

Monday Net (OWL Ride)

The subject for the Monday .94 net was suggested by Art UWR, who rode his bike in the OWL (Omaha With Lights) night ride.

| Rich | WAØZQG | |
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| Mon .94 | 12 July 2010 | |
| KBØUWR | Art | 2 Hdlt, 10 tail |
| KCØSQX | Claudia | mob. |
| NØXII | Steve | |
| WA6SWJ | Dave | Flux 77, A2, K1 |
| WAØJYD | Norm | AC6V, N2XOY |
| KDØINN | Derek | bike reflectors |
| KDØFJR | Bill | Spirit Lk DX .94 |
| KE4YQD | Rick | D/F, Pico Dot |
| N6KVA | Dick | |
| KCØMUX | Robert | Red Oak Hamf. |

You can find a short video on YouTube of riders and towards the end see Pat KØCTU's bike with the lighted sign he made, "OWL Ride." Search for "Omaha, Bike Ride, OWL" or similar.

Art UWR's bike had two (2) headlights and ten (10) taillights. LEDs of course.

Claudia SQX checked in mobile on the way to see her husband, Dick N6KVA, who is at Select Specialty Hospital next to Bergen. Dick spoke with us later.

Dave SWJ gave us the current Solar Flux and Indices as influenced by the Sun. Norm JYD mentioned the variety of Ham-related info on the AC6V Internet site (<http://www.ac6v.com/>). Bill FJR worked Spirit Lake IA on .94.

Rick YQD said he's looking into buying one of those D/F units with four antennas, and last, Robert MUX told us all the things he's been doing to organize the Red Oak Hamfest on Saturday, 21 Aug.

Rich, WAØZQG

(Editor's note: The YouTube video mentioned above was recorded by Bill, KØNSA and can be viewed at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abUC3u_84IY.)

Equipment Auction August 28

AARC member Allen Keating, KØLHS, became a Silent Key on January 25, 2010. His wife, Mary Jo Keating, is having an auction on Saturday, August 28th, 2010 in which his equipment will be up for bidding. Contact: Mary Jo Keating, 14101 So 65, Papillion NE 68133. Email: jodik2000@aol.com

Corby, KØSKW

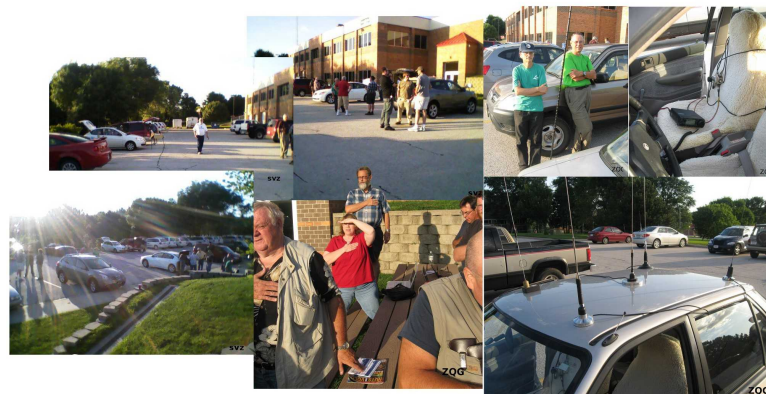
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Tailgate/Flea Market



(Photos courtesy of WAØZQG and KCØSVZ)

The theme of the July AARC meeting was an outdoor flea market. Members brought valuable items which they displayed from the trunks of their cars and sold to other members at reasonable prices. Due to the nice weather (or perhaps a locked door on the Red Cross building) the Directors' meeting was also outside. The business meeting started with the usual Pledge of Allegiance, but using an American flag located in the bright sunlight west of the parking lot.

Besides hams buying and selling stuff (including a new printer that WAØZQG sold to the club in the double digit price range), people discussed many things, such as all of the antennas on Norm WAØJYD's car. There was also the monthly raffle: More prizes were available than entries, so some were left over for the September meeting—including the Mystery Prize.

Bill KCØSVZ

⇒ No August Meeting! ⇐

Due to so many people going on vacation this month, the AARC Board of Directors decided that the attendance would be too low to justify a meeting for August. The next regular meeting will be take place on September 10, 2010. See you there!

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the AARC will be on **September 10th** at 7:30 p.m. The location is the Heartland Chapter House of the American Red Cross at 81st and Spring (near 84th and Center). The subject will be announced in the September issue of *Ham Hum*.

AARC on the Web

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=325594348836>

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

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2010

Roll Call

[x] Corby – KØSKW [] Jim – KCØSHZ [x] Bill – KEØXQ
 [] Dick – N6KVA [] Marvin – AEØEG [x] Greg – N7JOD
 [x] John – WBØCMC

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by John, WBØCMC.

President - John, WBØCMC

Vice President/Programs - Bill, KEØXQ

Tonight's program is a tailgate flea market.

Treasurer - Marvin, AEØEG

See Treasurer's Report, page 6.

Unfinished Business

Bill KEØXQ: Radio donated to club will be checked out soon.

Public Service

Publications - Bill, KCØSVZ

- o Talked about printer he uses. Encouraged to voucher expenses incurred.
- o Rich, WAØZQG has an identical printer available for \$50. Motion to purchase. Passed.

New Business

- o (see Publications above)
- o Consensus that we will NOT meet in August.

Other

- o MARE drill near Offutt AFB on August 14.
- o Steve, NØUP will have an ARES meeting July 14th at Omaha City County Building lunch area at 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm. The next Board of Directors meeting will be in Friday, August 10 at 6:30 pm.

Greg Carlson, N7JOD, AKSARBEN ARC, Inc. Secretary

Upcoming Events

| | |
|--------|--|
| Aug 13 | AK-SAR-BEN ARC Business Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Red Cross, Omaha. |
| Aug 13 | AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Red Cross, Omaha. |
| Aug 14 | OMMRS-MARE Drill, 9 a.m. See page 5 for details. |
| Aug 21 | Red Oak Ham Fest, 8 a.m. Montgomery County History Center. |
| Aug 21 | Saturday Night Coffee, 6 p.m. Perkins, 108 th & L, Omaha. |
| Aug 28 | Equipment Auction, Mary Keating, Papillion, NE. |
| Sep 4 | Saturday Breakfast, 8 a.m. HyVee, 90 th & Center, Omaha. |
| Sep 10 | AK-SAR-BEN ARC Business Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Red Cross, Omaha. |
| Sep 10 | AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Red Cross, Omaha. |
| Sep 26 | BARC Make-A-Wish Bike Ride, 7 a.m. Percival, IA. |

Club Business Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2010

The meeting started at 7:30pm with 20-25 members in attendance. Called to order by Bill, WAØCMC. Pledge to the flag. Attendance by call sign. Minutes approved as given.

President's Report - John, WBØCMC

Vice President/Programs - Bill, KEØXQ

No meeting next month

Emergency Coordinator - Steve, NØUP

ARES meeting the 14th

Field Day - See July, 2010 issue of *Ham Hum*.

Announcements - See July, 2010 issue of *Ham Hum*.

Treasurer's Report - See below.

Other

- o MARE drill OMMRS/hospitals
- o .94 timer issue.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm for program followed by coffee at Perkin's on 72nd and Grover.

Greg Carlson, N7JOD, AKSARBEN ARC, Inc. Secretary

Treasurer's Report (Dated July 7, 2010)

| | Amount | Total |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Main Checking | \$219.65 | |
| Repeater Checking | \$1,152.12 | |
| Savings | \$5,041.56 | |
| CD life memberships | \$8,189.83 | |
| CD life memberships | \$8,000.00 | |
| Repeater CD | \$2,302.24 | |
| | | \$24,905.40 |
| Deposits | \$0.00 | |
| | | \$0.00 |
| Checks Written | \$49.80 | |
| | | -\$49.80 |
| Total Balance | | \$24,855.60 |

All known Field Day expenses have been paid. Trailer has a new license sticker.

Marvin Taylor, AEØEG, AKSARBEN ARC, Inc. Treasurer

Contest Calendar

August, 2010

| | | |
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| NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint | 0030Z-0230Z, Aug 11 | |
| QRP Fox Hunt | 0100Z-0230Z, Aug 11 | |
| CWops Mini-CWT Test | 1100Z-1200Z, 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 11 and | 0300Z- |
| 0400Z, Aug 12 | | |
| MMMonVHF/DUBUS 2M Mtrscatter Sprint | 1200Z, Aug 12 to 1200Z, Aug 13 | |
| RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW | 1900Z-2030Z, Aug 12 | |
| NCCC Sprint Ladder | 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 13 | |
| WAE DX Contest, CW | 0000Z, Aug 14 to 2359Z, Aug 15 | |
| Keyman's Club of Japan Contest | 1200Z, Aug 14 to 1200Z, Aug 15 | |
| Maryland-DC QSO Party | 1600Z, Aug 14 to 0400Z, Aug 15 and | |
| | 1600Z-2400Z, Aug 15 | |
| Feld Hell Sprint | 2000Z-2200Z, Aug 14 | |
| ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB | 1800Z-2359Z, Aug 15 | |
| Run for the Bacon QRP Contest | 0100Z-0300Z, Aug 16 | |
| QRP Fox Hunt | 0100Z-0230Z, Aug 18 | |
| NCCC Sprint Ladder | 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 20 | |
| SARTG WW RTTY Contest | 0000Z-0800Z, Aug 21 and 1600Z-2400Z, | |
| | Aug 21 and 0800Z-1600Z, Aug 22 | |
| ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest | 0600 local, Aug 21 to 2400 local, Aug 22 | |
| Russian District Award Contest | 0800Z, Aug 21 to 0800Z, Aug 22 | |
| ARCI Silent Key Memorial Sprint | 1500Z-1800Z, Aug 21 | |
| North American QSO Party, SSB | 1800Z, Aug 21 to 0600Z, Aug 22 | |
| New Jersey QSO Party | 2000Z, Aug 21 to 0700Z, Aug 22 and | |
| | 1300Z, Aug 22 to 0200Z, Aug 23 | |
| SKCC Sprint | 0000Z-0200Z, Aug 25 | |
| QRP Fox Hunt | 0100Z-0230Z, Aug 25 | |
| RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB | 1900Z-2030Z, Aug 25 | |
| NCCC Sprint Ladder | 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 27 | |
| ALARA Contest | 0400Z-1359Z, Aug 28 & 0400Z-1359Z, Aug 29 | |
| Hawaii QSO Party | 0700Z, Aug 28 to 2200Z, Aug 29 | |
| YO DX HF Contest | 1200Z, Aug 28 to 1200Z, Aug 29 | |
| SCC RTTY Championship | 1200Z, Aug 28 to 1159Z, Aug 29 | |
| Kansas QSO Party | 1400Z, Aug 28 to 0200Z, Aug 29 and | |
| | 1400Z-2000Z, Aug 29 | |
| Ohio QSO Party | 1600Z, Aug 28 to 0400Z, Aug 29 | |
| SARL HF CW Contest | 1400Z-1600Z, Aug 29 | |
| September, 2010 | | |
| QRP Fox Hunt | 0100Z-0230Z, Sep 1 | |
| NCCC Sprint Ladder | 0230Z-0300Z, Sep 3 | |
| IARRL EME Contest | 0000Z, Sep 4 to 2359Z, Sep 5 | |
| Wake-Up! QRP Sprint | 0600Z-0800Z, Sep 4 | |
| Colorado QSO Party | 1200Z, Sep 4 to 0400Z, Sep 5 | |
| IARU Region 1 Field Day, SSB | 1300Z, Sep 4 to 1259Z, Sep 5 | |
| AGCW Straight Key Party | 1300Z-1600Z, Sep 4 | |
| RSGB SSB Field Day | 1300Z, Sep 4 to 1300Z, Sep 5 | |
| WAB 144 MHz QRP Phone | 1000Z-1400Z, Sep 5 | |
| DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest | 1100Z-1700Z, Sep 5 | |
| Tennessee QSO Party | 1800Z, Sep 5 to 0300Z, Sep 6 | |
| MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint | 2300Z, Sep 6 to 0300Z, Sep 7 | |

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

Make-A-Wish Bike Ride – September 26, 2010

Once again the Bellevue Amateur Radio Club will be sponsoring the communications support for the 2010 Make-A-Wish Bike Ride. This is a great chance for new hams to get involved in public service events. You need not be a member of any club, ARES, or RACES to volunteer your time and resources. No experience is required. If you are new to Amateur Radio public service events, we will give you on-the-job training in a practical and fun environment. This event gives us "old-timers" the chance to continue the tradition of helping others. So mark your calendars now, and spread the word around to your fellow hams and club members.

You can volunteer your time for just a few hours, or for the entire days. We can find a place for you to work. Those of you who have helped in past years know how rewarding and how much fun it is to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the bicyclists. They depend upon us heavily for the safety, health, and welfare of all involved in the events.

Amateur Radio operators are needed to staff water stops, SAG vehicles, bike repair vehicles, medical support vehicles, and last rider vehicles on the route. Specific duties for each will be provided at a later date. Non-amateurs with EMT training are also encouraged to volunteer, as we can pair them with Ham radio operators to patrol the route to keep an eye on everyone. For simplicity, I will try to reassign volunteers to the same assignments as last year. As far as I know, the route will be the same as in past years.

There will be a pancake breakfast at the Percival, IA fire station starting at 6:00 a.m. They'll serve until they run out of food or no one is in line. Last year's cost was about \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. I do not know if prices will change this year. Percival, IA is located at Interstate 29 exit #15. Talk-in will be on 145.39-repeater.

If you don't come for breakfast, please be at the Percival fire station no later than 7:00 a.m., so I can brief you in on last minute details and allow you to get out on the route before the ride starts. When you arrive, please park directly across the street from the fire station, and do not block the drive ways of the residents. Bike riders will have to park further north of the fire station.

Required resources will include a dual-band mobile radio and suitable antenna. Hand-held dual-band radios may also prove useful depending upon your assignment. I will be contacting local repeater operators along the route for permission to use their repeaters. We will also have a designated simplex frequency to use as needed. If you do not have dual-band radios, 2-meter radios will work.

Stations with APRS capability are encouraged to bring along their equipment and use it. We can put APRS trackers with the bike repair vehicles, medical support vehicles, last rider vehicles, and various other points to help facilitate the tracking of our riders.

If you have a GMRS/FRS radio, you may want to consider bringing it with you. The riders will be encouraged to use channel 1 (without any PL tones) should they need help.

(Make-A-Wish continued on next page)

(Make-A-Wish continued from page 4)

If you would like to volunteer, or want more information, please contact me. I would prefer to use e-mail because it makes it a lot easier to keep everyone informed on our status. I realize that not everyone has e-mail so if we have to use phones, we will. You might also use a friend who has e-mail as a relay.

I will keep those who volunteer updated on the details as the details become known to me.

If you can participate, please reply to this e-mail, and include your T-Shirt size, cell phone number, preferred assignment, and times you will be available.

Thank you!

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OMMRS-MARE Drill – August 14, 2010

The Major Accident Response Exercise, (MARE) will be held on Saturday August 14th. OMMRS will be activated in response, so volunteer communicators are needed to staff the hospital's amateur radio stations, serve in the Douglas County EOC as Net Control or the "logger" for net control, and help out on the 800 MHz hospital net. Net control experience is preferred for the 800 MHz net, but all volunteers will be considered.

The Drill is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Net will open between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m., and we would like all hams in place by 8:45 a.m. As the hospitals are done with their patients they will secure from the drill, so likely you will be out earlier.

You can sign up by using the form on the MDARES web site or by going to <http://tinyurl.com/MARE2010> which will ask for all the important information; or email n0trk@cox.net. Put "OMMRS/MARE 2010" in the subject line.

Thanks again for all your support. Without you, none of this happens.

Mary, NØTRK

Red Oak Hamfest – August 21, 2010

The Montgomery County History Center in Red Oak, Iowa and Robert Snyder, KCØMUX, are sponsoring a hamfest at the Center on Saturday, August 21st from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is \$3 adults and \$2 children. Tables are \$5 (electricity available). Price includes the Hamfest and access to the Museum. Talk-in is on the Red Oak repeater, 146.655-.

Directions: From I-29, Exit 35, Glenwood, Iowa, go east on US HWY 34, 35 miles to Red Oak. Turn north on 4th St. Go to the top of the hill to the Montgomery County History Center. For information and tables, contact Montgomery County History Center, 712-623-2289; or Robert Snyder KCØMUX, 712-767-2368.

Rich, WAØZQG