



AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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AARC Member Year-end Raffle Announcement

In order to encourage attendance at monthly AARC meetings, attendees will earn monthly tickets for a yearend raffle with significant prizes. Those AARC members who print their name and call sign legibly on the sign-in roster will be issued one free raffle ticket for each month including one at the December meeting. In order to win you must be present at the December meeting. Good Luck. - AARC Board

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September Meeting Report

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Field Day 2023

It is good to get that pesky viruses behind us and start planning for 2023 Field Day. Next year's committee is forming and we already have two volunteers Jamie KFOFAP and Paige Hoffart KBOZ. We will have our first meeting before the holidays and look forward to have additional volunteers join us. This year we want to have HF through 1.2 MHz. We have a 6 meter and 432 beam added to our antennas. We would like to have all of the laptops network together, if some is willing to help. If you have bands and mode you would like to operate – send us an email, let us know. If the club is willing, I would like to serve as next year's chair. Pat WOOJU

Meet me Under the Mistletoe under with a "Ham" Sandwich

Our December meeting will be very special this year. First, we will elect new officers and board members. We will also thank our outgoing board members and thank them for their service. So what makes this meeting so special?

We will have our holiday celebration with some interesting add-ons.! The club will provide meats, cheese, breads, condiments, and beverages. We would like to consider bringing one of the following covered dishes: salad, vegetables, or desert. We will recognize and provide awards for the best dishes in each of the above categories.

But wait, there is more! We will have big and numerous raffle prizes for our annual year end raffle. You must be in attendance to be a winner. – Pat WOOJU.

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Area Nets

Monday

- 7:00 PM 145.290 South-West Iowa ARES Glenwood, IA.
- 7:00 PM 146.940 Western Division HQ SATERN Net Omaha, NE.
- 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 147.360 Heartland DX Association.
- 9:00 PM 145.175 NE D-Star 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
- 8:00 PM 144.250 2-Meter SSB Net.
- 9:00 PM 146.940- Douglas Co. ARES net, KØUSA repeater.

HamHum “Blast from the Past”

This phrase was used first by US radio DJs when introducing old records. It isn't clear which DJ coined this, and no one lays especial claim to it. A strong contender has to be Jerry Blavat ('The Geator with the Heater'). Blavat's style was frantic and he was known for his impromptu 'stream of consciousness' verbal delivery.

We are going to try our own “blast from the past”. If you go out to the AARC website and look at the bottom left link to “Ham Hums”. You will see all the Ham Hums from the very beginning through 2021. (Thank you Mary Joseph for uploading!) Before we enter the “internet era”, Ham Hum was a major source of news for local ham radio operators and had lots of “news”.

So why don't you take a “walk down memory lane” and if you find an interesting story, share it with Brian our editor and send him a note as why you think this story is worth repeating. We will recognize your contribution in Ham Hum! Elsewhere in this month's issue is a story of a young ham with the call sign WN0PMW who as a 7th grader entered a metro wide high school science fair at UNO. When the judges came around, he was operating on 15 meter CW in QSO with a NJ Ham. They were impressed and gave him a honorable mentioned as he did not qualify for an award as he was not in high school. (He parked his station next to an exit so he could run his coax to an outside cobble together 15 meter dipole.)

One of our club members was looking through the online Ham Hums and brought this article to my attention, as I had forgotten all about it. – Pat W0OJU

Breaking Printer News!!

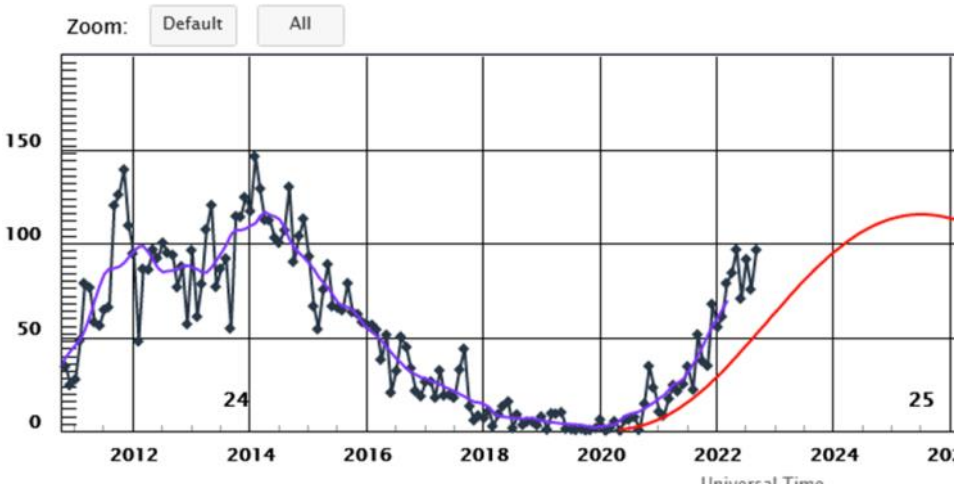
Our faithful printer has passed away. The board recommend that our editor send its remains to the Smithsonian museum. Thank you \ Norm for your encouragement to purchase a new printer. The new printer is being used for this issue. Brian, please remember to add stamps before mailing (Just kidding).– Pat WOOJU

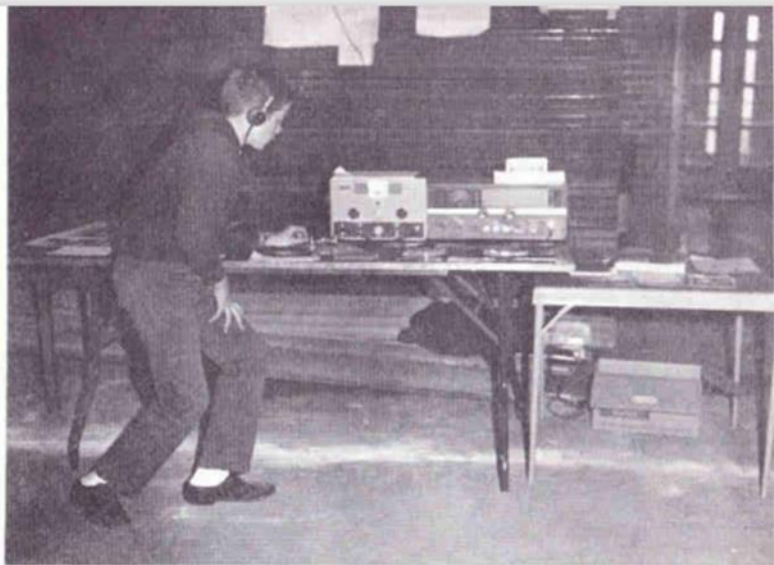
PSSST **NOPOT.COM** Pass It A Long

Solar Cycle 25 Update

If you have been on the bands lately, there has been a lot of great opening. The below graph shows you that Cycle 25 is progressing upwards faster than predicted. More information can be found at the Space Center Prediction Center. – Pat WOOJU

ISES Solar Cycle Sunspot Number Progress





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SCIENCE FAIR

It was very gratifying to see a novice ham radio operator at the key among the Omaha area display of science projects at the Science Fair which was held in the Field House, University of Omaha. Pat, WNQPMW, was operating a Heath HX11 transmitter on a quarter-wave dipole antenna with a Hallicrafter S-108 receiver. Here are Pat's own words about his project:

"Radio was invented by a man working on his own with his own resources. All of the early advances in communication were pioneered by men working on their own. Even today, with all of the complicated and costly laboratories owned by large companies, many of the new discoveries are first tried out by the scientists at home using their amateur radio licenses.

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"A radio amateur starting out on code learns to tune his ears as well as his radio, and after a number of years of code it is almost a second language to him. There is only one way a man can get 10 years' experience: - that is to start 10 years prior to the time.

"This is amateur radio: - You can start small, there is no limit to how far you can go. For the beginner, the first problem is an antenna - how can it be installed in a modern residential neighborhood and still look right? After that comes the problem of operation. Then he is ready for a transmitter with π power, and then come modifications to the receiver. There is no stopping place."

by Dave Moses, WA0GED
