



AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club,inc

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State Track Meet - May 2021

After a pandemic necessitated hiatus in 2020, the NSAA State Track Meet was back in 2021, but with some distinct differences. Rather than a two-day fun filled extravaganza of high school track and field events featuring all four school classes, the event was expanded over four days with the morning session being a single class and the afternoon also being a single class. This allowed for a reduction in the number of people in the stadium at any given time and help maintain social distancing but did not shorten the time that amateur radio was needed to support the track event.

The first mention of needing volunteers for the state track meet appeared in the May 1983 Ham Hum, making us part of the event for at least 37 years. Amateur radio supplies the communications between the field events and the PA announcers' booth. This allows the announcers to share with the crowd how those field events are progressing, who is in the lead and then the list of finalists. Tidbits of information about going for a record height or jump are also communicated.

We also get pressed into service to when an athlete is late to check in, to call officials or coaches that need to report to a location, the occasional need for a trainer or medic around the track, water and cups are needed on the field for the athletes and in the last few years, the batteries for the PA and scoreboards. But probably the most important thing we do, is to let the two events that are not on the infield of the track (Discus and Shot Put) know that its time to stand and face the flag while high school singers perform the national anthem.

The days are long, but most volunteers opt to stay the entire day, with those particularly dedicated hams doing a two day all day. After all you get a parking pass to the closest parking you could ask for, a nifty NSAA Officials shirt to wear for the meet, and a wonderful cold sandwich with chips and an apple. (Although some years we have had surprises such as Arby's, fried chicken, and lately Valentino's Pizza) And the volunteers get a front row seat to watch the best athletes from around the state.

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This year the event was a bit quieter. But while crowds were smaller, they were no less enthusiastic. Husker fans are said to travel well, but do not under-estimate the attendance from a small town in Nebraska when they have a track or field star. Each class from the smaller D class schools to the large A class schools were probably in equal attendance. The running moved along on time which doesn't always happen, but it was still four long days for all the volunteers and staff.

The highlight of the meet however had to be the portable toilets. What??? Did I read that right? Yes, you did. This year, rather than the normal port-a-johns those attending the meet were treated to luxury restroom trailers. These wonderful additions were provided by Stahla Rentals, and featured running water for flushing and for a real sink to wash your hands, air conditioning and even could provide piped in music via Bluetooth. These were a terrific addition to the event, and hopefully it will be a regular feature every year.

So, a big thanks go out to the following hams for helping the Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club continue to support one of the largest high school track and field meets in the country.

Larry Kirstein ADØLS – Brent Salzman KEØTRL – Garrick Gorden KFØBLU – Ronnie Ruenholl WDØA – Ryan Ruenholl WØNU – Brian Sohl KEØGKB – Rob Buchholz AI7Q – Steve Schmitz NØUP – Howard Parks AEØZ – Scott Avery KA4ZZQ – Tom Paskatch NØSTN – Mary Joseph NØTRK and last but never least the Event Communication Coordinator – Pat Joseph KØCTU

These are the Luxury Restroom Trailers as mentioned in the above article



AKSARBEN ARC Club Meeting – Aug 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in person and on Zoom. There were 28 attendees. Officers and Board members present included: Pat, W00JU; Howard, AE0Z; Dan, N0POT; Dave, N0JSB; Brian, KE0GKB.

Secretary's Report - Brian, KE0GKB – The minutes were posted in the Ham Hum and were approved with no corrections. The nominating committee will be formed in September. We have four positions to fill President, Vice President, and two board members at large and one of the board members will have to be the secretary. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions, please send a message to board@aksarbenarc.org.

Treasurer's Report - Dave, N0JSB – As of July 31 the club accounts had balances of: Main Checking \$2,525.00, Repeater Checking \$362.97 Savings \$6,996.00, CD Life Member one \$6,537.67, CD Life Member two \$6,790.88, and CD Repeater \$1,114.08 This leaves the balance of all the club accounts at \$24,326.60. In the month of July there were deposits of \$45.00 consisting of \$20.00 from Membership dues and \$25.00 from Meeting refreshments. In the month of July there were expenses of \$1,839.04 consisting of \$42.25 for Patches, \$20.80 for Education, \$62.46 for Meeting refreshments, \$1,005.00 for Window decals and Patches, and \$708.53 for a 6M Beam antenna. The repeater account had expenses of \$19.63 for parts.

President's Report - Pat, W00JU – We would like to thank John ABOZT for his work on the new club patches. Each club member will receive a window decal at patch at no expense. Additional patches can be purchased from John. The 6-Meter EME project is still ongoing, Dave N0JSB working to complete the mount. We are still assembling all the components that will be needed to make this system work. Vice President's Report –Howard, AE0Z – tonight's program will be "ARES" by James Nelson W0JRN the Douglas County emergency coordinator. The Club picnic will be on September 19 at Walnut creek park from 2 to 6 PM. We will be inviting other clubs in the area; we have seating for eighty people and the club will be providing the hamburgers and hot dogs.

Education Committee – Rea NOREA- No report Membership Committee – one new member was presented to the club, Marty Malley, KFOGCD. A motion was made by John ABOZT with a second by John WBOCMC to accept these applications. The motions passed by unanimous vote. ARES – no report

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SATERN– Next SATERN gathering will be August 28th at 9:00 am - Discussion will an update on be the Training Summit that I will be attending next weekend in Peoria IL. This will include more information on the formalizing of the SATERN and Hurricane Watch Net relationship, and other topics. Also, the daily SATERN 20 Meter net has changed to be at 11:00 am CDT on M-W-F on 14.325 (this is the Hurricane Watch Net frequency - so if they are active, SATERN goes into standby mode and prepares to handle traffic from the impacted area. The SATERN Net invites everyone to check into the net, you do not need to be a SATERN member to participate or to handle traffic if necessary. Local SATERN net is Monday nights at 7:00 pm on the KOUA repeater. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Community Service. The Annual Market-to-Market Relay will be held on September 25. Description of the event is available on the club's web site as well as a sign-up form. To staff it fully we would like to have 20 volunteers. While the event lasts for about 12 hours, most of the exchange points are from 5 to 6 hour. I will have more details on the Sunday night ARES nets and on the weekly SATERN Monday night nets.

Repeater – John WBOCMC – The repeater is working as expected.

Courtesy committee – Bill KD0FJR Cards were sent out to Mike Munson KCOFAN Who's mother passed away and Jeff Reeks KE0GKF who's father passed away.

Web Services – Web site is update with the latest info and more updates will be coming. Content is welcome so upcoming events and other items to share! If you have experience with a content management system and want to help let me know.

Field Day – the club needs a Chair for the field day committee if you are interest in the position, please contact board@aksarbenarc.org.

Flea Esta – Dennis KCOYKN present more information on “AARC-BARC” The Hamfest will be on October 2. Setup for the vendors will begin at 6 am and the event will be open to the public from 8 to 11.

Publications – no report

Equipment Committee – No report

Old Business: no old business New Business: no new business. For the latest news and announcements please check the website or Facebook.

There being no more business before the club the meeting was adjourned at 7:36.

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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.

9:00 PM 145.175 NE DStar Net also on REF002C though internet.

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.

September Flea Market

September 11 8:00AM — 2:00 PM

8310 Sandalwood Drive

Lincoln, NE

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Ham Radio stuff Only

Bring your own tarp and/or table

Set-up 6:30 AM—12:00 PM

Hamburgers / Hotdogs

\$1.00 each

Proceeds go to LARC

Some historical reach backs to Morse Code or Continuous Wave (CW)

Ham Radio communications have, if you did not notice, particularities that originated during the early days for radio communication using Morse Code. Most of us have heard of the Q-Codes. A whole bunch of three letter codes that start with the letter “Q” developed for commercial radiotelegraph communication. Over time, later adopted by other radio services, especially amateur radio. Q-signals are a set of abbreviations for common information that save time and allow communication between operators who don’t speak a common language. Modern ham radio uses them extensively.. While Q-signals were developed for use by Morse operators, their use is common on phone, as well. You will often hear, “QRZed?” as someone asks “Who is calling me?” or “I’m getting a little QRM” from an operator receiving some interference or “Let’s QSY to 146.55” as two operators change from a repeater frequency to a nearby simplex communications frequency. A list of Q-Codes can be found on arrl.org. Chick here: [Q-Code List](#)

However, what about phrases you hear on the air such as “ROGER” or “ROGER THAT”. Who is Roger? Or sometimes you’ll hear a person say “Hi Hi” or 73. Those are slang words and terms that also originated during the days of telegraph or CW communications. Back to ROGER; that dates back before 1915 when the letter “R” simply meant “Received”. But then the switch over from Morse Code wireless telegraphy to voice commands. Being that “R” was already in place to mean “received” pilots or aviators didn’t see a need to change it. Well it became somewhat confusing to transmit a message to pilots and they responded by saying “R” it may have made sense to those who spoke like a pirate. By the way, Sunday, September 19, 2021 is International Talk like a Pirate Day. Well back to talking to pilots, and to lesson any communication errors. “R” was changed to Roger, which was at the time the phonetic alphabet R. This may also aided those Pilots from Boston trying to pronounce the letter “R”. In 1957, the English phonetic alphabet changed the R to “ROMEO”. But, from 1915 to 1957, the word “Roger” was deeply embedded in the minds of Pilots. And then there is “ROGER THAT”, another term for confirmation, generally between truckers on their CB radios. The last one: Roger Wilco: meaning Message Received and Will Comply. Over and Out. ?? How can you turn a communication Over but you ended all transmissions by saying Out?