

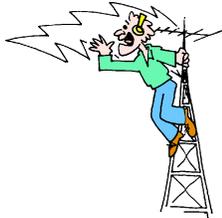
Ham Hum

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The Prez Sez

Well, January has come and gone. Before we know it, antenna season will be just around the corner. January was a busy month, the club meeting was long, and the BOD meeting was longer. I would like to offer a big thanks to everyone who offered their support in the past month.



Some changes in the way we do our business are in order. I agree with many that the bulk of the club business should be done at the Board Meeting. So after receiving much input and carefully reviewing the By-Laws, I will propose that the committee chairs advise the presiding officer before the meeting, 48 hours is suggested, if they have a report. The Chairs that advise they have a report will be called upon, those who don't advise of a report will be acknowledged under all other committee reports. Committee reports should be three minutes or less, however when a committee says they have a longer report, time will be allowed for the presentation providing the request isn't made repeatedly.

I would also like to encourage any members with business for the club to please present it to the Board. That is what we are here for. For the regular meetings to be shortened, more of the club business will need to take place at the Board meeting. If you have business to present and you can't be there to present it in person, please send it and any relevant information to me and I will present it to the board myself. Don't forget, the Board meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at the Red Cross 80th & Spring, 7:00 PM, all are welcome. We usually prop the door open if we can find the doorstep.

I would like to welcome Steven KCØLOD and Marvin AEØEG to the Board, Kevin KAØVNY as chair of the Education Committee, and Mitch KCØMXV as Ham Hum Editor starting this issue.

There will be another Younkers fundraiser on February 28, 2004; tickets available January 15, 2004. This is a very worthwhile event for the club to participate in. For each \$5.00 ticket we sell we make \$5.00, so if you or anyone you know wears clothes please consider buying a ticket to help the club. Each ticket includes a \$5.00 coupon good the day of the sale.

Tech tip of the month, Make sure the cooling fan on your rig works, if it has one. Ask me if you want the story behind this tip.

The President will be tied up the week before the club meeting, I may not respond to any emails, so if there are any questions or comments, please give me a call (Shelley, KCØKAY, has parent-teacher conferences and the backup babysitter will be in Hawaii).

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Steve Schmitz

NØUP

Veep Speak

While I am sitting here typing this I am realizing that the month of January is flying by at a rapid pace and it will be February before we know it. For the February program we will be doing a presentation and demonstration of APRS. This will give any of you that want to go balloon chasing and have not yet got a chance to use APRS or see it in action a chance to learn a little more about APRS. It is looking like Mark will be doing a launch on February 14th or 21st. Check out www.nstar.org for the details. Pat Joseph had mentioned at the last club meeting that he was looking into starting an APRS special interest group within the club. Also mark your calendars for May, Bill Duffy (KA0VXK) is lining up an excellent program on PSK. For the month of June, Todd LeMense (KK0DX) is going to be giving a program on HF Mobile. Then in August, Eddie Edwards (K0IL) will be giving a presentation on Contesting. Still working on getting some other great programs lined up and will keep you updated as the details are finalized.

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Kurt Kettelson

Vice President

Next meeting information

February 13th, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Red Cross at 82nd & Spring Streets. This month's program is on APRS (Automatic Position Reporting System). APRS is a system developed by Bob Bruninga, WB4APR, which uses amateur radio to transmit position reports, weather reports, and messages between users. Live demonstrations of a variety of software choices are being planned.

Official Record
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club, Inc. - January 2004

The Ak-Sar-Ben ARC Board of Trustees met on January 6, 2004 at the Red Cross Emergency Services building at 80th Avenue and Spring Streets in Omaha, Nebraska. President Steve Schmitz, N0UP, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AARC Officers and Board Members Present: President Steve Schmitz, N0UP; Vice President Kurt Kettelson, KC0HMI; Secretary Ken Noel, AJ0A; Treasurer Mary Joseph, N0TRK; and Board Members Sam Bellami, KC0NWL; Kevin Hill, KA0VNY; Bill McCollom, KE0XQ; and Geri Norris, N5RIG.

Editor's Note: Two open board positions resulted from the election of N0UP to President and KC0HMI to Vice President at Annual Business Meeting last month. A slate of nominees will be presented and voted on tonight, then presented to the general membership on January 9, 2004 for approval.

Visitors Present: Bill Newman, K0NSA; Linda Newman, W0NSA; Steven Wisnieski, KC0LOD; Marvin Taylor, AE0EG; Dick Jones, N6KVA; and Pat Joseph, K0CTU.

President's Report: "We have stuff to do!" Steve N0UP handed out the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Vice President's Report: Kurt KC0HMI is working to line up programs for this year. Ideas and suggestions are welcome. There is a poll on the Club's web site that contains a list of ideas for possible programs. The program for the January Club meeting will be presented by Mark Conner, N9XTN, on NSTAR (Nebraska Stratospheric Amateur Radio).

Secretary's Report: The December 2003 Board minutes were presented to the Board. No additions or corrections were noted. Geri N5RIG moved to accept and Mary N0TRK seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The December 2003 Treasurer's report was presented to the Board. The following balances were reported:

Total Assets of \$29,366.75 comprised of the checking account \$952.39 (includes \$39.00 in repeater donations that will be transferred to the repeater account); repeater account \$100.26; savings account \$4,588.49; life membership CD \$13,827.97; and club property \$9,897.64.

Total Liabilities of \$20.00 comprised of two free memberships.

Total Liabilities & Equity of \$29,366.75.

Income and Expenses of \$1,083.16 and \$331.96 respectively for a net income of \$751.20.

Standing Committee Reports

Disaster Preparedness: Bill K0NSA gave a brief overview on the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program and an upcoming training opportunity in February 2004. A short Power Point presentation will be made at the January Club meeting during committee re-

ports. Ken AJ0A, also requested that other training opportunities like Red Cross Introduction to Disaster Services and Damage Assessment is included in the committee report.

Education: Committee chair is open. Kevin KA0VNY volunteered.

Public Relations: Linda W0NSA commented on the Younkers event as a way to generate PR and income but volunteers are needed. Younkers require the participating organization to be non-profit under IRS 501c3 which the Club is.

Repeaters: Steve N0UP noted that KETV has offered space on their new tower to the Club. It's anticipated the KOUSA 34/94 repeater could move to the site in July or August of this year, but the move will be costly; on the order of \$1,700 for the antenna mount and other hardware. The Club has a commercial grade antenna and some 25-year-old 7/8" hard line. The antenna should be OK but new hard line should be installed if funding or donations are available.

Publications: Open position.

Government Relations: Open position.

Technical: No report.

Membership: Mary N0TRK is planning to prepare and send reminder notices to members that have not renewed for 2004 and also to past members inviting them back to the Club. Also looking into other venues like the Cox Community Calendar to announce Club meetings. Ham Hum is available at the Club's web site. This is the preferred and less costly method for delivering the Ham Hum. Should the membership application be changed to include a check box for the option of having the Ham Hum mailed to the member or leave it off altogether? Web site may have a member's only area. Steve N0UP noted that it costs approximately \$12 per member per year to print and mail the Ham Hum, and dues are now only \$10.

Field Day: Steve N0UP stated there will be a Field Day this year. Lots of volunteers are needed.

Other Committees: HF Contest & DX committee being chaired by Todd LeMense KK0DX. Thanks Todd.

END OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appointment of Board Members: Steve N0UP presented five nominees to be voted on by the Board to fill two vacant Board positions for the remainder of the year; they were: Dick Jones N6KVA (present), Todd LeMense KK0DX (not present), Marvin Taylor AE0EG (present), Barb Westcott KC0HLB (not present) and Steven Wisnieski KC0LOD (present). Nominees present were invited to speak on their behalf and to accept or decline the nomination. All accepted. Nominees and other non-Board members were asked to leave while paper ballots were cast and counted. All nominees received votes. Marvin AE0EG and Steven KC0LOD were appointed and will be

presented to the General Membership on January 9, 2004 for approval.

Old Club Business: Steve N0UP addressed Life Membership issues. With the reduction in regular membership dues from \$20 to \$10, the Board at their December 2003 meeting acted to place a moratorium on new life members until the financial issues could be adequately addressed. Interest on the Life Membership fund was intended to cover a Life Member's dues for the life of that member. However, in today's current interest rate environment and with 78 life members, this amounts to only \$3.25 per life member.

Two options will be considered. Formally amend the by-laws to address life membership issues, or lift the moratorium and leave the by-laws unchanged. Discussion on increasing the life membership rate to the greater of \$500 or ten times current dues, assessment on existing life members, and no longer accepting new life members but recognize all existing life members.

Motion was made by Kevin KA0VNY to amend Sections 6 and 9 of the Club's by-laws to read as follows (the old is stricken through; new is underlined). Sam KC0NWL seconded. Kevin KA0VNY amended his motion regarding Section 9 to change wording from "...no new life memberships will" to "shall." Sam KC0NWL seconded. Motion carried.

Section 6.
(Amended 6-7-94, 3-5-96, 12-3-96, 12-1-98, 1-6-04)

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~~-Life, Honorary Life, and Charter Life and Spouse Life. A life member shall have the privileges of a regular member and shall receive a club nametag. The spouse of a member elected to Honorary Lifetime Membership shall be eligible, upon request, for all privileges of spouse membership and shall not be required to pay dues to the association..~~

~~-Spouse. A spouse member shall have the privileges of a regular member except that said spouse member shall receive the club newsletter only for notification of the annual business meeting. A spouse member may become a Life member at twenty-five (25) times the Spouse rate if his or her spouse is already a Life member or is simultaneously applying for Life membership. Upon the death of a Life member, the surviving spouse, may request transfer of the Life Membership to them. Upon the transfer, the surviving spouse will be considered a 'Life Member' with full privileges.~~

Section 9.
(Amended 3-16-76, 9-13-77, 2-2-82, 12-14-84, 2-14-86, 6-7-94, 10-3-95, 2-6-95, 3-5-96, 12-1-98, 1-6-04)

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~~AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc., members in good standing for the past five or more consecutive calendar years are eligible for lifetime membership by paying (25) Twenty-five times the current regular yearly membership rate. This amount is to be deposited in an interest bearing lifetime membership account. This account shall be established to provide for payment for the lifetime members' annual dues from the accrued interest. Deposits shall remain in the account for a minimum of one year. The AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club recognizes the existing life members, no new life memberships shall be granted. In order to compensate the General Fund for surviving members' annual dues interest earned by the life membership fund during this period may be withdrawn at the end of the fourth quarter to compensate the General Fund for surviving members' annual dues, but the amount of the withdrawal shall not be greater than the annual dues. Unused interest shall be added to the principal amount. The principal may only be withdrawn after the lifetime member becomes deceased. At that time, the Board of Trustees shall have the~~

authority to withdraw the principal amount and any remaining interest on behalf of the deceased lifetime member, and utilize those funds in the interest of the general membership. While nothing shall prevent the membership or Board of Trustees from carrying out their rights and responsibilities granted them by the Articles, the Trustees are encouraged to give careful consideration to disbursement of these funds.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

New Club Business

Red Cross Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Conference Center Usage Policy: Received by Steve N0UP. Room usage fees are now required for organizations that use Red Cross facilities. However, the fee is "waived for the Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club." Instead a credit card number that could be charged in the event that damages are incurred or special cleaning is required. The Board generally agreed that providing an individuals credit card number would not be acceptable. Ken AJ0A agreed to approach Red Cross officials with the following alternatives: the Club might be able to obtain a secured credit card; Club liability insurance; cash deposit.

Editors note: The Red Cross agreed to a nominal \$100 deposit!

The MOU also indicated that a CheckList would be left behind for the organization to use when returning the room to its original set-up. The Board noted that no list was found in the room.

Preliminary 2004 Budget: Reviewed by the Board. Final to be presented and voted on at the February 2004 Board and General Meeting.

60th Anniversary of the Club & Omaha's 150th Birthday: Special operating events. Any volunteers?

On-Line Banking: Mary N0TRK will look into this.

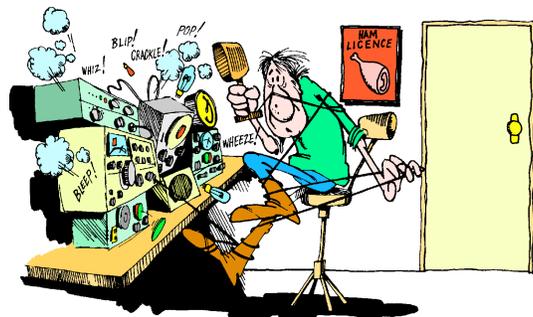
April Club Meeting on Good Friday: No change. Meeting will be held as scheduled.

Red Cross Donations: Annual. Suggested donating refreshment proceeds from the Club meeting.

END OF NEW BUSINESS

Adjourn: Sam KC0NWL moved to adjourn. Geri N5RIG second. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Ken Noel, AJ0A – Secretary



Official Record
Minutes of the Business Meeting
Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club, Inc. – January 2004

The Ak-Sar-Ben ARC met on January 9, 2004 at the Red Cross Emergency Services building at 80th Avenue and Spring Streets in Omaha, Nebraska. President Steve Schmitz, N0UP, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and the standard announcements. There were 56 members and visitors present.

President's Report: Red Cross Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Conference Center Usage Policy. Room usage fees are now required for organizations that use Red Cross facilities. However, the fee is "waived for the Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club." Instead the Red Cross will accept a nominal cash deposit of \$100.

The position of Door Prize "procurer" is open. Steve N0UP asked for a show of hands for those in favor of continuing with monthly door prizes. Only six people raised their hands in favor.

The position of donut/refreshment "procurer" is open. It does not take a lot of time. If refreshments are wanted at the meeting, please volunteer.

Editor's note: No cookies or donuts were available tonight; only coffee.

The position of Publication's Chairman/Ham Head editor is open. If you have a trace or printer's ink in your blood, Steve would like to hear from you.

Steven KC0LOD and Marvin AE0EG were appointed by the Board at the January Board meeting. Bill K9RZ moved to accept the new appointees. Mitch KCOMXV seconded. Motion carried.

Sections 6 and 9 of the Club's by-laws that address life membership were amended at the January Board meeting. Steve N0UP read the Sections 6 and 9 noting the changes. John WB0CMC moved to affirm the Board's decision. Mike KA0SFV seconded. Hand vote: 41 for; 0 against.

A review of the Club's by-laws needs to be undertaken. Steve N0UP will sit on a committee but will not chair. See Steve is you can help.

Vice President's Report: Mark Conner, N9XTN, on NSTAR (Nebraska Stratospheric Amateur Radio), will present tonight's program. Kurt KC0HMI is working to line up programs for this year. Ideas and suggestions are welcome. There is a poll on the Club's web site that contains a list of ideas for possible programs.

Secretary's Report: Sam KC0NWL moved to accept the minutes of the December 2003 annual business meeting as printed in Ham Hum. Barb KC0HLB seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The December 2003 Treasurers report was prepared by Mary N0TRK and read by Ken AJ0A. The following balances were reported: checking account \$952.39 (includes \$39.00 in repeater donations that will be transferred to the repeater account); repeater account \$100.26; savings account \$4,588.49; life membership CD \$13,827.97; and club property \$9,897.64. Total assets of \$29,366.75. Total Liabilities of \$20.00 were comprised of two free memberships. Equity of \$29,346.75. Income and Expenses of \$1,083.16 and \$331.96 respectively for a net income of \$751.20.

Question was raised about how much in donations the Club has received as a result of its non-profit (IRS 501c3 status). Information on hard and soft (or in kind) dollar donations was not available as the books were just closed for the month of December 2003, and the annual report was not ready. Hard dollar donations are basically cash, like the UP donation last year and the Younkers sale events (Younkers require participating organizations to be 501c3). Soft dollar or "in kind" donations are like tower space for repeaters, hardware, etc. which can run into the hundreds if not thousands of dollars.

Editor's note: a recent example would be KPTM. KETV will probably be another.

Standing Committee Reports

Disaster Preparedness: Bill K0NSA gave a 15 minute Power Point presentation on the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program and an upcoming training opportunity on February 6-8, 2004. Sign-up sheet available tonight. Ken AJ0A, also reported that Red Cross Disaster (fka Damage) Assessment training is January 21, 2004 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Contact Red Cross Emergency Services to register.

Education: Kevin KA0VNY is the new chairman. Planning to hold 1 Technician and 1 General class this year.

Public Relations: Barb, KC0HLB announced the results of the Younkers fundraiser, the club sold \$95 in tickets and will receive \$120.43 as the club's share of the total sales. Thanks to all that helped with this event. There will be another Younkers fundraiser on February 28, 2004; tickets available January 15, 2004.

Government Relations: Jeff, NE0DX noted there may be another stab at addressing tower ordinance issues in Omaha.

Repeater: John WB0CMC reported that Club owned repeaters are all working. Planning is underway for the move of K0USA 34/94 repeater to KETV's new tower this Summer. KETV is graciously donating tower space at approximately the 650' level and should be able to cover the cost of a professional tower crew since they should already be on-site. The tower will have an elevator. Access to the site will be addressed. The Club will need to pay for the hardware costs; at a minimum \$1,700 for specially constructed antenna to tower mounts and other hardware. The Club has a commercial grade antenna and some 25-

year-old 7/8" hard line. The antenna should be OK but new hard line should be installed if funding or donations are available.

Publications: December 2003 was the last month Linda, WØNSA will be the editor for the *Ham Hum*. Thanks Linda for all the hard work you've done on the *Hum*. Publications chair/Ham Hum editor need. See Steve NØUP.

Technical: No report.

Membership: Steve NØUP read three new membership applications for Michael Hogan KA0MLH, Jake Hill KC0RFG and Jeffery Hahn KC0RFI. Bill K0NSA moved to vote on the applications collectively. John WB0CMC seconded. Motion carried. WELCOME MIKE, JAKE AND JEFF to the Club.

Field Day: Steve, NØUP is the new field day chairman. Due to the rollback in club dues, there may have to be changes in field day to reduce expenses. Homemade brownies and homemade ice cream are on the menu. If you can help bake some brownies or crank out some ice cream, see Steve.

Additional Committee Reports:

HF Contest and DX: Todd KK0DX is the chairman of this newly formed committee. Todd said that Nebraska contacts are very popular. Todd also gave a report on the Heartland DX Association. Like operating HF? Steve NØUP noted there are 1.5 to 30 MHz folded dipoles at the Red Cross (W0EQU) and Douglas County EMA (N0EMA). There is also a 7-30 MHz log periodic at Jim Sanford's (N0AIH) home. The antenna is owned by the Red Cross (W0EQU) and Jim has graciously provided the space for this mammoth antenna (it really talks and hears).

Special Events: No report.

Volunteer Exams: Brian KM0Y report that VE exams will held at the Red Cross (Omaha) on January 27, 2004.

Old Club Business: None.

New Club Business: None.

Announcements: Pat K0CTU is interested in forming a local APRS special interest group (SIG).

Adjourn: Bill K0NSA moved to adjourn. Linda W0NSA seconded. Motion carried. Club adjourned for coffee and the NSTAR program.

Respectfully submitted by Ken Noel, AJ0A - Secretary

WANTED:

Part of the fun of any hobby and being a part of an organization is participation. There is always something that someone can do, no matter how busy that someone is. Take the time to get involved in the club by helping out with one of the following jobs.

Refreshment procurement: Involves picking up donuts and cookies and delivering them to the meeting, making coffee, preparing the refreshments for serving and cleaning the kitchen after refreshments have been served.

Door Prize Wrangler: Involves procuring amateur radio related door prizes for monthly meetings, including the December meeting.

Don't wait for someone else to do it! Get involved and make a difference! Contact Steve NØUP at n0up@arrl.net or call him at 402-597 - 8666.

Upcoming events

January 17, 2004
Missouri Valley & Ray-Clay ARCs
Contact: Carlene Makawski, KA0IKS
3704 Meadow Oak Lane, St. Joseph, MO 64503
Phone: 816-279-3406 Email: nem3238@ccp.com

February 15, 2004, 1:00 p.m.

All ARES Training Meetings, American Red Cross
2912 South 80th Avenue, Omaha, NE

Open to all ARES members of any organization in the area. Session topics are of general interest for those in ARES.

March 6, 2004

SWIARC Hamorama
108th & Grover

Talk-In on 146.820 Mhz
Contact W0LYU at (402) 451-0707

March 21, 2004

All ARES Annual Storm Spotter Training, American Red Cross 1:00 p.m.
2912 South 80th Avenue, Omaha, NE

March 27, 2004 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

OMMRS Training Session, Methodist Hospital, Centennial Rm.

Training for newly recruited radio operators for the OMMR System, including an update for those who took the training last year.



From the Archives

From the February 1951 Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club Newsletter (before it was named the Ham Hum) the first issue ever!

HERE SHE IS FELLOWS!
HOPE YOU LIKE HER

Through the recommendations of the Board of Directors and Club members it was unanimously agreed to have a club scratch sheet. We believe this sheet will help circulate news of our many and varied Ham activities to members and non-members all over this area. It is our hopes that this paper meets with your approval. We can't exist unless you help support the club and the paper. A paper thrives on news and we are counting on "you" and "you" to send news of your activities! So with our inauguration issue we extend our invitation to all members to send along all the "QRM" you can find! Let's all cooperate!

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WHAT'S MY QRA

A Club paper without a name is like a bootleg ham. To promote interest and add another activity to our meetings we have decided to let all members join in naming our paper! Yes, another contest - another prize! And more fun.

Here is our plan! What name would you like your paper to have? Every member is asked to submit one or more names at the next club meeting. The name most appropriate will be chosen and approved by the Board Of Directors and the winner will be given a useful prize. Here's hoping all will enter this contest.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

WØHZE wishes to thank some bootlegger for all his DX cards which he is receiving! PLEASE PLEASE try a little harder to get him zone 24 as this will give Bob membership in the Century Club and WAZ.

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GUY BAILEY WØKJP PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

Our thanks for condemning our club newspaper before its birth. We know you are in the grave selling business but why bury our new baby just to earn another dollar. Come on, DIGGER O'DELL live up to your good side and forget the pecuniary interests.

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SPECIAL SNOOP

The reason for such good attendance at recent club meetings is the addition of the very charming YL who claims to have possession of Bob Stratbucker. It's nice to see you around, Mary.

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Now for current info....

Congratulations to Jason Edwards on earning the Boy Scouts of America's First Class Rank on January 26, 2004! Way to go Jason. Jason is the son of Eddie Edwards!

Be sure to get your information into Mitch KCØMXV so that it can be included in the Ham Hum. Mitch's phone number and email address are else where in this newsletter. Like they said in February of 1951... a paper thrives on news! Did you work some rare DX? Finally get some long sought after contact? Did you upgrade your license class? Did you do well in a contest... or just have some fun? Make sure you let the Ham Hum editor and/or the web master so we can share your successes and achievements on the air!

Get On The Air

While on the air this month why not get involved in the following?

Minnesota QSO Party--CW/Phone--sponsored by the Minnesota Wireless Association, 1400-2359Z Feb 7.

Ten-Ten International Winter Phone QSO Party--sponsored by Ten-Ten, International, from 0001Z Feb 7-2359 Feb 8, 10 meters only. Exchange: Call sign, name and 10-10 number (if a member)

Vermont QSO Party--CW/Phone/Digital--sponsored by the Central Vermont Amateur Radio Club, 0000Z Feb 7-2400Z Feb 8.

Delaware QSO Party--CW/Phone/Digital/RTTY--sponsored by First State ARC (FSARC) 1700Z Feb 7 to 0500Z Feb 8 and 1300Z Feb 8 to 0100Z Feb 9.

OMISS QSO Party--SSB--Sponsored by the Old Man International Sideband Society, 1500Z Feb 14-0459Z Feb 15

YL International QSO Party--CW--sponsored by YL International SSB System, 0000Z Feb 21-2400Z Feb 22 (SSB is 0000Z Mar 13-2400Z Mar 14)

North Carolina QSO Party--CW/Phone--sponsored by the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, 1700Z Feb 29-0300Z Mar 1

Mississippi QSO Party--CW/Phone--sponsored by the Vicksburg Amateur Radio Club, 1500Z Feb 28-0300Z Feb 29.

ARRL International DX Contest--Phone--0000Z Mar 6-2400Z Mar 7 (see Dec 2003 QST, p 96).

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Affiliated with the American Radio Relay League since its founding in 1945, the Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club of Omaha, Nebraska is a general interest amateur radio club with over 300 “radio-active” members. Our members are involved in virtually every aspect of amateur radio from electronic circuit design to worldwide communication via voice and Morse code, satellite and space station communications, meteor scatter, computer assisted digital modes, amateur television, and even severe storm spotting for the National Weather Service.



We make a special effort to provide public service communications support for events such as parades, charity fund raisers, emergency preparedness drills, and disaster relief operations. The club offers amateur radio classes to the public for those who wish to obtain an amateur radio license or upgrade their license privileges. For more information contact us via email at

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