

## Haiti Trip — Continued

The training included how to do video tape editing, camera use and setups, a lot of general techniques and answering lots of questions. The not too good power there prompted a question about how the new equipment would stand up to surges and outages. I told them that broadcast equipment was built to take it. I pointed to one of the new tape decks and said that it had cost new, \$12,000 US. The control machines in the editors, \$23,000. One could hear the jaws hit the floor. They aren't worth that today since no one wants analog equipment. This shipment was worth, new, a bit over a quarter million dollars thanks to some very generous Omaha TV stations. Isn't digital wonderful? Without the switch to digital we would have had almost none of the equipment we do now.



We now have one of the best, if not the best equipped TV stations in the country.

As for the marble quarry project, all the equipment is there except for the diamond wire which was not included.

That's another \$5000. We still have to order the quarry master but that's a bit down the

road. We need to get the regular quarry equipment up and going so we can handle the marble. That's going to cost a bunch for maintenance. We can't get the quarry master till we know that the equipment is there to do a proper job. \$7000 for him to sit around while equipment is fixed doesn't make sense.

We did some serious talking about what needs to be done for maintenance of the heavy equipment at the quarry and it is going to be a struggle financially for a while. I doOn't need to get into that any more here except to say that it is a serious problem for cash flow at the mission.

That pretty much covers this trip. It is the first in a long time that I got everything done I went to do and then some. Soli deo Gloria.

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## USS Hazard & USS Marlin updates

**Peter Daliere (KE7RDW)** provided an update on the status of the restoration and cleanup to Freedom Park after the 2011 Missouri River Flood. Peter also provided a display of artifacts for club members to look over. Which included log books, drawings, and cannon shells. The USS Hazard (AM-240) a minesweeper that served in the US Navy during WWII. After WWII ended, the Hazard continued to patrol the seas to locate and clear the seas off Korea and Japan for the occupation forces. In addition to minesweeping during WWII, she performed anti submarine patrols off Kerama Retto in keeping with the minesweeper's slogan, "No Sweep, No Invasion." Hazard earned three battle stars for her World War II service.

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### MAY MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on *Friday, May 8th, 7:00 PM, Red Cross Bldg, 81st & Spring Streets, Omaha, NE*  
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### Special points of interest and Upcoming Events

- Field Day 27-28 Jun 2015
- VE Testing —
  - 5/7/2015 at Lincoln
  - 5/9/2015 at Bellevue

## Hazard — Freedom Park — (continued from page 1)

Returning to the United States in 1946, Hazard was decommissioned and joined the reserve fleet. Stricken from the Navy Register in 1971, she was purchased by a group of Omaha, NE businessmen and placed on public display at Freedom Park.

The 2011 flood damage repair is scheduled for completion by the end of May 2015. This will be just in time for the Museum Ships Weekend on June 6–7 2015.

### Address Change?

If you've changed your mailing address, or would prefer to receive the *Ham Hum* via email, please contact Mary NØTRK (Membership) or Brian KDØSVD (Publications) with your new information.

AARC on the Web

**Club Web Site:** <http://www.aksarbenarc.org/>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/aksarbenarc>

**Yahoo! Groups:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AKSARBENTalk/>



### Veep Speaks

Our program for the May meeting will be given by Fred Eriksen, KBØLF, on “Modeling some Field Day Antennas”. Fred will show changes in efficiency of 40M, 20M and 15M antennas and as the shape of a wire, dipole changes on 40M.

On behalf of the club, I would like to recognize and thank Bill Wilkinson, KCØSVZ for his outstanding service to the club for writing and producing the *Ham Hum* these past years. Bill did a very professional job. Our thanks also go to Brian Pitchanau, KDØSVD, for stepping forward and taking on the task of being the new editor and producer.

*Mitch WBØGBI, Vice President AARC*

On Friday we went to the mountain so Joe could finish the tower work. He replaced the wiring for the code beacon which had a short in it and then finished the primer coat on the tower. While Joe was on the tower Rich and I mounted and hooked up 4 security cameras I had brought along. They go into a little switcher that feeds the video to the transmitter-studio link so they can be seen at the church. It's a big boost to security. On Saturday, the primer coat dry, Joe started on the final coat of paint, aviation red. He spent about 8 solid hours on the tower to do it, starting at the top. That antenna is now in very good shape and should give good service for years to come. On Sunday we relaxed. Monday we un-rigged the tower and put away all the ropes and climbing gear. It will stay there in case we ever need to do tower work again.

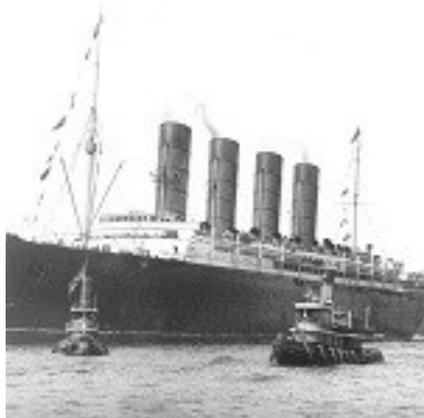


Of all the equipment there were only 3 machines that needed work. Two I got fixed and the third needs some mechanical repair to the tape transport. There are enough machines that it won't be an issue and I can do something with it next time. There are enough spare parts included so it should be a quick fix. I also got a new Senheiser wireless lavalier mic installed courtesy KMTV. It is on a frequency no longer legal in the US but OK in Haiti, A really nice gift for the mission.

Rich and I ran a bunch of coax so the new security cameras on the mountain can be seen at the studio. I also ran the video through a “DA” (distribution amplifier) so when the receivers (currently in my basement) come to let us do live shots we can use the same system for that. I also had time to do a lot of training for Asline and Junior who are the main operators of the studio. The studio cameras they said were blue just needed to be white and black balanced and they looked fine. This is a procedure that needs to be done every time they are powered up including when the local power company drops the load.



## Sinking of the Lusitania



On 7 May 1915, 100 years ago, the German submarine U-20 sank the unprotected British liner Lusitania without warning in its approach to the Irish Sea. The giant Cunard Vessel sank in twenty minutes. Of 1,959 passengers and crew, 1,128 perished; 128 of them Americans.

Several Amateur Radio special event stations will be on the air in early May to commemorate the 100th anniversary of this event which, among others, propelled the United States into World War I.

GB100MFA will operate during the entire month of May from the UK, with members of the Radio Officers Association at the helm from the lightship *Planet* in Liverpool, Lusitania's home port and its ultimate destination on its voyage from New York.

EL100MFA will be on the air from Ireland May 3-10. "MFA" was the ship's call sign.

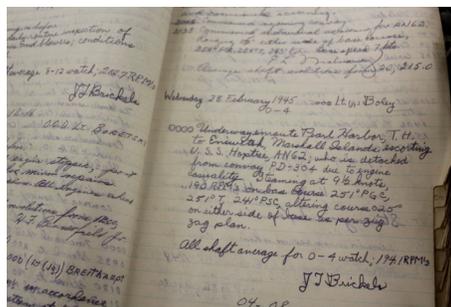
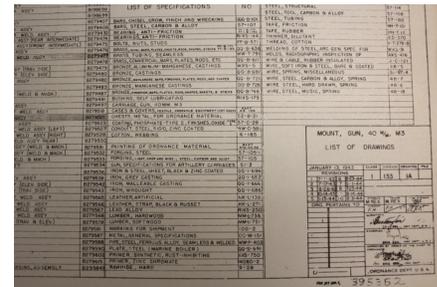
In Wisconsin, KC9HYY/LUS100 will be operating May 1-9. as well as N2L operating May 1-15 by the Great South Bay ARC from Long Island, NY.

And closer to home, WW1USA, operating May 9-10 from the National WWI Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, by the Santa Fe Trail ARC.

### John Gebuhr WBOCMC Trip To Haiti Feb—Mar 2015

We left Omaha the 25<sup>th</sup> of February for Fort Lauderdale and overnight for the final leg into Port au Prince. In company were myself, Joe Francis and Rich Ronning. . The flight to PaP was uneventful and we were met at the airport by Revenels driver and drove up to Gonaives. It is, today, typically a 2 and a half hour trip for the 100 or so miles. Good roads all the way compared to the bone jarring 4 to 6 hour trip of a few years ago. We got there about 11 and had time to do a quick inventory of all the things that had been shipped prior to our arrival.

## USS Hazard Artifacts



## Saturday Night Coffee and Conversation

Seven People showed up for the coffee and conversation at Perkins in April. Pat KØCTU, Mary NØTRK, Bill KCØSVZ, Brian KDØSVD, Kevin KAØVNY, Darrel ADØEF, and Joe NØNEB. Adam KDØMMG was there for a few minutes to drop off a router.

Topics discussed were about Vanity Call Signs and call signs in general. How a ham can identify one another as to their classes based on the structure of their call sign. Other topics were: Home security surveillance systems. Computer Operating Systems. Ham Fest locations; their Pros and Cons. Battery Packs, and different routers used to setup networks independence of the Internet; very useful in the event of any disaster should it occur.

## Club Meeting Minutes — April 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM by the Vice President Mitch, WB0GBI by saying the Pledge of Allegiance followed by introductions by name and call. There were 29 attendees.

Officers and Board members present included: Mitch, WB0GBI; Dave, N0JSB; Bill, WA9ASD, Barb, KCOHLB and Russ, N0MNW

**Secretary's Report** - Bill, WA9ASD - . A motion was made by Jim, KA0KCV, seconded by Mary, N0TRK to accept the minutes of the March club meeting as published in Ham Hum. Passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** - Dave, N0JSB - - In the month of March there were deposits of \$25 for meeting refreshments donations \$40 from dues payments, \$5.02 from Amazon Smile and \$1,164 from the sales of club equipment at Council Bluffs and Lincoln. Payments consisted of \$11.97 for refreshments, \$102.28 for Ham Hum supplies, \$80 for the annual Post Office Box rental, \$36.79 as a Thank You award and a \$3 bank fee. This leaves the balance of all the club accounts at \$22,597.52.

**President's Report** - Adam, KD0MMG -not present

**Vice President's Report** - Mitch, WB0GBI -Mark, N0VUB will be presenting his program on SSTV later in the year. Tonight's program will be by Peter, KD7RDM on progress on the USS Hazard restoration. The May program will be by Fred, KB0LF on Modeling Field Day Antennas.

### Public Service

ARES/SATERN/COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Public Service** - Jim, KA0KCV - Members are invited to assist Channel 7 with programming weather radios at 4 sites on April 11 and April 23.

**ARES** - Steve, N0UP - There will be a class on Damage Assessment on April 14, 22 and 30 at the Douglas County EOC downtown from 7 to 9 PM. Pre-registration is required for building access. .

**SATERN** - Jim KC0SHZ/Jim, KA0KCV - no report

**OMMRS** - Mary N0TRK - .(by Steve, N0UP) On April 21 there will be OMMRS training on packet. The session will be held at the new Salvation Army facility from 7 to 8:30 PM. Please reserve a spot in the class ahead of time.

**Education Committee** - Mary, N0TRK - The next Technician license class will start June 17 and meet every Wednesday evening until July 29. The last meeting may be a party celebrating the results of the testing session on July 28.

\* Peaberry SDR V2 Kit

\* More keys! I'd love to get a fancy Begali or N3ZN paddle, and the other day someone told me about the UR5CDX keys, which look like great deals.

Even if I purchased everything on this list, I'll have spent less than \$5,000.

One consequence of going this route is that I'll have less time for operating. I'm betting (hoping?) that the extra time spent on tinkering will be just as much fun, or even more fun than I'm having now.

It also means that I'll be going to Dayton with a much different mindset than I have the past couple of years. Instead of spending my time configuring the perfect K3 in my head, I'll be looking for kits and scouring the flea market looking for parts.

I may be overthinking this, but like most amateurs, I have a limited budget to spend on amateur radio. That being the case, making conscious decisions about how to spend that money should help me have more fun with ham radio, and that's the goal, isn't it?

What do you think? Is this the right way to go, or am I going to regret this decision? If you've made a similar decision, I'd love to hear from you.

When not making crucial decisions about his amateur radio career, you'll find KB6NU working on updates to his "No Nonsense" study guides, teaching one-day Tech classes, or blogging about amateur radio at [www.kb6nu.com](http://www.kb6nu.com).

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### April Showers Bring May Flowers but Makes a Lousy Day for a Rabbit



The Rabbit Hunt for April took place on Sunday, the 19th. It was raining all day. Bill WAØASD and his grandson found the rabbit Dave NØJSB hid within 30 minutes. Next month Bill will hide the rabbit for those to take part in this event on 10 May 2015.. A Rabbit Hunt, sometimes known as a Fox Hunt, is locating a hidden radio by using a receiver that has a directional antenna. It seems like all fun and games, but there maybe a time that this method is used to locate

sources of interference to any form of wireless electronic communication to performing search and rescue to find persons in distress.

## Bill Wilkinson *KDØSVZ* Steps Down as Ham Hum Editor

After 5 years as Editor of the Ham Hum, the official newsletter of the AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Bill is presented a wall plaque and a Life Time Membership for his outstanding services by Vice President Mitch Saure.



### What Would You Do ?

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

For the past three or four years, I've been threatening to buy a new radio to replace my ICOM IC-746PRO. The IC-746PRO is a great rig, though, and I've had trouble pulling the trigger on a \$3k – \$5k or more purchase. The radio that I've had my eye on is the Elecraft K3. Without a doubt the K3 is a better rig than the 746PRO, and it's certainly worth the price that Elecraft is asking. The question I keep asking myself, though, is, "Am I going to have \$5,000 more fun with a K3?"

To put it another way, the question is, assuming that I have a \$5,000 budget to spend on amateur radio gear over the next year or two or three, what's the best way to spend it? How can I maximize my purchases so that I have the most fun?

At this point, I think that I've decided not to buy that new rig and instead buy equipment that will help me make my own rigs. Some of the items that I have my eye on include:

Aoyue 968A+ SMD Digital Hot Air Rework Station (I have actually already purchased this unit.)

- \* Rigol DS1102E 100MHz, Dual Channel, 1 GSa/s Digital Oscilloscope
- \* Rigol DSA815-TG Spectrum Analyzer
- \* A more professional workbench to replace the folding table that I'm currently using.

**Community Events** - Pat, KOCTU - On Sunday, April 12 from 9 AM until 2 PM the Creighton Women's Rowing meet will be held at Carter Lake. The Annual MS Walk will be at Aksarben Village. The State Track Meet will be May 22 and 23.

**Membership Committee** - Mary, N0TRK - We have an application for membership from Larry Kirstein, AD0LS. There was a motion by John, WBOCMC seconded by Jim, KC0KCV to accept Larry as a new member. The motion passed unanimously.

### Publications/Web Services

**Ham Hum** - Brian, KD0SVD / Bill, KC0SVZ - Brian's inaugural edition of Ham Hum is published and it came out looking great. Again, the club thanked Bill, KC0SVZ for his 5 years of service as editor and presented him with a plaque honoring his service.

**Web Site** - Mary, N0TRK - (by Adam, KD0MMG) Clean-up of the web site is continuing.

**Repeater Committee** - John, WBOCMC - It's quiet when it's raining and we're still waiting for the tower crew to work on the tower so there can be an antenna check for loose hardware.

Support you local repeater. The club accepts donations for any area repeater and forwards the money to the appropriate owner.

**Field Day** - Adam, KD0MMG and Eric KB0LF - Plans are going forward and there are currently plans for stations on 20 meters phone, a CW station, a digital station and another manned by Marvin, AE0EG.

**QSL and Technical Committee** - Eddy, K0IL - no report.

**Courtesy Committee** - Bill, KE0XQ - The club sent a cards to Barb, KCOHLB on the passing of her brother and to Terry Leahey's wife.

**Trailer/Equipment Committee** - Mary, N0TRK - Two of the club's amplifiers were sold at the Lincoln Ham fest as well as some other items. The committee needs to meet to formulate plans. .

**Public Awareness** - Jim, KA0KCV, club P.I.M.P. - - Mary, N0TRK reported that we will have a table at the Nebraska Science Festival at the Durham Museum on April 17 and 18. It is likely that we will demonstrate Morse code and Slow Scan Television. On Friday the attendees are expected to be in the 6 to 10 year old age range. Saturday is open to the public.

The club will have a table at the Omaha Police Safety Expo on April 25 from 10 AM until 2 PM.

**Transmitter Hunt** - The transmitter hunt will be deferred until 3 PM Sunday April 19 due to the Creighton Women's Regatta. The starting point is at Memorial Park. Dave, NOJSB will be hiding the transmitter. Everyone is encouraged to participate

**Flea-Esta** - Chris, NOCALL - We need volunteers and she has a sign-up sheet. We are working on the prizes and the grand prize will probably be a radio. The scheduled date is September 12 at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds.

**Old Business** - none

**New Business** - none

#### Announcements -

Fred, KBOLF announced the Nebraska QSO party will be April 18 and 19. He would like KOUSA to be on the air that weekend for the event.

Rollie announced there is a single door prize of an assortment of tools along with the famous Brown Bag Door Prize and the dreaded Mr. Reeh Door Prize. All tickets purchased are retained throughout the year and are eligible for the grand prize drawings at the Annual December Meeting.

Rollie will be leaving the Door Prize committee in the near future. A replacement for him is needed.

Coffee and cookies are available in the break room before the program. Please donate to help offset the cost of these treats.

At 7:41 PM a motion was made by John, WBOCMC to end the meeting. So moved.

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### AARC Equipment Loaner Program

Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club members who are in good standing and possessing an active FCC issued US Amateur Radio License may borrow one of two Icom HTs. Each radio is a basic two meter transceiver with an NiMH battery and charger. It is perfect for when you need to borrow a rig to help with that community service event, or if you are itching to get on the air as you shop for your new radio.

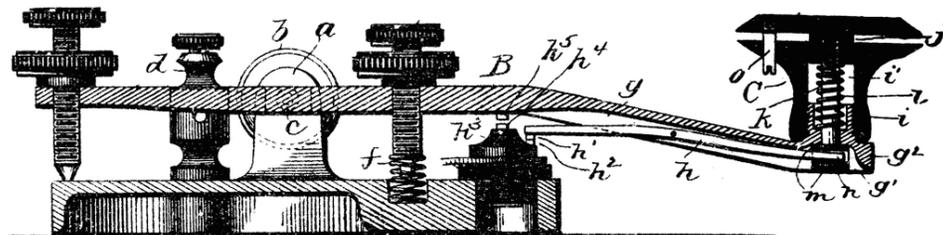
You can check out a radio for one month at any Club meeting and return it at the next. Alternately, you can contact the equipment committee at [equipment-committee@aksarbenarc.org](mailto:equipment-committee@aksarbenarc.org). For more details, see the AARC web page.

*de AARC Equipment Committee*

## Calendar

- May 13** 7:00 PM AARC Meeting. Red Cross Building, 81<sup>st</sup> & Spring St., Omaha, NE.
- May 9** 11:00 AM HBQRP, Bredeaux Pizza, 1425 Silver St., Ashland, NE.
- May 10** 3:00 PM AARC Rabbit Hunt. Memorial Park, 57<sup>th</sup> and Underwood.
- May 20** 7:00 PM Heartland Hams, 403 Railroad Ave., Glenwood, IA.
- May 21** 7:30 PM BARC Meeting. Masonic Hall, 1908 Franklin St., Bellevue, NE.
- May 16** 6:00 PM AARC Coffee. Perkins Restaurant, 108<sup>th</sup> & L Streets, Omaha, NE.
- May 26** 6:30 PM AARC Directors' Meeting. Peony Park Hy-Vee, 7910 Cass, Omaha NE
- May 26** 6:30 PM AARC License Exam Red Cross Building, 81<sup>st</sup> & Spring St., Omaha, NE
- May 28** 7:30 PM PARC Meeting. 1900 E. Military Ave, Fremont, NE.
- May 28** 7:30 PM SWIARC Meeting. 705 N 16<sup>th</sup>, Council Bluffs, IA.
- Jun 4** 6:30 PM LARC License Exam. See <http://k0kkv.org/> for details.
- Jun 6** Museum Ships Weekend
- Jun 12** 7:00 PM AARC Meeting. Red Cross Building, 81<sup>st</sup> & Spring St., Omaha, NE.
- Jun 14** AARC Rabbit Hunt — Memorial Park, 57<sup>th</sup> and Underwood, Omaha, NE.
- Jun 20** 6:30 PM AARC Coffee and Conversation—Perkins 108<sup>th</sup> & L Streets, Omaha.
- Jun 25** 7:00 PM PARC Meeting. 1900 E. Military Ave, Fremont, NE
- Jun 25** 7:30 PM SWIARC Meeting. 705 N 16<sup>th</sup>, Council Bluffs, IA.
- Jun 27** Field Day 2015
- Jun 28** Field Day 2015
- Jun 30** License Exam—at SWIARC Council Bluff, IA 6:30 PM — 8:30 PM
- Jul 2** License Exam — at Lincoln ARC 6:30 PM—8:00PM.

For more details and the latest updates, see the *Calendar* section of the AARC web site (<http://www.aksarbenarc.org/>). If you know of an event of interest to other hams and want to see it here, please contact the *Ham Hum* editor or one of the AARC officers.



## 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

7:00 PM 147.360 QCWA Net, Chapter 210 (seasonal, October through March).  
8:00 PM 50.200 6m SSB Net.  
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 10-Meter Net.  
8:00 PM 144.250 2-Meter SSB Net.  
8:00 PM 146.360 Heartland DX Association.  
9:00 PM 28.305 10-Meter 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 3.896.500 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.

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## For Sale

Kenwood TS-870S AT (with DSP) HF Amateur band transceiver in excellent condition with the original manual, matching PS-52 Power Supply, SP-31 speaker, and MC-80 desk mic. A great looking and performing radio photos available at:  
<http://www.aksarbenarc.org> or email [equipment@aksarbenarc.org](mailto:equipment@aksarbenarc.org) for details

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## April Door Prizes

At the April meeting, Rollie ABØNN had the following items up for raffle which this month he decided to combine into just one big prize:

A tool box containing the following items: 3 1/2 inch mini Flash Light, 10 piece Hex Key Set, 40 piece Pittsburgh Socket Set, 3 piece Utility Glass Crapper, an 8 inch Flat File and an 8 inch Rat Tail File, and finally a 6 piece Pittsburgh Screwdriver Set.

The Door Prize was won by Jim WBØBIK

The monthly Mr. Ree prize was won by Steve NØUP would at the time of the photo taken was still trying to figure out just what it was. Finally the Brown Paper Bag prize was won by Don WBØBGB, which was a package of Brown Paper Lunch Bags.

Note that the proceeds for each month's tickets go for buying next month's prizes. Also, all tickets are kept and included in the Grand Prize drawing in December.

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## Local Collegiate rowing competition benefits from Ham Radio assistance

On Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> Creighton University hosted the Upper Midwest Collegiate Sprints rowing competition which featured Men's and Women's varsity and club teams from schools around the Midwest. The course runs the length of Carter Lake, starting on the West end. The forecast had called for rain, and we were fortunate that the rain stayed away during the event, but the crosswind made it difficult to keep the boats going in a straight line.

We were asked to have someone at the finish line, which was where I was posted. They also needed someone at the position where the finish times were recorded, which was where Mary, NØTRK was at. After each race the finish line personnel relayed the results to the other position via radio. Radio coverage was good since the distance was short, and the lake doesn't add any obstacles to the signal.

This is the third year that we have assisted this event, and they would like us to continue. Next year they would like us to cover more locations, since they had trouble with the hand held radios they were using for logistics traffic. So, if you could spend some time next year to help with this event, let me know and I will put you on the list.

Pat Joseph — KØCTU

## Contest Calendar

### May 2015

NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, May 8
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, May 8
VOLTA WW RTTY Contest	1200Z, May 9 to 1200Z, May 10
CQ-M International DX Contest	1200Z, May 9 to 1159Z, May 10
F9AA Cup, PSK	1200Z, May 9 to 1200Z, May 10
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, May 9 to 2400Z, May 10
FISTS Spring Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, May 9
50 MHz Spring Sprint	2300Z, May 9 to 0300Z, May 10
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, May 13 and 1900Z-2000Z, May 13 and 0300Z-0400Z, May 14
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	1900Z-2030Z, May 13
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, May 15
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, May 15
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW	1200Z, May 16 to 1200Z, May 17
Feld Hell Sprint	1600Z-1759Z, May 16 and 2000Z-2159Z, May 16
WAB 7 MHz Phone	1000Z-1400Z, May 17
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, May 18
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, May 20 and 1900Z-2000Z, May 20 and 0300Z-0400Z, May 21
NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, May 21
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, May 21
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, May 22
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, May 22
EU PSK DX Contest	1200Z, May 23 to 1200Z, May 24
Baltic Contest	2100Z, May 23 to 0200Z, May 24
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, May 27
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, May 27 and 1900Z-2000Z, May 27 and 0300Z-0400Z, May 28
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, May 27
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, May 29
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, May 29
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	0000Z, May 30 to 2359Z, May 31
SARL Digital Contest	1300Z-1600Z, May 31