

FLEA-ESTA



Annual Flea Market
September 8th, 2012
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sarpy County Fair Grounds
Springfield, Nebraska

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Number of Tables: _____ @\$8.00 each = \$ _____

Payment must accompany Registration for tables to be assigned to you.

AARC Flea Market
C/O Pat Joseph
1821 Robertson Dr. Omaha, NE 68114

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Preparing for Field Day



Field Day Committee Chair Rob KCØOYT was scheduled to discuss the event for the June meeting, but was prevented by a sudden illness. Not wishing to infect the other AARC members, he sent his notes and PowerPoint presentation to Club President Mary NØTRK, who filled in for him.

Mary discussed what the ARRL Field Day was all about; its history, purpose, and rules.

Started in 1933, one of the major purposes of Field Day was to train amateurs to set up and maintain radio communications in emergencies—especially if it's a disaster that disrupts other forms of communication. The experience provides hams with a chance to test and improve communication and technical skills in less-than-ideal conditions.

To encourage more hams to participate, Field Day is also a contest, with the goal to contact as many stations as possible within a strict period of time. Specifically the fourth full weekend in June between the hours of 1800 UTC Saturday and 2059 UTC Sunday. Mary pointed out that while contesting isn't the ultimate purpose of field day, it nevertheless makes the event challenging, fun, and gives users the chance to try out new radios while contact as many stations as possible.

Mary described the entry categories: Number of transmitters operating simultaneously, classes of operation, what's not permitted, and bonus points—such as VHF and GOTA (Get On The Air) stations. The GOTA station is open to unlicensed visitors, inactive hams, Novices, and Technicians. It helps new hams to get comfortable with operating, gets inactive hams back into the hobby, and helps recruit non-hams.

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July Meeting: Computer Controlled Radio



The featured speaker for the July Meeting is Travis Smith of the Omaha Maker Group (<http://omahamakergroup.org/>). Steve will demonstrate a \$20 software-tuned radio.

Friday, July 13th, 7:00 PM, Red Cross Building, 81st & Spring Streets, Omaha, NE.

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PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB'S 15TH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2012



9:00 A.M. – 12:30P.M.
ST. CHARLES PARISH CENTER
8th & LOCUST ST. NORTH BEND, NE.



VE TESTING 9:30 A.M.

PRIZE DRAWINGS EVERY HALF HOUR
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ADMISSION: \$2.00 DONATION AT THE DOOR

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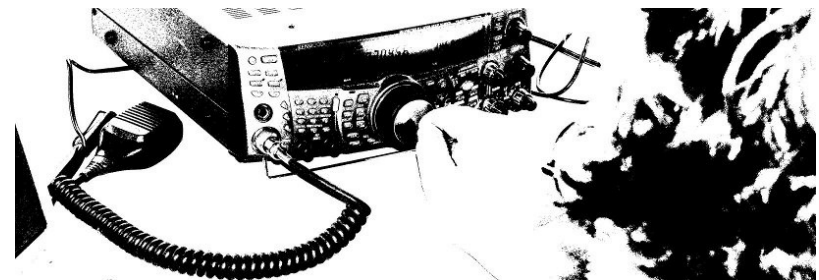
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VENDORS ARE NOT CHARGED ADMISSION TO THE EVENT BUT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DRAWINGS

Visit our web page: <http://www.k0jfn.com>



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The picture on Facebook of Chi-Ken's friends swimming at the CLInk pool are actually secret photos taken of Chic-Ken's spies on a reconnaissance mission to prepare for the protests. They were gathering intelligence (they have to, have you ever heard of a smart chicken that wasn't from MBA?) on the Olympics so they could expose the farce of the Olympic Swim Trials for what they are; a cruel propaganda mission to the heartland of chicken country (so what if the geography's a little off?) by the C.O.W.S., Confederated Olfactory Waste Suppliers, to turn the people population against chickens and eat them.

Sure, Chic-Ken was resting in your garage while his storm troopers were doing the dirty work. I'll bet they tried to contaminate the pools while they were casually swimming.

So, did C.O.W.S. try to convince you that white meat was better than prime rib? Or, even worse, did they take you over to the dark side of drumsticks and thighs? Come clean or you'll only get heart and tongue and some of those hot dogs you took a picture of.

The giblet is up ****, just because you're ***** doesn't mean you can claim executive privilege and withhold the Intel (or Texas Instruments if that's your persuasion). Why, for 10 cents (binary) I'd expose you (or expose myself? I never could get that right - I mean, did you ever try to get someone to flash you? Probably not - it's a guy thing).

Ah, wife's going out of town again, no one to check to see if I took my meds. Did you know that Ex-Lax pills look just like lithium pills? When I sub them the _____ really hits the fan. What's the difference between Dipole and Bipolar? Oh, that's in the antennas chapter.

See you tomorrow night. Let me teach - they'll really learn some interesting stuff.

(DtB)

Saturday Night Coffee

On June 16, 2012, members of the Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club met for the monthly coffee get-together at Perkins restaurant. Present were Pat KØCTU, Dick KBØKJV, Shelly KCØKAY, Rob KCØOYT, Bill KCØSVZ, Sean KDØQQZ, Mary NØTRK, Steve NØUP, and Greg WØAAI.

The main topic of discussion was Field Day. This included station locations, shack captains, scoring techniques, the GOTA station, food sources, equipment needed, trailers, weather, and related topics. One thing that got settled, incidentally, was that the weather would be handled by Chick Ken, the AARC Weather Chicken. (If it's wet, it's raining; if it's covered in white, it's snowing, etc.) Chick Ken had missed attending Field Days for several years, but was planning on attending this one.

Later, other subjects came up: Zombie-powered generators (put them on a treadmill), STRATCOM security, the USS Omaha sailing ship, Star Trek IV *The Voyage Home*, Justin Hayward's performance in Jeff Wayne's *The War of the Worlds*, sound systems (old versus new), and movie-going (morning show popcorn is bad).

The discussion was lively and the food was good, but we broke early as several people had been busy preparing for Field Day, and there was still a lot of work to do.

The AARC Coffee is held at Perkins restaurant at the corner of 108th and L Streets in Omaha on the third Saturday of the month starting at 6 PM. Everyone is invited.

Bill KCØSVZ

FIELD DAY AT FITZGERALD

The word went out that the July 23rd AARC Field Day event would be held at a new site: The former Thomas Fitzgerald Veterans Home—now the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Crime Lab—at 156th and Maple Streets. Saturday morning started out rainy, but the skies quickly cleared and the weather grew hot. However, there was a near-constant breeze and the field contained lots of trees; which provided shade and a places to hang antennas.

The communications trailer was located in the southern area of the site. There, Pat KØCTU, Rob KCØOYT, Adam KDØMMG, Dave NØJSB, Mary NØTRK, Steve NØUP, and Greg WØAAI were setting up the equipment for 10, 15, and 20 meters. Also present for the first time since Field Day 2000 was Chick Ken, the AARC weather researcher. When asked about the long absence, the bird remained silent.

The layout of the trailer was such that the back would contain the 10-meter gear and be open to the public. The front of the trailer was reserved for 15 and 20 meters and the connecting door was usually closed as it was air conditioned. (Outdoor temperatures was expected to be in the 90s.) The trailer also housed a wireless LAN and central computer that would let the operators collect the data gathered by the logging software used at each station.

Steve had some problems getting the generator set up—some parts were missing—but overcame that and got it started a few feet away from the trailer so the operators inside would be able to communicate without noise interference.

To set up the antenna, Pat used a combination of slingshot and fishing reel to shoot a line over the trees. With this, other team members pulled up a heavier rope which in turn was used to haul up the 10-15-20m antenna. Inside, a diplexer would be used to permit three transceivers to share it.

On the north end of the field, Marvin AEØEG set up a 40 meter station in a gazebo. For an antenna, he originally used a Buddipole configured as a dipole, but wasn't making too many contacts; so Rob, Adam, Pat, and Gary KBØKYM (who'd just arrived) strung up a 40m dipole in the trees using Pat's trusty slingshot. It helped some, but signal conditions were generally poor at that time of day.

In the northeast area of the field, Corby KØSKW set up a tent to house his station which would be running 15 and 20 meters digital. The location was chosen to be as far as practical from the communications trailer to prevent interference from the analog operators. The drawback was that his logging computer couldn't communicate with the WLAN in the trailer—the distance and the presence of the Douglas County office building was attenuating the signal.

Reception was also bad at the trailer. Fifteen and 20 meters were poor and 10m was dead. Sunspot activity was blamed (someone reported a count of 13) and connections were checked. Steve drove in a ground rod near the trailer, but communications didn't improve until later in the day.

Nevertheless, everything was ready to go by the official start time, 1:00 PM CDT (1800 UTC).

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During the event, other people arrived. This included Scott KA4ZZQ making one of his rare appearances, and Mitch WBØGBI, who helped Adam work 10 meters for awhile. Bill WA9ASD showed up to verify the inventory in the Club trailer. Brian Pitchanau, who is attending the Technician class taught by NØTRK and WA9ASD, dropped by and was talking to Marvin about becoming a ham. Later, another of Bill and Mary's students, Ray Smith, stopped by to observe operations.

Contesting carried on through the day. Your reporter had to leave by about 5:00 PM, but other people—both Club members and visitors—continued to show up to see what was going, ask questions, and operate. By late evening, however, most had left; though Pat and Mary stayed to about 1:00 AM. Rob stayed overnight with the trailer.

By midmorning, many of yesterday's participants were back. Marvin had packed up his station, but returned to help Corby on the digital side of things. Present at the communications trailer were Adam, Rob, Mitch, Mary, Pat, and Steve. Andrew "NØCALL" Schmitz was on one of the radios in the 15-20m section making a contact. He was about the fourth one to do so in the under-18 category. Dave and Bill WA9ASD arrived later in the morning.

As the 2059 UTC deadline hit, people shut down the transceivers, started taking down antennas, packing up the equipment, and cleaning the area. In all, more than 600 contacts were made. Of them, Corby's station made 73—a nice number to end with.

Bill KCØSVZ

Barnyardgate?

Late in the publication cycle of the July issue, the editorial staff of the *Ham Hum* received a series of emails (and extracts of other emails) from an individual who identifies himself as "Downtown Boy." The emails are between high-ranking officers in the Ak-Sar-Ben ARC and—if the letters are to be believed—hold the story of a vast coverup taking place.

Following are excerpts from these emails. Until the *Ham Hum's* staff of crack(ed) investigative journalists can get all the rumors behind the facts, we'll exclude printing the sender's names and the full content of the letters. Note, however, that the AARC officials involved are very high in the organization and that powerful forces may be at play. For example, in a later email, "Downtown Boy"(DtB) appears to be suddenly worried about these letters being published.

(Email from DtB to AARC Official, dated 28 June 2012)

Working downtown affords me the chance to see some events that don't always make the news. I feel that the club members should be aware of these events via the *Ham Hum* and perhaps the web site.

On the opening day of the Olympic Swim trials at the CLink Center (as in the sound of coins dropping into the coin box) there was a boycott by Chic-Ken and his followers protesting the derisive and discriminatory events.

- *Butterfly - insult comparing the erratic flying of an insect to the flight of a chicken.*

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Contest Calendar

July 2012

CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 11 & 0300Z-0400Z, Jul 12
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 11
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Jul 13
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 13
FISTS Summer Sprint	0000Z-0400Z, Jul 14
IARU HF World Championship	1200Z, Jul 14 to 1200Z, Jul 15
CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush	2000Z-2159Z, Jul 15
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jul 19
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 19
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Jul 20
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 20
DMC RTTY Contest	1200Z, Jul 21 to 1200Z, Jul 22
Feld Hell Sprint	1600Z-1800Z, Jul 21
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Jul 21 to 0600Z, Jul 22
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	1800Z, Jul 21 to 2100Z, Jul 22
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jul 25
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 25 & 0300Z-0400Z, Jul 26
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Jul 27
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 27
RSGB IOTA Contest	1200Z, Jul 28 to 1200Z, Jul 29
New Jersey QSO Party	1600Z, Jul 28 to 2000Z, Jul 29

August 2012

QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Aug 3
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Aug 3
TARA Grid Dip Shindig	0000Z-2400Z, Aug 4
European HF Championship	0000Z-2359Z, Aug 4
10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB	0001Z, Aug 4 to 2359Z, Aug 5
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Aug 4 to 0600Z, Aug 5
ARRL UHF Contest	1800Z, Aug 4 to 1800Z, Aug 5
RSGB RoPoCo CW	0700Z-0830Z, Aug 5
SARL HF Phone Contest	1300Z-1630Z, Aug 5
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Aug 7

For details, check: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

June Door Prizes

Rollie, ABØNN, the AARC Prizenator, was back this month to hit us with six great giveaways.

This included the Brown Bag Prize, the Mr. Reeh Door Prize, three mysterious envelopes, and a pocket-sized edition of *The ARRL Repeater Directory 2012-2013*.

Pat KØCTU drew the tickets this time. The three envelopes each contained \$10 cash and went to Steve NØUP, Thomas KEØQL, and Adam KDØMMG. Mitch WBØGBI was awarded the repeater directory. Jim KCØSHZ won the Mr. Reeh Door Prize, which turned out to be Super-X headphones. The Brown Bag Prize, a combination fence pliers/staple puller, was won by Claudia K1AUD.

Note that the proceeds for each month's tickets go for buying next month's prizes. Each month's tickets are kept and included in the Grand Prize(s) drawing in December. The more tickets you buy each month, the better your chances of winning at the end of the year.

Bill KCØSVZ

Some of the rules covered were that all radios at a specific event must use the same call sign (KØUSA for AARC), only one transmitter per band at any one time, and no cross-band contacts except satellite. There's only one point per contact, except digital—which allows two points.

Mary discussed some of the operating strategies (hunt-and-pounce vs sitting on a band) and what both a good and bad exchange consisted of.

She pointed out that KØUSA is not only a hard-to-understand call sign, but some people have a hard time believing it's real. Also, she warned us that Nebraska is a fairly rare state, so be prepared for a pile-up.

Lastly, Mary described AARC's plan for the event and how participants need to prepare. This included the location of site (156th & Maple), station locations at the site, food sources, and what equipment to bring.

The meeting ended with a Q&A session, additional "dos and don'ts", and members telling stories of previous field days.

Bill KCØSVZ

Area Nets

Monday

7:00 PM 145.290 South-West
Iowa ARES Glenwood, IA.
9:00 PM 146.940 AARC
Social Net. Ak-Sar-Ben
ARC Omaha, NE.

Thursday

8:00 PM 144.250 2-Meter
SSB Net.
8:00 PM 146.360 Heartland
DX Association.

Tuesday

7:00 PM 147.360 QCWA
Hams who have been hams
for at least 25 years.
8:00 PM 50.200 6m SSB Net.
9:00 PM 145.310 Washington
Co. ARES Washington Co,
NE.

Saturday

12:00 PM 146.82 Swap Net
Council Bluffs, IA.
8:30 PM 3.921.000 QCWA
Chapter 20.

Wednesday

7:00 PM 146.670 Dodge Co.
ARES Dodge Co, NE.
8:00 PM 145.310 Saunders
Co. ARES Saunders Co, NE.
9:00 PM 146.820
Pottawattamie County
ARES Council Bluffs, IA.

Sunday

8:00 AM 3.902.500 Swap Net.
8:30 AM 3.896.000 3900
Club.
8:30 PM 443.925+ (103.5
tone) IRLP Net.
9:00 PM 146.940- Douglas
Co. ARES net, KØUSA
repeater.

Please let us know of any updates or corrections to the above.

You may be a ham radio operator if... You have referred to your Ham friends by their call sign suffixes instead of their real names.

Club Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2012

Bill WA9ASD, Secretary AARC

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by saying the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 32 attendees. Introductions by name and call.

Officers and Board members present included: Mary, NØTRK; Bill, WA9ASD; Adam, KDØMMG, John, WBØCMC and Dave, NØJSB.

Secretary's Report - A motion was made by Jim, KAØKCV, seconded by Norm, WAØJYD, to accept the May club meeting minutes as published in Ham Hum. There were no corrections required and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Mary read the treasurer's report showing income of \$114.03 and expenses of \$113.61 during the prior month bringing the balance in all of the accounts to \$22,953.65

President's Report - Mary, NØTRK - Mary reported that documentation of individuals providing backup access of all accounts in the club's name has been completed. At least one backup person has been designated who shares sign-on information. This allows club activities on-line to continue if the primary person for these accounts is out of town or unavailable for any reason.

Vice President's Report - The program for tonight's meeting will be Field Day.

Public Service - ARES/SATERN/Community Events

- Community Events - Pat, KØCTU - The NSAA State Track Meet went well. Thanks to all those who participated.
- The MARE or Major Accident Response Event will be August 11. There will be an OMMRS Activation - communications assistance will be needed at the base and area hospitals.
- ARES - Steve, NØUP - There will be an ARES meeting and another chance to get your badges in June on the 19th.
- SATERN - no report
- The Crop Walk and the Market to Market run will be in October.

Education Committee - Mary, NØTRK - The next license class will be for 7 weeks starting on June 18th from 6:30 to 9:00 at The Red Cross.

We would like to offer a Morse Code class -- The instructor does not need to be an expert - just able to send at 5 WPM.

Membership Committee - Mary, NØTRK - Application for membership for W2GAC, Alexander Gac was presented to the club. Jim. KAØKCV made a motion, seconded by Norm, WAØJYD to accept Alexander as a club member. Motion passed unanimously.

Publications/Web Services

- Ham Hum - Bill, KCØSVZ - It's out.
- Web Services - Mary, NØTRK - The rebuilding continues.

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Repeater Committee - Use it.

Field Day Committee - It's coming. The club has received approval from Jerry Leahy of Douglas County to use the grounds of the former Thomas Fitzgerald Veterans Home at 156th and Maple.

We also have Standing Bear Lake is a backup location and we are waiting for the overnight use waiver to be approved.

Volunteers are needed for lots of positions; helpers, operators, etc. Even if you don't have a radio and/or antennas - we might be able to help. Digital operators are needed. Suggestions for alternative operating modes are requested although spark is not included.

The club has the approval of The Communications Committee to use the OMMRS trailer for Field Day. We feel it is a good idea for the club to add something to the trailer that is needed after we use it.

QSL Committee/Technical Committee - no report.

Mary reported that Eddie, KØIL's mother passed away.

Courtesy Committee - Bill, KEØXQ

- The wife of past Club President Dick Newsome, WØHXL passed away last week after a battle with leukemia.
- The club received a thank you card from Russ Minks' son thanking the club for the sympathy card and all who assisted with the garage sale last year.

Trailer Committee - The committee is looking for a weekend to start modifications to the N6KVA trailer, probably after Field Day.

Equipment Committee - The committee is working on a time to meet to finalize some processes.

If any club member has club equipment in their possession or know where it is contact any member of the committee or send it to equipment@aksarbenarc.org.

Public Awareness - The Omaha Police Safety Fair event went well as did the Nebraska QSO Party. We had a number of people view the operation although we did not program any weather radios as no one had them for sale. In the future perhaps we could partner with HyVee, Channel 7 or the NWS during severe weather week for this service at another location.

- Field Day is coming up.
- OSFEST is coming up in July.
- We are still waiting to hear from the Mid America Council of the Boy Scouts of America about participating in Jamboree On The Air in October.

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Club Calendar

Jul 11	7:30 PM Lincoln Amateur Radio Club Meeting. 4647 Superior St, Lincoln, NE.
Jul 13	7:00 PM AARC Club Meeting. Red Cross Building, 81 st & Spring St, Omaha, NE.
Jul 14	9:00 AM PARC 15 th Annual Flea Market. 8 th & Locust St, North Bend, NE.
Jul 14	11:00 AM Midwest Home Brewers & QRP Group, Bredeaux Pizza, Ashland, NE.
Jul 16	6:30 PM Technician Class. Details on AARC web site. Red Cross bldg. Omaha.
Jul 19	7:30 PM BARC Meeting. Masonic Hall, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue, NE
Jul 21	6:00 PM AARC Coffee. Perkins Restaurant, 108 th & L Streets, Omaha, NE.
Jul 23	6:30 PM Technician Class. Details on AARC web site. Red Cross bldg. Omaha.
Jul 26	7:30 PM Southwest Iowa ARC Meeting. 705 N 16 th , Council Bluffs, IA.
Jul 27	7:30 PM PARC Meeting. 1900 E. Military Ave, Fremont, NE.
Jul 30	6:30 PM Technician Class. Details on AARC web site. Red Cross bldg. Omaha.
Jul 30	6:30 PM AARC Board Meeting. Village Inn, 7837 Dodge St., Omaha, NE.
Jul 31	6:30 PM AARC VE Testing, Red Cross Building, 81 st & Spring St, Omaha, NE.
Aug 8	7:30 PM Lincoln Amateur Radio Club Meeting. 4647 Superior St, Lincoln, NE.
Aug 10	7:00 PM AARC Club Meeting. Red Cross Building, 81 st & Spring St, Omaha, NE.
Aug 11	11:00 AM Midwest Home Brewers & QRP Group, Bredeaux Pizza, Ashland, NE.
Aug 11	1:00 PM BARC VE Testing, Alegent Midlands Hospital, McArdle Ste., Papillion.
Aug 16	7:30 PM BARC Meeting. Masonic Hall, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue, NE
Aug 18	6:00 PM AARC Coffee. Perkins Restaurant, 108 th & L Streets, Omaha, NE.
Aug 23	7:30 PM Southwest Iowa ARC Meeting. 705 N 16 th , Council Bluffs, IA.
Aug 24	7:30 PM PARC Meeting. 1900 E. Military Ave, Fremont, NE.
Aug 28	6:30 PM AARC Board Meeting. Village Inn, 7837 Dodge St., Omaha, NE.
Sep 8	8:00 AM AARC Flea-esta. Sarpy County Fairgrounds, Springfield, NE.
Oct 13	Hamboree 2012 (Iowa State Convention). 903 Topaz Drive, Sergeant Bluff, IA.

NOTE: The HBQRP meeting on July 14th may be delayed until 1:00 PM in order to give people time to attend the PARC flea market in the morning. See their web page at <http://www.hbqrp.org/> for information.

For more details and the latest updates, see the *Upcoming Events* section of the AARC web site (<http://www.aksarbenarc.org/>). Please contact us if you have events for the calendar or you see something that needs correcting.

Want Ads

For Sale Eldon WØSZV has an MFJ-9406 SSB/CW transceiver with mic and CW module along with matching MFJ-4114 portable rechargeable power pack for sale. New price on all is \$420.00. Asking \$275.00 and it includes shipping to lower 48 states. If interested, please contact off line. (Forwarded by Rich WAØZQG, wa0zqg@yahoo.com)

Wanted Chicken Feet . We are looking for producers of Chicken Feet who are able to deliver large amounts on a regular basis over long periods. The following are our requirements: Without yellow skin/nail . No Feather . No bad smell . No bruise . No broken Bone (only 1~3% allowed) . White skin . Well cleaned and fresh . No Black pads or ammonia burns . No Blood stains . Moisture content is less than 2% . Weight per piece is 35~50 gram . Length per piece is 12 cm . Blood ice is not allowed . FOB Long Beach or CIF Hong Kong, Vietnam . Above is what we are looking for, and we can send you 30% deposit. Other payment terms are negotiable. If both parties can come to an agreement, we would like to order 800 to 1000 tons per month and make a 1 year contract. If you are interested in working with our company, please send us pictures your chicken feet along with detailed specifications. If your product meets our requirements, then we would like to order 80,000 lb as initial sample order. Please direct all responses to Bill WA9ASD, email: williammtrue@aol.com

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- Individual Medley - too close to the name of a mixed vegetable and chicken cooking recipe
- Breast stroke - causing a sexual harassment charge to be filed against a certain rooster
- Back stroke - barnyard trick known as a swat to the backside causing the recipient to fall face-first into fresh droppings
- 50 meter freestyle - a disgusting run across the barnyard without underwear.
- and having no "talent" event allowing Escalita, the skating chicken to perform. There is hope for the upcoming 2013 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in January, however.

Similarly, the casual reference to the "200 Fly" brings to mind a dairy barn event.

There was brief hope of reinstating the Men's 200 metre obstacle event from the 1900 Olympics as Chic-Ken is known to be fleet of foot, with or without a head.

The position of the Omaha World Herald is unclear on these events. They did not report the protests but did feature a recipe in the June 27 Food Express titled "To save time, roast two chickens at once". The recipe itself leaves doubt, however, as in the ingredients it lists "1 whole chicken, about 4-5 pounds". Similarly, it says in the instructions "Reserve the giblets from the chicken for another use", (such as additional ballast for the garbage bag?). With the world's people divided into 3 groups, those who can count and those who can't; we know which group the author belongs to.

More news to follow as events unfold.

(Email from DtB to Ham Hum Editor KCØSVZ, dated 30 June 2012)

Bill,

I don't know if you should print the story.

Earlier this morning I got this message from ****:

"Chic-Ken wasn't protesting anything... he is stretched out in the garage recovering from FD. He doesn't do protests.. he just reports the weather."

I replied:

"Oh, and now we have the mystery of the phantom Chic-Ken - Who was protesting at the CLink Center? - Was it a cow in disguise plotting to embarrass and discredit Chic-Ken? Is it true that cows actually contribute more green house gases to global warming than Chic-Ken as the cows are saying? With Chic-Ken's weather experience he should be able to give us the straight poop on this, and that's no road apple!"

So, It's up to you about printing any of this - I don't want to be spreading rumors.

(DtB)

(Email from DtB to AARC Official, dated 1 July 2012)

Ah-Ha,
Caught you.

You're part of the conspiracy to cover up Chic-Ken's protests at the CLink Center.

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Flea Market - Get your tables.

We have to determine what our door prizes will be. Pat is handing out survey forms for prize suggestions. Please list what you would like to see as our door prizes. The purpose of the prizes is to attract more attendees and give away some neat stuff. Also, we need volunteers for both Friday and Saturday. There is a sign-up sheet being passed around - sign up and list what how you would like to help out. Some suggestions for door prizes have been an iPad/Kindle, HT, solar panels and gift certificates for vendors present.

Old Business - none

New Business - We are looking for public meeting announcement and general club promotional ideas. Please help us get the club and our meetings more widely known with your ideas.

Announcements - The Balloon launch is tomorrow.

- The USCG Auxiliary is taking down their tower at NP Dodge Park. They would like assistance with that.
- The family of NØUCK has donated some ARRL books for free distribution to the club. They are General and Extra license manuals, Hint and Kinks, the Operating Manual, the 2001-2002 Repeater Directory, Digital QST, Understanding Electronics and a book of Ham Radio puzzles.

Door Prize Committee - Rollie, ABØNN - There are door prizes available. Get your tickets during the break. Included are 4 regular door prizes, the Brown Bag Door Prize and the dreaded Mr. Reeh Door Prize with the theme of "What Is It?" or "Who Would Want It?" This prize is from the extensive collection of ham artifacts amassed by the world famous DXer Anton Reeh, UN1QUE from Kazakhstan.

At 7:54 PM a motion was made by Steve, NØUP and Jim, KAØKCV, seconded by everyone except Claudia to end the meeting. Passed by unanimous vote.

Bill WA9ASD, Secretary AARC



