



AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club,inc

Ham Hum

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Askarben Amateur Radio Club Winter Holiday Party

When: Friday December 10, 2021 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Where: American Red Cross, 2912 S 80th Ave, Omaha, Enter on lower level on the west side of building.

Who: Club members and their significant other

Bring: The Club will furnish cold cuts, cheese, breads, beverages, and condiments. If you have a favorite side dish or dessert that you like to share please bring it. Your club president will be bringing home-made focaccia bread for dipping.

Door Prize and Raffle: Will be managed by our Club raffle czar Adam Kavan KDODMG.

There will be a very short business meeting to elect 2022 officers promptly at 7 p.m. There will be no zoom option for The December meeting.

Hope to see everyone there!!!!!! – Pat W00JU



1. **AKSARBEN ARC Club Meeting – November 12, 2021** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in person and on Zoom. There were 32 attendees. Officers and Board members present included: Brian; KEOGKB Dave, NOJSB; Dan, NOPOT; Rea, NOREA
2. **Secretary's Report** - Brian, KEOGKB – the minutes for the meeting in October were published in the Ham Hum, there were no corrections, and the minutes were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Dave, NOJSB – As of October 31 the club accounts had balances of: Main Checking \$1,710.75, Repeater Checking \$362.97 Savings \$6,996.53, CD Life Member one \$6,548.26, CD Life Member two \$6,802.00, and CD Repeater \$1,114.25. This leaves the balance of all the club accounts at \$23,534.76. In the month of October there was income totaling \$68.00 consisting of \$17.00 from meeting treats, \$20.00 from Membership and \$31.00 from patches and decals. In the month of October there were expenses of \$483.11 consisting of \$85.94 for materials for the 6-meter antenna mount, \$83.05 for education materials, \$26.32 for meeting treats, and \$287.80 for Ham Hum supplies.
4. **President's Report** - Pat, WOOJU – The board discussed how to attract more members to the monthly meeting by shortening the meetings and spend more time on the programs. December is the election of new officers; this will be an in-person election because we no longer have the Covid restrictions. If the club would like to modify the election process for mail in ballots the bylaws will need to be modified and this process will take several months. There will not be a program in December due to the elections and family members are encouraged to attend for a social gathering after the elections. The club will provide a Meat tray and guests are encouraged to bring a desert or soup if they can.
5. **Vice President's Report** –Howard, AEOZ – No Report
6. **Education Committee** – Rea NOREA- No Report

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7. **Membership Committee** – Three applications were submitted to the club, Stephen Ivaskевичius NOSOX, Phil Kelley KFOHBP, and Mark Brandenburg KOLHV. After a brief discussion a motion was made to accept these new members by John WBOCMC with a second by John ABOZT, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.
8. **ARES** – no Report
9. **Satern** – No Report.
10. **Community Service.** No Report
11. **Repeater** – John WBOCMC – The repeater is working fine.
12. **Courtesy committee** – Bill KDOFJR Cards were sent to the families of John Orr WOPHW, Lorraine Bogle AAOBS and Lynn Marshall.
13. **Web Services** No Report
14. **Field Day** – No Report
15. **Flea Esta** – The final report will be coming soon.
16. **Publications** – no report
17. **Equipment Committee** – No report
18. **Old Business** — Dan, NOPOT proposed last month that we copyright the two new logos that are being used by the club. Brian Z gave a report on the benefits of copyrighting the logo and after discussion it was determined that more research was needed. A motion was made by John WBOCMC that we table this discussion until the January meeting and John WBOZT seconded the motion, the motion was approved by voice vote.
19. **New Business:** — No new business. For the latest news and announcements please check the website or Facebook.
20. There being no more business before the club, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50

A few weeks ago I got a call from Warren @ KETV. He had a tower crew doing something on the tower and had them stop at the platform and see if there was anything loose near the 94 antenna. THERE WAS! It seems there was a piece of flex conduit formerly used for a camera that had been removed and the conduit wasn't. It was up there flapping in the breeze. The crew removed it. I've done several tests since and I can find absolutely no noise or de-sense. It appears 94 is back to its old self. At the worst, de-sense was between 10 and 20 dB depending on wind and humidity. If the tower was wet it was as perfect as it is today when dry. A big thanks to Warren for remembering us and getting it done.

John Gebuhr, WBOCMC



Helping Hams

Janis Rockwell, the widow of Ham Cliff Rockwell, had the Helping Hams over to her Gretna Home to remove a tower and antenna. Thanks to our leader Don—W0AF, and his team of Keith—KE0AEP, Mike — KCOFAN, Paul — WBOGXD, Pat — WOOJU, Rea— N0REA, and Matthew Rea.

Pat WOOJU.

Ak-Sar-Ben ARC President seeking second term

Pat Connell ex-N0BNY and now W0OJU

I have been a ham since the late 1960's. My first call sign was WN0PMW as a Novice. I had a Drake 2C and a Heathkit crystal control transmitter. I operated CW on mainly 40 and 15 meters with fifty watts to a dipole at 25 feet. Big DX for me was CA and the east coast. In the 1970s, I retook the exam and was a general with KA0ELX and then as an advance license received the call N0BNY. Those were the days of sunspots!! I worked and confirmed over 240 countries mainly on 40 through 10 meters. For about 7 years, my home in South Omaha had a 48 foot tower in the clear and at a high spot with 5 element 10 meter beam, 3 element 15 meter beam, and a full size 160m 1/4 wave vertical and a 5/8 wave forty meter vertical. I had 3/8 mile beverage antenna that worked great for VK, ZI, and Europe.

I bought a second 10 meter Yagi, and then took the two 10 meters beam into a 8 element 10 meter Yagi on a 48 foot boom. As you can imagine, it had a narrow bandwidth. was hard on rotors and flopped about in the wind. In 1980, I finished 2nd in world and first in the US, operating 10 meter SSB QRP in the CQ WPX contest. That is the last time I operated QRP in a contest, (except for FD). It felt like two days of banging your head against the wall. I could hear them, but they could not hear me.

In the early 1980s, I went to Belize to operate with the KC DX club as VP10A. I think we finish 4th in the world in the WPX SSB contest operating as V31A. My call sign was VP1MK and V3MK. I worked about 3500 QSOs on that trip mainly on cw and some SSB. It took me almost a year to send on all those QSL and I did not realize how expensive it was going to be.

My interest are mobile HF and VHF, satellite, and I hope to get back into DXing. I also operate CW and FT8 from EN11. My favorite band is 15 and 10 and now 6 meters. Although I do drift down to 20 and 40 meters.

Additionally, I fly fish, tie flies, wood turn, leather work and love to travel.

About 6 years ago my father W0OJU passed away..... and to keep his memory alive, I applied and was granted his callsign.

I also serve as the President for Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club in Omaha and hoping to get elected to a second term in December 2020.

Club Officers & Board Members

President	Pat Connell	WØOJU	president@aksarbenarc.org
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2018-21 Secretary	Brian Sohl	KEØGKB	secretary@aksarbenarc.org
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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.

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) in the Nebraska Section is growing. It is currently divided into six districts. As we grow there may be some adjustment in the number and size of districts.

The ARES Nebraska Section has formally established Nebraska ARES Inc. (NeARES Inc) a non-profit, to create a conduit for collecting cash for grants and equipment for distribution to clubs and organizations. NeARES is not aligned with any clubs and acts as a nonpartial entity to support clubs and amateurs with political support, inter/intra club relations, and technical support.

The district I cover is the southeast district, consisting of 20 counties. Basically, south of the Platte River west to Polk, south to Thayer, east to Richardson, and backup the Missouri including Washington and Douglas.

Within some of these counties we need to establish leadership positions. These positions interact directly with the Emergency Managers (EM) of the county on how best we can help them. Not all the counties are defined, and some are in various levels of development. I will be sending out further information on these needs. Such as county Emergency Coordinator (EC), Assistant Emergency Coordinators (AEC's), Public Information Officers (PIO's), Spotters, Communicators, etc. There is some training required.

Our goal in the greater Omaha area is Douglas County. Concurrently and secondarily is Washington, Cass, Otoe, and Saunders.

An ARES member does not have to be a resident of a particular county or member of a club. The leadership positions do have to become an ARRL member.

The monthly commitment, outside of public service operations, is a few hours a month. Some of those public service events can include storm spotting, flood watch, damage assessment, shelter communications, large public event communications, etc.

If you have an interest or questions in ARES call, email, write, or get on the 146.94 DCARES repeater net Sundays at 2100 L to voice your interest and concerns. 73.

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