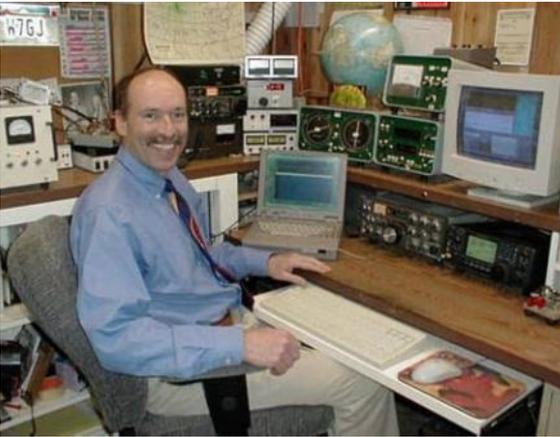




Ham Hum

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At the Friday January 8 meeting which will be held via Zoom, the Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club is pleased to bring you by Lance Collister, W7GJ the world renowned 6 meter EME (earth Moon Earth) DXer. During the program, he will share many aspects of 6 Meter EME DXing: from equipment, antennas to modes and operating techniques to his own special moon tracking software (GJTRACKER) to software and DXpeditions Lance promised to share his expertise and experiences with this interesting aspect of Amateur



Radio. Lance was first licensed in 1965 and became hooked on 2m DX early on. His interest in that led him to 2 meter EME and he placed first worldwide on 2 meters in the ARRL EME Competition in 1983. Later that same year he became the first civilian to contact space when he talked to Owen Gar-

riot W5LFL aboard the STS-9 mission. He helped develop the Maidenhead Grid Awards, which later became the ARRL's VUCC(VHF/UHF Century Club). He has earned his DXCC on 2m EME and is credited by the ARRL with completing fourteen "firsts" from the USA to a new DXCC country. In the Mid 1990s he moved He has made EME DXpeditions to numerous locations around the world and in 2021 he is planning to activate the Austral Islands and Marquesas Islands in French Polynesia.

Please join us for an informative and entertaining evening as Lance takes us to the moon and back. Program will start around 7:30 p.m.

AKSARBEN ARC Club Meeting – December 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM Zoom. There were 33 attendees.

Officers and Board members present included: Pat, WOOJU; Dan, NOPOT; Dave, NOJSB; Brian, KE0GKB; Rea, NOREA; Kevin KA0VNY.

Secretary's Report - Brian, KE0GKB - The minutes were posted in the Ham Hum. A motion was made by Mary N0TRK that the minutes be accepted as written with a second by Claudia K1AUD, the minutes were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report - Dave, NOJSB - - As of November 30 the club accounts had balances of: Main Checking \$4,038.66, Repeater Checking \$332.60 Savings \$6,994.20, CD Life Member one \$6,506.02, CD Life Member two \$6,758.01, and CD Repeater \$1,113.07 This leaves the balance of all the club accounts at \$25,742.56.

In the month of November there were deposits totaling \$610.73. This consisted of \$10.73 from Amazon Smile, \$500 from Market-to-Market Group, and \$100.00 from Club equipment sold.

In the month of November there were expenses totaling \$889.02. This consisted of \$485.23 for Ham Hum supplies, \$253.79 for election supplies, and \$150.00 donation to Salvation Army (in Lieu of Christmas Dinner).

President's Report - Sean, AD0QG - Sean is unable to attend due to medical issues.

Vice President's Report -- Pat, WOOJU There will be no presentation tonight because of club Elections.

Education Committee - Rea NOREA- There are no classes and testing scheduled at this time due to Corvid. There are testing session online contact me at NOREA@arrl.net for mor information

Membership Committee - Mary, NOTRK four new member were presented to the club, Ken Jones K5EYC, Eric Nanfite KE0ZSD, Jim Devney KF0BXB and Todd Camp KF0CQW. A motion was made by Mary NOTRK with a second by Rea N0REA to accept these applications. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Nominating Committee - Kevin KA0VNY - The nominating committee presented the results of the election of club officers.

For President Pat Connell W0OJU
For Vice President Howard Parks AE0Z
For Board position 1 Dave Rice N0JSE
For Board position 2 Dan Buchholz N0POT

After the election results a motion was made by Dan N0POT that ballots be destroyed with a second by Mary NOTRK, the motion passed by voice vote.

Community Service - Pat KOCTU - Once again the Aksarben ARC will be assisting with the Nebraska State Track meet on May 21 and 22, if you would like to assist or get more information email Pat at KOCTU@arrl.net

Field Day Mary - NOTRK - Winter field day will be January 30 and 31. Please check the website for more information.

Repeater - John WBOCMC - routine maintenance has been performed on the 94 repeater and the repeater is working fine.

There were no reports from the following committees:

ARES; SATERN; Web Services; Publications; Flea-Esta Courtesy committee.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business: The club has been using one of the members zoom account for club business since the pandemic began. A motion was made by Brian KE0GKB that the club purchase their own Zoom account for \$150.00. The motion was seconded by Mary NOTRK, after a brief discussion the motion passed by voice vote.

There being no more business before the club the meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Farwell to 2020 and Hello to 2021

There is no question, 2020 had worn out its welcome and not soon enough. We did have some great speakers at our Zoom meetings in the last half of the year and have more great speakers to kick off 2021. Additionally I understand that we had over 20+ new members in 2020 according to Brian Sohl. At our December meeting, the Board offered some club goals for 2021 and included:

Initiate a “Zoom Coffee and Conversation” meeting on the last Saturday night of the month, beginning at 0100 GMT or 7 p.m. CST. We will be using the HamClubOnline email system for Zoom link invitations. By the way if you are having problems with zoom, N0TRK has posted helpful instruction on using zoom on the AARC Website. We also have members who are Zoom “Elmers”. Send us an email if you want someone to contact you.

Initiate an “Antenna Talk” Zoom conversation once a month. We may want to consider using 10 meters or 2 meter simplex to test out our antennas. Time and Date to be determined. We will promote it within AARC and especially to new members. Using the same mechanism as above for invites and reminders.

Promote the scheduling of Club program’s at least three month’s out to build enthusiasm and generate more interest. (Jan) presentation is Lance Collister W7GJ – Internationally known 6 Meter EME and DXer. (Feb)– ICOM Innovation in Ham Radio Gear- ICOM North America Office, (Mar) – Robert Frey WA6EZV – Dxing at bottom of sunspot cycle or how to improve your DX success, April and beyond – HamClub Online, Ham Radio Batteries and Solar Panels, Grounding to Reduce Noise and Shocks!, Digital Modes – Trials and Tribulations in Operating in a Digital World, to name a few of the exciting 2021 Programs.

Another initiative for 2021 is to survey the club membership to assess each members’ ham radio areas of interest. Maybe even adding a section for expressing other hobbies? (I know I have several that I would love to share).

Hopefully, the survey would generate some ideas for potential volunteer “Elmer” on different subject matters. Possible topic areas could include: CW, digital communication, satellite communication, antenna construction. Grounding, VHF Dxing, equipment construction, ham radio software, etc. (I have heard from other clubs that this really facilitates communication and point hams in the right direction as to who to reach out for help, advice, and sharing.)

Speaking of “Elmers”, Brian Sohl is thinking about how we might organize an “Elmer Online” program for the Club. Stay tune in HamHum for more details. (By the way, I know we all need an “Elmer” help from time to time.)

Develop a post pandemic plan on how to have club meetings in person. (When it is safe to do so.) We may want to explore options to make our meetings both Zoom and in-person for those who are so incline. There are plus and minus that we will need to explore before making these decisions).

Hope to see or hear you at our January meeting!!

Pat Connell WOOJU formerly NOBNY

President

Aksarben ARC 2020 the year in review.

For me it is hard to believe that 2020 is coming to a close, as the club secretary I am now doing my final task to close the year, the minutes have been written (but Not Approved), the final correspondence has been sent, soon all these documents will be place in a file labeled 2020 to become part of our club’s history.

I have been club secretary for three years now and 2020 started out just like every other year except this year was to be special, our 75th anniversary. Our president Sean ADOQG was planning a year of celebration, the board and committee chairs were discussing ways we could make this year special but, then came the change, The Pandemic, the lockdowns, no more face-to-face meetings.

The board had many meetings, all those other plans for celebrations were scrapped now we were trying to figure out how to have meetings and how do we have programs. Our newly elected education Chair Rea, NOREA was now trying to find a way to have classes and even test for their license. Rea and others have worked hard and now we have testing online

There is one thing about ham’s we love to experiment, give us a challenge and we will figure out a way to communicate and our club did not let us down. If you remember our first meetings were done on the free version of Zoom and the meeting would end abruptly at the 40-minute mark. We also tried to incorporate the repeater into those meetings. Terry KE0OPB would listen in on the Zoom meeting and relay the information out on the repeater for other member to hear. We tried this method for three meetings before we determined that this method would not work, and we went to the all zoom meetings.

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We also had challenges with membership, how do we attract and keep new members. It was in June during one of the Zoom and Repeater meetings that we added our first two members Thomas KE0ULW and Robert KE0ZUP, on the website we made the announcement that we have added our first Pandemic members. These are members that could not come to a meeting and meet face to face with us. That first addition of members was a little rough to say the least, but we learned and overcame these challenges, at the December meeting we added four new members bring our total Pandemic members to twenty-four new members in only six months.

Our programs have also changed. Before we would look for local resources that could present in person to our club meetings. Pat W00JU took on that challenge and now we are getting presenters from all over including people like Dr. Bob Heil, Robert Frey, and we are looking at many more great presentations in our future.

Our club truly came together and made this happen, it was not a small group that did this it was all of us. Our club is now discussing how we can become Elmer's to people we can't meet, we are now looking to expand our capabilities to meet these challenges but that will have to become part of our next year's history. 73 - Brian KE0GKB Secretary

The Officers and Board Members for 2021 are:

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Pat Connell WØOUC

Vice President

Howard Parks AEØZ

Board Members

Dave Rice NØJSB & Dan Buchholz NØPOT

Silent Keys

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KCORNS Douglas Wagner

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Area Nets

Monday

7:00 PM 145.290 South-West Iowa ARES Glenwood, IA.

8:00 PM 144.250 NE Missouri SWOT.

9:00 PM 146.940 AARC Chat Net. Ak-Sar-Ben ARC Omaha, NE.

Tuesday

9:00 PM 145.310 Washington Co. ARES Washington Co, NE.

Wednesday

7:00 PM 146.670 Dodge Co. ARES Dodge Co, NE.

7:30 PM 7.122 CW Four State QRP Comfortable Net.

8:00 PM 3.564 CW Four State QRP Comfortable Net.

8:00 PM 145.310 Saunders Co. ARES Saunders Co, NE.

8:30 PM 7.122 CW Four State QRP Comfortable Net.

9:00 PM 3.580.5 PSK Four State QRP Comfortable Net.

9:00 PM 146.820 Pottawattamie County ARES Council Bluffs, IA.

Thursday

8:30 AM 7.122 CW Four State QRP 40M Morning Net.

7:30 PM 145.310- Lincoln/Omaha SATERN Net. Ashland, NE.

8:00 PM 28.350 SSB 10-Meter Net.

8:00 PM 144.250 2-Meter SSB Net.

8:00 PM 147.360 Heartland DX Association.

Friday

10:00 PM 224.760- Tone 146.2 Promote the Band Net

Saturday

12:00 PM 146.82 Swap Net Council Bluffs, IA.

8:30 PM 3.921.000 QCWA Chapter 20.

Sunday

8:00 AM 3.902.500 Swap Net.

8:30 AM 3.897.500 3900 Club.

8:30 PM Locally IRLP and the Nebraska IRLP net is heard on:

145.410 - 97.4 PL ABOVX Honey Creek

444.800 + 97.4 PL ABOVX Honey Creek

444.925 + 136.5 PL KOBVC Mondamin

146.745 - 136.5 PL KOBVC Portsmouth

223.580 (Simplex) 100 PL KOOQL North Omaha

2:00 PM 50.200 6 Meter Net

9:00 PM 146.940- Douglas Co. ARES net, KØUSA repeater.

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