Oct 23 to [KZ5D@aol.com](mailto:KZ5D@aol.com).

#### October 23-24

#### USI W/VE Islands QSO Party—CW/Digital/SSB--

sponsored by the US Islands Awards Program from 1600Z Oct 23 to 2359Z Oct 24. Frequencies: 160-6 meters. Categories: W/VE-phone, W/VE-CW/Digital, as Non-Island, Island, or Island Rover, plus DX and SWL. Exchange: RS(T), island name and USI or CISA number (S/P/C for non-island stations). Non-island stations work island stations only. Work stations once per island per mode. QSO points: island--5 pts, non-island--1 pt. Score: QSO points × states + provinces. For more information: [www.eng.mu.edu/usislands/usvetest.html](http://www.eng.mu.edu/usislands/usvetest.html). Logs due Nov 30 to [wa4ja@arrl.net](mailto:wa4ja@arrl.net) or to WA4JA, John Almon, 105 Flintlock Dr, Franklin, TN 37064-2351.

QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party--CW, sponsored by QRP ARC International, 1200Z Oct 23-2400Z Oct 24, operate 24 hrs max. Frequencies (MHz): 1.810, 3.560, 3.710, 7.040, 14.060, 21.060, 28.060. Categories: SOAB, SO-High Band (20-6), SO-Low Band (160-40). QSO points: member QSOs--5 pts, non-member same cont--2 pts, non-members diff cont--4 pts. Score: QSO points × S/P/C × Power Multiplier (< 55 mW ×20, <250 mW ×15, <1 W ×10, <5 W output ×7, >5 W ×1). For more information: <http://2hams.net/ARCI/index.htm>. Submit entry form

via contest Web site. Logs due 30 days after contest to [wb5khc@2hams.net](mailto:wb5khc@2hams.net) or QRP ARCI Contest Manager, Tom Owens WB5KHC, 1916 Addington St, Irving, TX 75062-3505.

4th Annual FISTS Coast to Coast Contest--CW-- sponsored by FISTS Northwest Club, K7FFF, 0000Z-2400Z Oct 24. Frequencies: 80-10 m. Categories: SOAB, MS (QRP/QRO). Exchange: RST, name, state or DX prefix, and FISTS number or power. QSO points and scoring depends on number of times club is worked, for more information: [www.tomochka.com/k7fff/fnw\\_c2c04.html](http://www.tomochka.com/k7fff/fnw_c2c04.html). No logs required; just send total score and list of clubs contacted to [FistsC2C@yahoo.com](mailto:FistsC2C@yahoo.com) within 30 days of the contest.

#### October 30-31

**CQ World Wide DX Contest**--SSB, sponsored by *CQ Magazine*, 0000Z Oct 30-2400Z Oct 31 (CW is 0000Z Nov 27-2400Z Nov 28). Frequencies: 160-10 meters. Categories: SOAB and SOSB (HP >100 W, LP, QRP <5 W), MS, M2 (new), MM. MS have 10 minute rule. Exchange RS(T) and CQ zone. QSO points: same cont--1 pt (NA stations count 2 pts), diff cont--3 pts. Stations in the same country may be worked for zone credit only. Score: QSO points × CQ Zones + DXCC entities and WAE countries counted once per band. For more information: [www.cqww.com](http://www.cqww.com). Logs due Dec 1 (Jan 15 for CW) to [ssb@cqww.com](mailto:ssb@cqww.com) (CW logs to [cw@cqww.com](mailto:cw@cqww.com)) or to *CQ Magazine*, 25 Newbridge Rd, Hicksville, NY 11801.

**CQ WW SWL Challenge** - sponsored by Bob Treacher BRS32525. This competition runs during both modes of the CQ WW contest. SWLs log stations from each DXCC entity (one station per entity per band). Categories: SO, MO-Single Rx, MO-Multi Rx. QSO Points: own continent - 1 pt, different cont - 5 pts. Score: QSO Points × sum of DXCC entities from all bands. Send logs to Bob Treacher BRS32525, 93 Elibank Road, Eltham, Mondon SE9 1QJ, England.

**ARRL International EME Contest**, 0000Z Oct 30-2400Z Oct 31, 2304 MHz and higher (see Oct 9-10).

**10-10 International CW/Digital Contest**, 0001Z Oct 30-2400Z Oct 31. Logs due Nov 15 (see August QST, p 94 or [www.ten-ten.org](http://www.ten-ten.org)).



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