



Membership Form 2012

Ham Hum

This form may be used for any of the following purposes (check all that apply):

- Pay Dues (New Renew)
- Change of Mailing Address
- Update personal information (new callsign, upgrade, etc.)

Personal Information

Call Sign _____ License Class _____ Name _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address: _____ ARRL Member? Yes No

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Ham Hum Delivery: Mail Email

Spouse Information (complete only for spouse applying at same time)

Call Sign _____ License Class _____ Name _____

Email Address: _____ ARRL Member? Yes No

Minor Dependent (complete only for minors applying at the same time)

Call Sign _____	License Class _____	Name _____	ARRL Member?
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

New Member Application Signature

I agree to conduct my activities in accord with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Signature _____

Date _____

Annual Dues		
(January thru December)		
For Club Use Only – DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA		
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Member	\$20.00 year	Amount: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Accompanying Spouse	\$ 4.00 year	Amount: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Accompanying Minor Dependent	\$ 4.00 year times number of minors renewing	Amount: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Member (full time student)	\$ 8.00 year	Amount: _____
		Total Paid: _____

Make sure your information is correct and return this form to the Club with your dues. Dues are payable at any time and are considered in arrears if not received by Feb 28. Club members renewing within two years of their last year of paid membership must still pay the the full years dues. After two years, members must reapply for membership.

Flood Repairs at KOTK Radio



The speaker for the November meeting was Jim Leedham, WBØBIK, the Chief Engineer at radio station KOTK. His subject was how the Missouri River flood of 2011 affected the transmitter in Council Bluffs.

KOTK is an AM Spanish-language radio station broadcasting religious material on 1420 kHz. It got its start in the 1960s playing country music as Station KOOO. Later, it changed its call sign to KESY and switched to easy listening.

In succeeding years, it switched to KBBX, then KHLR, then finally KOTK. During his long career, Jim has worked for them, plus nearly every other station in the Omaha area.

The transmitter is located in a small building between Riverside Park and Fox Run Golf Course just south of Veteran's Memorial Highway. Though rising groundwater was appearing on nearby fields, things seemed okay. Then on July 6th, the transmitter went off the air, so Jim went to investigate. He found a foot of water in the building, chairs were floating, and the UPS was shorted—which was what killed the transmitter. The water stank due to raw sewage and the surrounding area was filled with millions of small green frogs.

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Come to the December Meeting!

There will be **HOT FOOD** and great **DOOR PRIZES!**
(Including a couple of radios.)

BYLAWS CHANGES and Election of Officers

See the Meeting Minutes and the Insert for details.

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December Meeting

The next meeting of the AARC will be on Friday, November 11th at 7:00 PM. The location is the Heartland Chapter House of the American Red Cross at 81st and Spring (near 81st and Center). Activities include Door Prizes, Holiday Dinner, and annual elections of Club Officers.

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/>

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A vote was then called to approve the revised original motion and was passed unanimously.

Note: In summary, the Bylaws state that a proposal for amendment to the Bylaws be presented at a general membership meeting and upon approval by a two-thirds majority of those present, shall be further considered. Further consideration shall consist of notifying each member by mail of the text of the proposed amendment at least 30 days in advance of a vote.

The notice in writing will be the publication of the meeting minutes (containing the amendment) in Ham Hum and, due to the timing of Ham Hum delivery, the vote on the amendment will occur at the January club meeting.)

A motion was made by Steve, NØUP to buy Mary, NØTRK a 'bunch' of bungi cords to replace all of hers that were used to tie up the club's power cords and coaxial cables. The motion was seconded by Bill, WA9ASD. On a vote the motion was passed with one dissenting vote cast by Pat, KØCTU.

Announcements - Remember, Sweepstakes is coming up - any takers?

There will be a VE license testing session the last Tuesday of the month, November 29 at the Red Cross.

Cookies are available in the kitchen - please donate to fund these.

Door Prize Committee Report - Rollie, ABØNN reported that he has 6 prizes tonight including the The Brown Bag Door Prize and the Mr. Reeh Door Prize.

Also, at the December meeting some of the door prizes will include 2 Wouxun UVD1P dual band HTs, a Radio Shack HTX-100, 10 meter, 25 watt, SSB and CW transceiver, among others.

All tickets purchased throughout the year are included in the drawing at the December meeting. Winners must be present.

At 7:46 PM a motion was made by John, WBØCMC, seconded by Pat, KØCTU to end the meeting. Passed unanimously.

Bill WA9ASD, Secretary AARC

Copper Wire

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, New York scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 200 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 200 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the New Yorkers, a California archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet and shortly after, a story in an LA newspaper read: "California archaeologists' discover 300 year old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the New Yorkers."

One week later, a local newspaper in North Dakota reported the following: "After digging as deep as 30 feet in his pasture near Minot, North Dakota, Ole, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Ole has therefore concluded that 400 years ago North Dakota had already gone wireless."

Just makes you proud to be from North Dakota!

de WA9ASD XYL

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They got the transmitter back on the air, then installed a sump pump to clean out the building. The pump later burned out, requiring another trip. There was also a problem of excessive humidity burning out the modulator, requiring more repairs. Then, after the waters receded, Jim had to call in a tower crew to assess the integrity of the antenna since the ground had softened after weeks of being under water.

One photo of the road approaching the transmitter building showed it partially washed out, covered with weeds, and muddy. It was originally blacktopped but had been torn up by earth-moving trucks when they used it to shore up the levee. Because of the condition of the road, Jim and his team had to walk to the transmitter site. After the flood had receded, it was still hazardous for vehicles. Jim stated that it was "...like trying to drive on grease."

In all, it wasn't a fun year for Jim, but he managed to keep the system working.

November Sweeps

The ARRL November Sweepstakes is a contest where amateur stations in the US and Canada exchange as much QSO information as possible with other stations in those two countries during the third full weekend in November. Allowable bands are 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. (Excluded are 12, 17, 30, and 60 meters.)

Mary NØTRK, Pat KØCTU, and Jim KCØSHZ participated for AARC using the Club call sign, KØUSA. The location was the SATERN Station at 3612 Cuming Street and began Saturday afternoon around 3 PM. With the regular AARC Saturday Night Coffee taking place at the same time, I mentally tossed a coin and decided to check out the Sweeps.

I drove to the general location without any problems, but finding the parking lot was a bit tricky. However, Don WBØVGB was monitoring .94 and talked me in. He later gave me a quick tour of the SATERN site and showed me the "loop" antenna that the Club was using to make contacts. It wasn't exactly circular, but surrounded the parking lot, and was more than adequate for the contest.

Don got me into the building, then left for home. Inside, Mary was using an Icom IC-718 transceiver to make contacts, while Pat logged them (and checked for duplicates) on a laptop running N3FJP's November Sweepstakes logging software (available from <http://www.n3fjp.com/>).

Jim was on another computer looking up some of the more interesting call signs on QRZ.COM. He also took time to give me more detailed tour of the SATERN station, then relieved Mary for awhile on the Icom. Later, he left to attend a fund raiser at Children's Hospital.

I left about 8 PM (but not until I'd sampled some of Mary's excellent chili), but Pat and Mary continued making contacts until nearly 10 PM. In all, KØUSA logged 117 contacts operating in the low-power SSB, multi-op category. Most contacts were on 20M, but five were made on 40M later in the evening. Claimed score was 13338.

Bill KCØSVZ



Veep Speaks

A big "Thank You" goes to Jim, WBØBIK for the program on what effects the flooding had on radio station KOTK's transmitter site.

There will be no program for the December meeting. It is time again for annual elections of Club officers. The nominating committee has met several times and made numerous calls to Club members. There are three nominees for the Board. Every time we called members and asked if they would consider running for President or Vice President, we got "no" for an answer. Remember, this is YOUR club. The current Club officers are beginning to get burned out. I am retired, burned out, and it is time for other members to get involved. If you can help the Club out by stepping up to the plate, please do so.

There will also be food and some great door prizes this year. I want to wish everyone a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

See you at the meeting.

73, Bill KEØXQ, Vice President AARC

Club Meeting Minutes – November 11, 2011

Bill WA9ASD, Secretary AARC

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by saying the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 23 attendees. Introductions by name and call.

A show of hands was requested of those who had served in the military. This was followed by an acknowledgement and thanks to those individuals for their service on Veterans Day.

Officers and Board members present included: Mary, NØTRK; Bill, KEØXQ; Bill, WA9ASD; John, WBØCMC; and Marv, AEØEG.

Secretary's Report - A motion was made by John, WBØCMC seconded by Bill, KEØXQ, to accept the October club meeting minutes as published in Ham Hum. There were no corrections required and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Marv, AEØEG reported that there were revenues of \$10 and expenditures of \$657; \$247 for the trailer license, \$200 for the Liability Insurance premium, \$198 for Ham Hum expenses, and \$12 for snacks at the November meeting.

President's Report - Mary, NØTRK requested that elected officers and committee chairman provide their position manuals describing responsibilities and activities of their position by the end of the month. These will be assembled to be passed on to members elected and appointed to succeed current position holders to assist these people in the successful execution of their duties.

Mary also requested that the Treasurer present a report of all transaction details for the year at the December Club meeting.

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Vice President's Report - Bill, KEØXQ reported that the program for tonight's meeting will be on flood damage to local broadcast stations by Jim Leadham, WBØBIK. The program for the December meeting will be on the kidnapping of club officers and a chili and sandwich feed.

Public Service ARES/SATERN/COMMUNITY EVENTS - ARES - Steve, NØUP reported that the Douglas County Emergency Management will require completion of classes 100B and 700 of all persons interested in participating in Emergency Management activities in the coming year. He also indicated that Spotter Training may also be required.

Mary Reported that the OMMRS training is set for November 15.

SATERN - Mary reported the she, Pat, KØCTU and Corby, KØSKW plan on operating from the SATERN station during Sweepstakes.

Community Events - Mary reported that there are probably no more community events this year.

Education Committee - Mary, NØTRK reported that a Technician license class is planned for January and we have a volunteer, Ralph Ertz, WØSMY. Additional help is requested.

It is felt that a class or series of classes for new ham orientation would be a good idea.

Membership Committee - Mary, NØTRK reported that there is a volunteer to help with this activity.

Publications/Web Services. Bill, KCØSVZ reported that Ham Hum is ok.

Web Services - Mary, NØTRK reported we are still looking for active assistance with the club website.

Repeater Committee - John, WBØCMC reported "Swerkin."

Field Day Committee - It's still over - we are looking for a couple of chairpersons for next year.

QSL Committee - No report.

Technical Committee - No report.

Courtesy Committee - Bill, KEØXQ reported that there was no activity.

Public Awareness - No report.

Old Business - Mary NØTRK, reported that we are still looking for a temporary or permanent home for the new club trailer - it must be removed from her driveway.

The club equipment that was left in the OMMRS trailer after Field Day has been moved to the club trailer.

Mary also reported that we are still looking for members of the equipment committee. We would like to make this a standing committee.

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Contest Calendar

December 2011

ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 6
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 9
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 10 to 2359Z, Dec 11
AWA Bruce Kelley Memorial CW Contest	2300Z, Dec 10 to 2300Z, Dec 11
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, & 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 10 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 11
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 11
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 14
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, & 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 14 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 15
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Dec 14
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 16
AGB-Party Contest	2100Z-2400Z, Dec 16
RAC Winter Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 17
Feld Hell Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 17
OK DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 17
Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party	0001Z, Dec 17 to 2359Z, Jan 1
Croatian CW Contest	1400Z, Dec 17 to 1400Z, Dec 18
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 17 to 1500Z, Dec 18
ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	1800Z-2359Z, Dec 18
QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2400Z, Dec 18
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 19
DARC Christmas Contest	0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Dec 28
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, & 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 28 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 29
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 29

January 2012

SARTG New Year RTTY Contest	0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1
AGCW Happy New Year Contest	0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Jan 3
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 6
PODXS 070 Club PSKFest	0000Z-2400Z, Jan 7
ARRL RTTY Roundup	1800Z, Jan 7 to 2400Z, Jan 8
EUCW 160m Contest	2000Z, Jan 7 to 0700Z, Jan 8
DARC 10-Meter Contest	0900Z-1059Z, Jan 8
Midwinter Contest	1000Z-1400Z, Jan 8
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 13

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

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 Bill KCØSVZ (Publications) with your new information.

You may be a ham radio operator if: You have answered the telephone with your call sign, and then finished the conversation with "73" and your call sign.



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There's so much to learn and do in amateur radio that it can seem quite overwhelming. I think that's one reason why so many Techs never really get into the hobby and why some experienced hams drift away. I think if you follow the advice above, though, you'll not only find the time to pursue amateur radio, but get a lot more out of it.

When he's not down in his shack, working with a friend on yet another amateur radio project, Dan writes amateur radio study guides. You can find them on his website at www.kb6nu.com/tech-manual. Make some time to e-mail him at cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

Note of Appreciation

This is a thank-you to Pat, KØCTU, and Adam, WDØMMG. They spent Saturday morning, November 19, on the roof of the building where I live repairing and re-erecting my antenna.

For a year or better my antenna lost efficiency. The noise level was about equal to the signal level except on 40 and 80 where the daytime noise level wiped out both bands. Even so, 20 meters was workable during the day and the noise decreased in the evening. I am at an age where scrambling around on roofs, even relatively flat ones, is not in the picture, so lived with the antenna shortcomings. I had lived with my handicap through the spring and summer but did not want to face another winter of handicapped hamming so I appealed to the AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club for some antenna expertise. Pat volunteered and recruited Adam to help him.

Pat went up on the roof to appraise the situation and found that the antenna had been vandalized. The entire radial system had been cut away at the base of the antenna and taken away. The only people on the roof is the building maintenance staff and heating and air conditioning crews working on the roof top air conditioning equipment. I could eliminated the maintenance staff because they installed the mounting plate for the antenna when I moved into the building and were pleasant and friendly in their service and, additionally, are rarely on the roof. I have no idea why a service crew would destroy my antenna since the radials were deployed in such a way that they neither inconvenienced or endangered the workmen in any way.

Pat made several trips to the roof for measurements and to size up the job. After his check up I ordered repair parts and upgrades from the factory. On Friday afternoon Pat took a half day of vacation so he could take down the antenna and install the repair and upgrade parts. The next day he and Adam deployed a new set of radials and erected the antenna, a two-man job. The result was about five S units of improvement in signal strength, enough to override the noise level and completely restore the 40 and 80 meter bands. I do not need to tell you how pleased I am with their results!

Ham spirit is not dead! Pat and Adam have exemplified it in the best possible spirit of the tradition! My heartfelt thanks to them. They did a job that I could not do and did it in top notch fashion. Again, Pat and Adam, thank you! Ham Radio is the richer because of people like you!

Ralph, WØSMY

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New Business - Ralph, WØSMY requested assistance with his vertical antenna on the roof of his condo.

Steve, NØUP presented the following motion:

Whereas: The club owns numerous physical assets including but not limited to: radios, repeaters, accessories, generators, wires, cables, antennas and other items stored in a variety of locations and

Whereas: The club shall continue to acquire, through purchase and donation, and dispose of assets as it sees fit and

Whereas: These physical assets enable the activities of the club, provide good and valuable resources for the amateur radio community and provide for the public benefit through emergency and public service activities.

I hereby move that the "Bylaws of the AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club" be amended as follows:

ARTICLE IV - COMMITTEES, Section 9 - Other Committees

Change Section number to 10 and retain the wording intact.

Add the following:

ARTICLE IV - COMMITTEES, Section 9 - Equipment Committee

This committee shall consist of at least 3 members, at least one of which is an elected member of the Board of Directors. It shall be the duty of the committee to establish policies and procedures to identify, document and retain records of the physical assets of the club and where they are located. Using these policies and procedures the committee shall develop and accurately maintain these records and have them available to the Board of Directors and the membership. The committee shall also assist the Board of Directors and other committees in the determination of the best uses of current assets, acquisition of additional assets and proper disposition of donations of various equipment.

The motion was seconded by John, WBØCMC.

After some discussion by the membership Steve, NØUP made a motion to revise the wording of the last sentence of his original motion to remove the words "of donations".

It now reads:

...The committee shall also assist the Board of Directors and other committees in the determination of the best uses of current assets, acquisition of additional assets and proper disposition of various equipment."

This motion was seconded by John, WBØCMC and was passed by a unanimous vote.

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Carving Out Time for Ham Radio

Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

On a recent episode of This Week in Tech (www.twit.tv), Leo Laporte, W6TWT, mentions ham radio, and a guest asks him how much time he is spending on the air. Leo, who just recently got his Tech license says “Zero!” and laughs.

This is not uncommon. Lots of people seem to get a ham radio license and then do very little with it. I think one reason for this is that they don’t take into account how much time the hobby really can eat up.

They get their ticket because it seems like a cool thing to do, but then they have to carve out some time to actually be a ham radio operator. Even if you don’t make any of your own gear, setting up a station takes time, and then there is the operating time, of course. Carving time out of busy schedules—and I would guess that Laporte has a pretty busy schedule being the owner of TWiT—is a challenge.

I see things like this all the time. At one ham radio club meeting that I attended, the club vice president asked, “OK, here’s the question of the month. How many of you actually got on the air in the past month.” Less than half of those in attendance raised their hands. Geez, I thought to myself, why do they even bother to come to meetings if they don’t get on the air?

Making time for ham radio

So, if you’re a busy person, how do you make time for ham radio? Well, being the Internet geek that I am, I Googled, “making time for things you love.” I got a lot of links to sites that talked about work-life balance and some new-age blogs, but none of them offered much in the way of concrete advice.

Then, I Googled “make time for hobbies” and right off the bat, I found two good articles—7 Creative Ways to Make Time For Your Creative Hobby! (<http://www.exploringwomanhood.com/homelife/hobbies/maketime.htm>) and 5 Ways to Make Time for Your Hobby (<http://o5.com/5-ways-to-make-time-for-your-hobby/>). Both articles offered very similar advice. Here are four points that both made:

1. Schedule it. Set aside a specific time during which you’re going to do ham radio. Don’t let that time get pre-empted.
2. Designate a place in your home for ham radio. Having to set up your radios or dig out your tools every time you want to operate or build something is not much fun and wastes a lot of time. Having a “shack” and a workspace designated for your projects will let you spend more time on the fun stuff.
3. Partner up. Arranging to work with another ham will make it harder to blow off ham radio for some other activity. Besides, it’s a lot of fun to do things with other hams. If you’re a newly licensed ham, find an Elmer. There really are plenty around who would be willing to help you.
4. Create a project plan. Setting up an amateur radio station is no small feat. Breaking it down into smaller chunks will make it seem more doable, and you’ll get a feeling of accomplishment when you meet your in-between goals.

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You may be a ham radio operator if: You have had to patch your roof after an antenna project fell onto it.

Club Calendar

Nov 8	7:30 PM Lincoln Amateur Radio Club Meeting. 4647 Superior St, Lincoln, NE.
Nov 11	7:00 PM AARC Meeting. Red Cross Building, 81 st and Spring St, Omaha, NE.
Nov 12	11:00 AM Midwest Home Brewers & QRP Group. Bredeaux Pizza, Ashland, NE.
Nov 17	7:30 PM Bellevue ARC Meeting. 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue, NE.
Nov 19	6:00 PM AARC Coffee. Perkins Restaurant, 108 th & L Streets, Omaha, NE.
Nov 24	7:30 PM Southwest Iowa ARC Meeting. 705 N 16 th , Council Bluffs, IA.
Nov 25	7:30 AM PARC Meeting. 1900 E. Military Ave, Fremont, NE.
Nov 29	6:30 PM AARC Board Meeting. Village Inn, 7837 Dodge, Omaha, NE.
Nov 29	6:30 PM VE Testing. Red Cross Building, 81 st and Spring St, Omaha, NE.
Dec 9	7:00 PM AARC Meeting. Red Cross Building, 81 st and Spring St, Omaha, NE.
Dec 10	11:00 AM Midwest Home Brewers & QRP Group. Bredeaux Pizza, Ashland, NE.
Dec 13	7:30 PM Lincoln Amateur Radio Club Meeting. 4647 Superior St, Lincoln, NE.
Dec 15	7:30 PM Bellevue ARC Meeting. 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue, NE.
Dec 16	7:00 PM SACMARC. Wendy's, 610 Galvin Road, Bellevue, NE.
Dec 22	7:30 PM Southwest Iowa ARC Meeting. 705 N 16 th , Council Bluffs, IA.
Dec 23	7:30 AM PARC Meeting. 1900 E. Military Ave, Fremont, NE.
Dec 27	6:30 PM AARC Board Meeting. Village Inn, 7837 Dodge, Omaha, NE.

For the latest updates and new events, see the *Upcoming Events* section of the AARC web site (<http://www.aksarbenarc.org/main/>).

You may be a ham radio operator if: You know the Latitude, Longitude, and Elevation of your home QTH.

November Door Prizes

Prize Committee Chair Rollie ABØNN announced that there six door prizes for the November meeting: A pocket knife, keyring, 3 Musketeers candy bar, Swiss micro-light, the Brown Bag prize, and the Mr. Reeh Door Prize. On the table was also a nice-looking Dymo digital label maker, but that turned out to belong to Mary NØTRK, who accidentally left it lying there. (Not for long, though.)

Mitch, WBØGBI, won both the knife and the 3 Musketeers bar; while Dave, NØJSB, drew the winning tickets for the keyring and pocket screwdriver. Marvin, AEØEG, was awarded the magnetic pickup tool and the Brown Bag prize—which turned out to be a power strip. The Swiss microlight went to Don, WBØVGB. Last—but not least—Steve, NØUP, was the lucky recipient of the the Mr. Reeh Door Prize, which turned out to be a set of heart defibrillator cables and contacts. (No power supply, though.)

The Mr. Reeh Door Prize is awarded monthly and consists of treasures from the collection of Anton Reeh, call sign UNIQUE, of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Mr. Reeh has traveled the world and holds amateur and commercial licenses from countries too numerous to mention in the limited space here. Look for an article of some of his DXpeditions in a future issue of *Ham Hum*.

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. See the Club Meeting Minutes for more information.

AARC Voting Information

If you can't make it to the December and January meetings to vote, you may use the forms on the right to designate someone to vote for you.

Also, three people (so far) are running for two AARC Board of Directors positions. Below are short biographies of each one to help you make a decision.

See the Meeting Minutes in the December *Ham Hum* for proposed changes to the Bylaws.

Bios for Board of Directors Nominees

Dave Rice NØJSB

My name is Dave Rice. I'm 60 years old and I've been married to my wife Chris for 34 years. I'm running for a position on the Board of Directors for the AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club.

My call sign is NØJSB and I'm a General Class operator, first licensed in 1983. I learned Morse code at the age of 10 in the Cub Scouts and attended radio classes at World Radio Labs in 1962, where I earned my Associate Electronics degree.

I attended AARC amateur radio classes and earned my ticket in 1983 and have been a member of the AARC since 1987.

The rig that I run is a Kenwood TS-440S, with a 5-band vertical or 4-element, 3-band beam on a 40 foot tower. I Like HF, CW, and SSB, but I don't participate in many contests.

I'm an electronics tech and have worked for First Data Resources for 22 years. I maintain Rockwell phone switches for call centers.

Dave NØJSB

Adam Kavan KDØMMG

My name is Adam Kavan, call sign KDØMMG, and I'm a candidate for a board position for the AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club.

I've been interested in electronics ever since I was 4 when my grandfather showed me his oscilloscope and signal generator. I thought it was really neat and he bought me a shortwave radio shortly afterwards. Ever since then I have been interested in radio in its various forms.

Then a couple of years ago I started to get interested in antenna design, and radio-connected microcontroller projects. I came across the AK-SAR-BEN ARC home page and I thought they sounded like a good group of people. I also found an example Technician exam online and it didn't seem to be all that difficult. I passed the test a month later and showed up for club meetings after talking with some people on .94.

I am currently a Programmer Analyst at Professional Research Consultants, where I take care of the company web pages and phone systems.

Adam KDØMMG

Scott Avery KA4ZZQ

My name is Scott Avery. My call is KA4ZZQ and I'm running for a Board of Directors position for the club. I was President of the AARC in 1999 and have served as *Ham Hum* Editor and Club Secretary.

Favorite bands are 15M and 6M. I've been licensed since 1982. I hold a General Class license (at least I think it's still called that). My favorite ham activity is Field Day. I've lived in Nebraska since 1988. I work as a computer programmer at First Data.

Scott KA4ZZQ

AARC BYLAWS CHANGE PROXY

This form is used to have your vote for changes to the Club bylaws represented by a member attending the annual business meeting in the event you are unable to attend. If you cannot attend, decide on whom or what you wish to vote and instruct the recipient of your proxy to do so.

Known by all men by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints _____ as attorney and proxy to appear and cast the votes which the undersigned, as a member of the AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc., is entitled to cast at the annual meeting of said corporation, to be held at the Heartland Chapter House of the American Red Cross, 2912 South 80th Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska on January 13th, 2012, and at any adjournment thereof. The undersigned hereby instructs said attorney to vote:

1. For changes to the Club bylaws, and
2. Upon any other business which may properly be brought before the meeting of any adjournments thereof.

Member Signature: _____

Date: _____, 2011



AARC ELECTION OF OFFICERS PROXY

This form is used to have your vote represented by a member attending the annual business meeting in the event you are unable to attend. If you cannot attend, decide on whom or what you wish to vote and instruct the recipient of your proxy to do so.

Known by all men by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints _____ as attorney and proxy to appear and cast the votes which the undersigned, as a member of the AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc., is entitled to cast at the annual meeting of said corporation, to be held at the Heartland Chapter House of the American Red Cross, 2912 South 80th Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska on December 9th, 2011, and at any adjournment thereof. The undersigned hereby instructs said attorney to vote:

3. For the election of new directors and officers of the corporation, and
4. Upon any other business which may properly be brought before the meeting of any adjournments thereof.

Member Signature: _____

Date: _____, 2011

