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## ANNUAL MEETING

of Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

WHEN: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1977  
TIME: 7:30 P.M.  
WHERE: RED CROSS CHAPTER HOUSE  
432 South 39th Street, Omaha



ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY  
REGULARLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING

PAID CLUB MEMBERS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE — 1978 DUES PAYABLE AT THIS  
MEETING—

ONLY BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED — NO PROGRAM — DRAWING FOR  
DOOR PRIZE

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1977  
TIME: 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.  
WHERE: SOUTH OMAHA GENE EPPLEY BOYS CLUB  
5051 South 22nd Street (22nd and P Streets), Omaha



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ARRIVE BETWEEN 3:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. (Gift exchange and refreshments to  
follow Santa)

AVAILABLE TO ALL WILL BE: BOWLING, FOOSBALL, TABLE TENNIS,  
POOL TABLES, AIR HOCKEY AND BASKETBALL

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS (GUESTS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE  
GIFT EXCHANGES)

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Best wishes to you and yours for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
from the Board of Trustees of Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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**Dues-Annual Basis**

(Due and Payable each January 1.)

New member initiation fee	..... \$ 1.00
Regular member	..... \$10.00
Regular member and spouse	..... \$12.00
Student member	..... \$ 4.00

**PHONETICS**

While listening on 2 meters the other day, two hams, with tongue in cheek, were using the phonetic "X" as in Xylophone as part of their call signs. Since Xylophone is pronounced with a "Z" sound, it took some rapid mental calculations to figure it was an "X" instead of a "Z" to which they were referring.

The incident reminded me of the use of phonetics by an Omaha police traffic officer a number of years ago (true story). The officer, who was checking downtown parking meters for overtime violators, found an expired meter and called his dispatcher to check the license number to determine if there were any unpaid parking tickets on file for that vehicle.

"The license number," the officer said, "is Illinois 12 Y 5063." The dispatcher, uncertain of the letter, asked, "Is that 'I' as in Ida?" "No," replied the patrolman, "it's 'Y' as in You."

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**Deadline for January issue is December 20th**

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New member initiation fee	..... \$1.00
Regular member	..... \$3.00
Regular member and spouse	..... \$3.60
Student member	..... \$1.05

Only the laughing of the dispatcher could be heard on the air for the next few seconds.

That must be one of the reasons why most hams now use the ICAO phonetic alphabet.

Sincerely,  
Joe Niemann, WBØFWB  
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**JINGLE BELLS**

Would you believe it's almost time for Ak-Sar-Ben ARC's Christmas Party? December 11th, at the South Omaha Boys Club. We're looking forward to seeing all of you there with your families!

Just one thing - The Treat XY"Lves" - Leona and Kay - need a little help from all you XYs out there in the form of about two dozen cookies to go with the scrumptious punch and coffee we're brewing. Please come, and bring your exchange gifts too.

XY"Lves" Leona and Kay  
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## THE PREZ SEZ

This will be the last time that you will read "The Prez Sez" from this tired but much wiser Prez. Yes, another year has passed us by. At times it seems like it has been an eternity and then again it does not seem like it has been long at all.

The Club has made many strides forward this year, thanks to the help of the members. No one man can do much of anything by himself. I would like to thank each one of you for making this year one of the best in the history of our Club.

The Nominating Committee has arrived at its selection of officers for 1978 and this was no small task. With a membership such as we have now, it is very hard to narrow down to the final names for the Board, President and Vice President positions. The selection is in this issue of Ham Hum. It is the opinion of the Nominating Committee that these nominees will do an outstanding job as your new officers. But they will need the support of each of us in the year to come. The election will be at the December meeting and your dues must be paid for you to be eligible to vote. Remember this meeting will be Friday, December 9th, at the Red Cross Chapter House. Then in January 1978 we will again be back at the JCC on the second Tuesday of the month.

Thanks to the Global Weather Crew from Offutt AFB for a fine program propagation. We all learned much from it and hopefully some are now wiser on when to go after the rare DX. Also, many thanks to Rick, WAØROP, and the Carter Lake Water Ski Club for some nice movies of the skiers. It  
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was well done! We also thank the Carter Lake Ski Club for the very fine award they presented to the Club.

Once again, thank you all for your support. And next year get involved. It's a lot of fun.

73 CU at the meeting,  
Bob, WBØLYU  
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Thanks to all!

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## PHOTO CREDIT

Due to a last minute substitution of the picture of Bob Lockwood, WAØDHU, on the cover of last month's issue, we did not change the type copy under the photo. Credit for the picture plus the meeting room picture on page 5 should be given to Bob Miller, KØZLY.

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## AK-SAR-BEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC. 1977 ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club, Inc. will be held at 7:30 P.M. on Friday, December 9, 1977, at the Red Cross Chapter House, 432 South 39th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, at which time officers will be elected for 1978.

The Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Club provide for the election of a President, Vice President, and four members of the Executive Council each year. The President and Vice President are elected for a one-year term; the Executive Council members are elected for a two-year term. The outgoing President remains on the Board of Trustees as Immediate Past President for one additional year.

Sincere thanks to those whose terms expire at this meeting for their efforts in behalf of the Club. They are:

James R. Peterson, WBØQGV; Edward C. Eichler, WBØBCB; John Gebuhr, WBØCMC; Martin J. Griffin, WAØGEH; Joe Nanos, KØKES; and Thomas L. Thiessen, KØPQR.

Remaining on the Board for 1978 are: Robert A. Conley, WBØLYU, Immediate Past President; Lloyl L. Burks, WBØNGD; Jon J. Penner, WBØGQT; Irene K. Mulick, WBØMPC; and James B. Wilson, Sr., WBØJPN.

Those remaining on the Board together with the new officers and members of the Executive Council to be elected will comprise the Board of Trustees for 1978. The Board will then elect a Secretary and a Treasurer from the Executive Council.

The Nominating Committee will place in nomination at the annual meeting the following:

### **For President**

*James R. Peterson, WBØQGV*

Age: 40

Address: 5208 Cass Street, Omaha

Phone: 558-0643

Employment: Graduate Civil Engineer  
Kirkham, Michael & Associates

Wife: Marilyn

Children: Steve; Holly

Licensed: 1975

Hobbies: Ham radio, computers, photography

### **For Vice President**

*Thomas L. Thiessen, KØPQR*

Age: 32

Address: 2708 North 65th Street, Omaha

Phone: 556-9120

Employment: McMartin Industries, Inc.

Wife: Kathleen

Licensed: 1958

Hobbies: Ham radio

**For Executive Council**

*Robert H. Brenneman, WØUQJ*

Age: 60  
Address: 953 Oak Park Road, Council Bluffs  
Phone: 323-1390  
Employment: Retired  
Wife: Virginia  
Children: Grown and away from home  
Licensed: 1935  
Hobbies: Ham radio

*Robert R. Chereck, Sr., WBØTVP*

Age: 50  
Address: 4507 South 35th Street, Omaha  
Phone: 731-9925  
Employment: McLean Trucking Co.  
Wife: Leona  
Children: At home: Dean; Rick  
Licensed: 1976  
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, ham radio

*Kenneth L. Huber, WBØTXV*

Age: 37  
Address: 1103 Bellevue Blvd. N., Bellevue  
Phone: 731-6166  
Employment: Artist, Omaha World Herald  
Wife: Karen  
Licensed: 1976  
Hobbies: Ham radio, racing radio controlled boats, flying

*Sgt. Carl J. Quijas, WBØTUE*

Age: 24  
Address: 2967 Poppleton Ave., Omaha  
Phone: 344-3677  
Employment: USAF  
Wife: Sandra  
Children: Jared (6 mos.)  
Licensed: 1976  
Hobbies: Ham radio, camping

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## NOVEMBER 15, 1977 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

President Conley announced that full details on access to, and operation of, the new Club HF Station would be forthcoming shortly. Minor details remain to be worked out concerning the identification and sign-in procedures. A consensus of opinion has been expressed by the Club Station Committee, that all members who wish to use the Station in an unsupervised situation, will be required to complete a brief training session on the operation of the equipment. The Committee also stated that the Club call WØEQU will NOT be used unless there is an organized Club activity taking place such as a contest. Members will operate using their own calls and within their license class privileges. It is now expected that the station will be formally dedicated before January 1st.

The monthly Treasurer's report was read and approved. It was announced that the 1978 Club operating budget would be printed as an insert in the December issue of Ham Hum and sent to members only. Also, as per an approved motion from the membership, the year-end financial report will be compiled following Jan. 1, and will be included in the January or February issue of Ham Hum, depending on printing deadlines.

President Conley announced that the January Code and Theory classes will be held at the Jewish Community Center. This is due to a policy change at Creighton Prep regarding compensation for use of their classrooms.

December should prove to be the busiest month of the year again for Club activity. Dec. 18 has been scheduled for the annual project to provide Christmas calls for the patients at Veteran's Hospital. At the time of this writing, last minute details are being worked out for the annual "Operation Santa Claus" for hospitalized children, and the third annual "Toys for Tots" toy pick-up day. Add to that the Club Christmas Party on the 11th and the December business meeting on the 9th, and you have a full month indeed. Be sure to attend the annual business meeting as this is YOUR chance to determine WHO will shape the future of the Club in the coming year.

Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year

Tom Thiessen, KØPQR  
Club Secretary  
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### ADDITIONS TO ROSTER

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Omaha, Nebraska 68137  
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Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501  
Phone: 323-8036

Howard Wahlert, WØXX  
8805 North 52nd Avenue  
Omaha, Nebraska 68152  
Phone: 571-3920

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## "LADIES ONLY"

Well, Thanksgiving is over now and I am sure everyone enjoyed the Holiday with their families and friends. Speaking of HOLIDAYS, there really are only a few shopping days left before Christmas and along those lines, a good SANTA IDEA would be a HAM GIFT for your husband, XYL or YL. HI, Inc., Council Bluffs, Iowa, Omaha Amateur Center, Omaha and Heathkit, Omaha, are all outstanding retailers in Ham Gear of all types and makes. All three owners are licensed Amateur Radio Operators and are thus capable of helping you make the right decision in purchasing a fine piece of AMATEUR GEAR.

Before we know it our January CODE AND THEORY CLASSES will be starting, and do not forget the favor I asked of each of you – each member to line up one XY or XYL for this Important Class. TIMELY TIP – buy code oscillators and all necessary manuals NOW. COULD BE A CHRISTMAS GIFT!

GOOD NEWS!! According to the latest figures, there is a marked increase in the number of women being licensed in AMATEUR RADIO. All of the NETS that I operate on show a large gain in women operators. This certainly makes for pleasurable QSOing and ultimately leads to many new acquaintances. There is a WORLDWIDE need for women Control Operators on the NETS, statisticians, writers, etc. Come on now, GALS, the opportunities are there – LET'S TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM!

A good many of the inquiries that come my way are from you WORKING GALS and is it possible to work and find the time to obtain your license? This is not an easy question to answer as each case differs. Some Gals are capable of performing their work jobs with ease and spare time; others burn total energy and have very little or no extra time, etc., etc. My experience in talking with the Working Gals that have gone ahead and obtained their license is (1) they definitely wanted to be a part of their husband's hobby and (2) realize a personal satisfaction in obtaining their own license. Once this frame of mind was paramount, then it was merely a question of changing their everyday habits to conform with a work schedule that ultimately gave them the right amount of time and opportunity for study. None admitted that it was EASY but all admitted it was well worth the effort. In a good many cases it meant thirty or forty minutes pre-breakfast study, same for lunch hour, and more TV dinners in the evening (I'm for that!) – resulting in less time in the kitchen and more time on the books.

I know that it is not EASY but GALS these are words from those who have CONQUERED and MOST of all – they all agreed how REWARDING IT IS! Call me for any interest or help.

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Irene, WBØMPC  
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It takes just about as much effort to escape work as to do it.

–Service

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## BIKE-A-THON

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to those people whose efforts contributed to the success of the MS Bike-A-Thon held 16 Oct. 1977. Participating were WDØCBL, WBØGQT; WBØWOT, WBØTUE, WBØLYU, WBØTYB, WBØTTL, WBØWYE, KØDKM, WAØDHU, WBØYZR, WBØWGN, WBØHEU, WAØSJE, WBØPYA, WBØYCV, WBØQPP, and WBØUQI.

Thanks again,  
de WBØPPF  
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One-eighth page . . . . .	2.50
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### Specials

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Ham ads free, subject to space limitation. Name, call, address and telephone number must be furnished.  
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OSCAR 7's Mode Schedule will be changed effective January 1 to two days in Mode B for every day in Mode A, and the new schedule will be shown in W6PAJ's orbital calendar coming out in December. Ample Mode A operations will be provided by the Russian's "RS" spacecraft and AO-D, and OSCAR 7 is considerably more sensitive in Mode B than it is in Mode A.

A New Satellite Bandplan is also going into effect January 1 which will place CW only on the bottom third of the satellite downlink, mixed CW/SSB in the center third and SSB only operation on the top third - the reverse of current practice.

The Russian RS Spacecraft is now scheduled for launch at the end of October, according to word relayed from high ranking Russian Amateurs. It's also rumored the input has been changed to 145.85-145.95 to correspond with OSCAR 7's.

Latest OSCAR DX reported includes 4X4IX (29460), SV1DO (29465), U6ØMSK (29470) on Mode A, UC2AAB on Mode B. de HR REPORT

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# Holiday Greetings



## A SMILE

A smile costs nothing but gives so much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it.

A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away.

Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

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## WHY ARES?

Why is there an Amateur Radio Emergency Service? Because we best justify our existence by serving the community in times of disaster when normal communications are not available, have failed, or are badly overburdened. The pleasure we derive from the pursuit of our hobby during normal times establishes a debit that we can offset only by determination to be prepared and willing to be of service when disaster strikes.

What is ARES? ARES is a volunteer organization of Amateur Radio operators organized and dedicated to providing emergency and other public service communications. It is not restricted to ARRL members, any particular grade of licensee, residents of a particular state, city, or county, or even Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club members. Every licensed amateur is eligible for membership. The possession of emergency powered equipment is desirable, but is not a requirement. The only other qualification is a sincere desire to serve.

What do we do in ARES? We prepare ourselves and test our equipment for emergencies. During the tornado season we provide numerous watches. The ARES Net is activated and members call in to be dispatched to predesignated watch points. The net can also be activated to provide other emergency communication services such as flood watches. In cases of localized problems such as fires, individuals close to the scene can be requested to dispatch to provide emergency communications with agencies such as the Red Cross. Preparation for actual emergencies consists of

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testing our equipment and operating abilities by providing communication for functions such as Toys For Tots, The Election Commission, Bike-A-Thons, Omaha Marathon, and others. Also short training topics are discussed during our Sunday evening ARES Net.

How can I join ARES? ARES meets every Sunday evening at 9:00 p.m. on the 34/94 repeater. New check-ins are always welcome and are not limited to ARES members. If you do wish to join ARES, all it takes is filling out an ARRL form 7 available from either Carl Quijas, WBØTUE or Bob Neben, K9KAW. You will receive a complete membership packet containing all necessary information to assist the Douglas/Sarpy County ARES.

73s,

Bob Neben, K9KAW

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"HAM'S" DETECTION of two policemen engaged in a restaurant burglary, widely reported in the press last summer, has some very unusual implications according to *Florida Skip* Editor W4IYT. By follow-up investigation, Andy found not only was the scanner equipped "ham" not a ham, but the two policemen were using hand-helds crystallized on 146.52, and neither of them was Amateurs!

**Non-Amateur Use** of Amateur transmitting equipment, this time for criminal purposes – another powerful argument for point-of-sale controls – and a reminder that one never knows who is listening when you announce on the air you're leaving your home empty or parking your car in a vulnerable spot at the movie theater.

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# HAM HUM SWAP

NO CHARGE FOR SWAP ADS (NON-COMMERCIAL) SUBJECT TO SPACE LIMITATION. MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO P. O. BOX 291. SEE COPY DEADLINE PAGE 2.

FOR SALE: Drake MN-4 matching network, mint—\$75.00;  
Mor-Gain Model 75-10 HD with coax connector, used  
2 weeks—\$60.00.  
Bill Norwood, WBØVKI; phone 292-1124

WANTED: Tower, strong, freestanding, 50-65 feet; possibly consider  
80-90 feet guyed.  
Jeffrey E. Crawford, KØZR, Box 678, Sidney, IA 51652;  
phone 712/374-3141

FOR SALE: T-R Switch (Dowel Key) — \$7.50.  
Jim Novotny, WBØTLB; 328-1962

FOR SWAP: 40-00 crystal pair (for Heath equip.) and a 94 transmit crystal  
(Heath) I would swap for Heath 28-88 or 04-64 or will sell for  
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Frank E. Dunn, Jr., WBØJAX/7,  
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FOR SALE: Heath HW202 (2-M Xcvr) with 94/94, 34/94, 52/52, 22/82  
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Ten Tec Keyer KR-20A—\$50.00; Heath HD-1416 Code  
Oscillator—\$10.00.  
Bill Seipel, WBØRVU; phone 571-4712

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A Witness in a court who had been cautioned to give a precise answer to every question and not to talk about what he might think the question meant, was interrogated as follows:

"You drive a wagon?"

"No, sir, I do not."

"Why, my man, did you not tell my learned friend so this moment?"

"No, sir, I did not."

"Now, sir, I put it to you on your oath, do you **not drive** a wagon?"

"No, sir."

"What is your occupation, then?"

"I drive a horse, sir."

— *The Kleinknecht Encyclopedia*

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# Christmas

Dear fellow  
"Hams":

Thanks for your  
patronage in 1977.

Best wishes for  
the coming year,  
and may you all  
have a joyous  
Christmas.



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