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Proxy Reminder

By using this proxy you are able to cast your vote without being present at the meeting. The above proxy is for the annual meeting only. If you chose to exercise your right to vote via proxy, please use the whole page of the Ham Hum. This will ensure a smooth trip through the election tellers for your designee.

Please contact the member you are planning on designating early, so you can get the form to them. Please do not forget to sign and date the form.

As in years past, Club Officers and the members of the Board of Directors will cast your vote, by proxy, if you choose to have one of them do it for you.

2007 AK-SAR-BEN ARC 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 Red Cross, 2912 South 80th Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska on December 8th, 2006 and at any adjournment thereof. The undersigned hereby instruct said attorney to vote:

- 1) for the election of new directors and officers of the corporation
- 2) Upon any other business which may properly be brought before the meeting of any adjournments thereof.

Date: _____, 2007

Member
Signature _____

AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Ham Hum

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AARC ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, December 14, 2007

7:30 PM

Red Cross, 80th and Spring
Omaha Nebraska

Annual Election of Officers

Door Prizes

Snacks

Answer to Septembers

“What is Todd looking at contest”



**If anyone knows the whereabouts of V'ger,
please let me know.**

Steve
NOUP

HAM HUM is the official newsletter of the AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc. in Omaha, Nebraska. It is printed monthly and is distributed to members of the club, local disaster officials, local electronics outlets, and editors of other ham radio newsletters.

Articles about activities of members are solicited. The subject matter must be of general interest to radio amateurs and be understandable to a significant portion of the membership. No payment will be made to contributors and submissions will be subject to the usual editorial review. Articles containing statements that could be construed as libel or slander will not be accepted. No guarantee can be made that an accepted article will be published by a certain date. Send your contributions to Ham Hum, P.O. Box 24551, Omaha, NE 68124-0551 or email hamhum@aksarbenarc.org. Please contact the editor for permission to reprint anything appearing in the Ham Hum.

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Contest Calendar

December, 2007

MDXA PSK DeathMatch	0000Z, Dec 15 to 2400Z, Dec 16
OK DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 15
Croatian CW Contest	1400Z, Dec 15 to 1400Z, Dec 16
Feld Hell Sprint	1500Z-1700Z, Dec 15
International Naval Contest	1600Z, Dec 15 to 1559Z, Dec 16
ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2400Z, Dec 16
DARC Christmas Contest	0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
RAC Winter Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 29
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Dec 29 to 1500Z, Dec 30
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 29 to 1500Z, Dec 30

January, 2008

SARTG New Year RTTY Contest	0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1
AGCW Happy New Year Contest	0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1
ARRL RTTY Roundup	1800Z, Jan 5 to 2400Z, Jan 6
EUCW 160m Contest	2000Z, Jan 5 to 0700Z, Jan 6
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Jan 8
Hunting Lions in the Air Contest	0000Z, Jan 12 to 2400Z, Jan 13
Midwinter Contest, CW	1400Z-2000Z, Jan 12
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Jan 12 to 0600Z, Jan 13
NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW	0530Z-0730Z, Jan 13
Midwinter Contest, Phone	0800Z-1400Z, Jan 13
NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB	0800Z-1000Z, Jan 13
DARC 10-Meter Contest	0900Z-1059Z, Jan 13
Hungarian DX Contest	1200Z, Jan 19 to 1200Z, Jan 20
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Jan 19 to 0600Z, Jan 20
CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	0000Z, Jan 26 to 2359Z, Jan 27
REF Contest, CW	0600Z, Jan 26 to 1800Z, Jan 27
SARL Youth for Amateur Radio	0700Z-1100Z, Jan 26
BARTG RTTY Sprint	1200Z, Jan 26 to 1200Z, Jan 27
UBA DX Contest, SSB	1300Z, Jan 26 to 1300Z, Jan 27

For details check the following web site the week prior to the contest.
<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

Upcoming Events

December 11	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Red Cross
December 14	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting and Elections, 7:30 PM, Red Cross
January 8	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Red Cross
January 11	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Red Cross
January 26	Net Control Training, 10-Noon, Salvation Army, 3612 Cummings
February 2	Hamfest, Midway ARC, Buffalo Co Fairgrounds

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2007

Roll Call

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Todd – KKØDX | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg – WØAAI | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian – KMØY |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug – NGØK | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill – KEØXQ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marvin – AEØEG |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gerry - WA6POZ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim – KCØSHZ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve – NØUP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corby - KØSKW | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rollie - ABØNN | |

Also attending was John, WBØCMC and Jim, a visitor who was interested in becoming a ham.

The board meeting was started at 7pm. The minutes for October were accepted with a couple of changes.

President's Report - Todd, KKØDX - No report

Vice President's Report and Programs - Greg, WØAAI – Greg presided over the meeting this evening. The program for the November meeting will be on QRP by Darrel KØAWB.

Treasurer's Report - Brian, KMØY

Checking	3576.96	
Repeater fund	1132.12	
MM acct	5066.01	10.61 interest paid last month
Repeater CD	2059.40	
CD account	14743.00	
Total	26577.49	

Old Business

Elections are going to be held during the December meeting.

Rollie, ABØNN, moved that we spend \$50 for door prizes for the December meeting. Steve, NØUP 2nds the motion. The motion passed.

Marvin, AEØEG, moved that we spend about \$200 for food for the December meeting. Jim, KCØSHZ 2nds the motion. The motion passed.

New Business No new business

Publications – Steve, NØUP The Ham Hum will be sent out this week.

Disaster Preparedness – Jim, KCØSHZ – Jim reported that the OMMRS training was held this past weekend. Also the SATERN meeting was held in October and Jim provided a few details about the meeting.

The next meeting will be November 6th at 7pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Doug Rathman, NGØK, AKSARBEN ARC, Inc. Secretary

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Membership Form 2008

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

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

Personal Information

Callsign _____ License Class _____ Name : _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____ ARRL Member ? Yes No

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Spouse Information (Complete Only For Spouse Applying at Same Time)

Callsign _____ License Class _____ Name : _____

Email address: _____ ARRL Member Yes No

Minor Dependent (Complete Only For Minors Applying at the Same Time)

Callsign	License Class	Name	ARRL Member?
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_____ - Yes No

_____ - Yes No

_____ - Yes No

Annual Dues
(January thru December)

For Club Use Only – DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA

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|--|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Full Member | \$20.00 year | Amount: _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Accompanying Spouse | \$ 4.00 year | Amount: _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Accompanying Minor Dependent | \$ 4.00 year x # of minors renewing | Amount: _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Student Member (full time student) | \$ 8.00 year | Amount: _____ |

Total Paid: _____

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Ham's Night Before Christmas

T'was the night before Christmas,
And all through two-meters,
Not a signal was keying up
Any repeaters.

The antennas reached up
From the tower, quite high,
To catch the weak signals
That bounced from the sky.

The children, Tech-Pluses,
Took their HTs to bed,
And dreamed of the day
They'd be Extras, instead.

Mom put on her headphones,
I plugged in the key,
And we tuned 40 meters
For that rare ZK3.

When the meter was pegged
by a signal with power.
It smoked a small diode,
and, I swear, shook the tower.

Mom yanked off her phones,
And with all she could muster
Logged a spot of the signal
On the DX Packet Cluster,

While I ran to the window
And peered up at the sky,
To see what could generate
RF that high.

It was way in the distance,
But the moon made it gleam -
A flying sleigh, with an
Eight element beam,

And a little old driver
who looked slightly mean.
So I thought for a moment,
That it might be Wayne Green.
But no, it was Santa

The Santa of Hams.
On a mission, this Christmas
To clean up the bands.

He circled the tower,
Then stopped in his track,
And he slid down the coax
Right into the shack.

While Mom and I hid
Behind stacks of CQ,
This Santa of hamming
Knew just what to do.

He cleared off the shack desk
Of paper and parts,
And filled out all my late QSLs
For a start.

He ran copper braid,
Took a steel rod and pounded
It into the earth, till
The station was grounded.

He tightened loose fittings,
Re-soldered connections,
Cranked down modulation,
Installed lightning protection.

He neutralized tubes
In my linear amp...

(Never worked right before --
Now it works like a champ).

A new, low-pass filter
Cleaned up the TV,
He corrected the settings
In my TNC.

He repaired the computer
That would not compute,
And he backed up the hard drive
And got it to boot.

Then, he reached really deep
In the bag that he brought,
And he pulled out a big box,
"A new rig?" I thought!

"A new Kenwood? An Icom?
A Yaesu, for me?!"
(If he thought I'd been bad
it might be QRP!)

Yes! The Ultimate Station!
How could I deserve this?
Could it be all those hours
that I worked Public Service?

He hooked it all up
And in record time, quickly
Worked 100 countries,
All down on 160.

I should have been happy,
It was my call he sent,
But the cards and the postage
Will cost two month's rent!

He made final adjustments,
And left a card by the key:
"To Gary, from Santa Claus.
Seventy-Three."

Then he grabbed his HT,
Looked me straight in the eye,
Punched a code on the pad,
And was gone - no good bye.

I ran back to the station,
And the pile-up was big,

But a card from St. Nick
Would be worth my new rig.
Oh, too late, for his final
came over the air.
It was copied all over.
It was heard everywhere.

The Ham's Santa exclaimed
What a ham might expect,
"Merry Christmas to all,
And to all, good DX."

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Sunday Night ARES HF net time change

Please note the Sunday night
ARES HF Net on 3982 will be at
2045 hours for the time being. This
will allow 15 minutes for the HF net
before the regular 34/94 net starts
at 2100 hours. This time change
was facilitated for those of us who
have difficulty multitasking ☺

Thanks all.

Darwin (Dar) Piatt W9HZC

AARC 2008 Nominations

The report from the nomination committee includes the following
members running for office;

Greg W0AAI for President
Doug NG0K for Board of Directors
Brian KM0Y for Board of Directors
Jim KC0SHZ for Board of Directors
Dan KD7GSW for Board of Directors
The Vice President position will need to be nominated from the floor.

The elections will be held at the December AARC meeting on December
14, 2007