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The Prez Sez

Life with a one year old can be interesting. My son Andrew has discovered that there is stuff in all the boxes in the hamshack drawers. He likes to play with hardline connectors, ground bar insulators, real tools (he can tell the difference between the real ones and the toys), and anything else that looks expensive. Turning the knobs on the oscilloscope is also a real fun game. I think Andrew had something to do with the next topic.

Recently, around August 10th, about half of the stuff in my computer stopped working. By half I mean one hard disk, one monitor, half of the serial ports and a few other things. I recently revived the hard disk and found about 150 unread and unopened emails. These are all dated between August 5th and 10th, so if you sent me something and I haven't dealt with it yet, I am working through my list.

I would like to thank Mary, N0TRK, for organizing the night at the ballgame. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to a pesky thing called a work schedule. I would also like to thank all of those who volunteered to help with BPL monitoring. We should have a plan in the next couple of weeks for how we will be proceeding. I have noted the license classes and operating interests of the volunteers and have been surprised that the group that will be affected the most by BPL is barely represented.

Don't forget the Fleasta on the Saturday after the club meeting, September 11th for those with calendars.

That's all for now.

73's
Steve Schmitz
NØUP

VE Session

The next VE session sponsored by the Ak-Sar-Ben ARC will be held on Tuesday September 28th at 6:30 p.m. at the Red Cross (81st and Spring Streets) here in Omaha. If you are a volunteer examiner, you are welcome to assist with the exam session.

You could be in the dog house if you don't purchase your ...

YOUNKERS COMMUNITY DAY TICKETS

Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased at the next Ak-Sar-Ben Club meeting, or by contacting Barb Westcott, KCØHLB, or any board member. The club retains the entire purchase amount, and a percentage of the proceeds from the event.



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Next Meeting Information

September 10th, 2004, 7:30 p.m.
Red Cross at 82nd & Spring Streets.

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

The Ak-Sar-Ben ARC Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for August 3 at 7:00 p.m. did not meet due to activation of the ARES Skywarn spotter network as severe thunderstorms were forecast to be passing through the area.

The Ak-Sar-Ben ARC Board of Trustees held a short meeting just before the start of the General Membership Meeting on August 13, 2004 at the Red Cross. President Steve Schmitz, N0UP, called the Board meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Roll Call of Officers and Board Members

President Steve Schmitz, N0UP; Secretary Ken Noel, AJ0A; Treasurer Mary Joseph, N0TRK; and Board Members Geri Norris, N5RIG; Marvin Taylor, AE0EG; Bill McCollum, KE0XQ and Steven Wisnieski, KC0LOD. Unable to attend: immediate Past President Jim Westcott, KA0KCV; Kurt Kettelson, KC0HMI; Kevin Hill, KA0VNY; and Sam Bellami, KC0NWL.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the July 2004 Board Meeting were presented. Marvin, AE0EG moved to accept the minutes as printed and Steven, KC0LOG seconds. No discussion. Motion carried with one abstention (N5RIG).

No further business was conducted.

Adjourn

Ken, AJ0A moved to adjourn and Mary, N0TRK seconds. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Ken Noel, AJ0A – Secretary



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

The Ak-Sar-Ben ARC met on August 13, 2004 at the Red Cross Emergency Services building, 80th Avenue and Spring Streets, in Omaha, Nebraska. President Steve Schmitz N0UP, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance, standard announcements

were read, and self-introductions were made. There were 41 members and guests present.

Steve N0UP recessed the business meeting at 7:37 p.m. Steve introduced the evening's program on contesting which was present by AARC member and overall good guy, Eddie, K0OIL. Thanks Eddie for a very fine program. There's a lot more to contesting the many realize ... and it's fun too!

Business meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Steve is still looking for a member or members to head up and be part of a BPL committee (broadband over power lines) that would also serve as liaison to the local power company. OPPD has the asked the Club to monitor base line noise levels before and after the test of a BPL system. This request came from OPPD who is not the BPL vendor.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report as Kurt is attending a family reunion out of state.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Thanks to Rich, WA0ZQG for taking the July meeting minutes in my absence.

Steve, N0UP noted the following corrections: The DX and Contest Committee chairperson did not resign. The position was vacated due to non-payment of dues. While the program on TV DX was very interesting, the discussion should not be part of the meeting minutes since the program was held while the meeting was in recess.

John, WB0CMC moved to approve the minutes of the July 2004 Club meeting as printed in the Ham Hum and corrected tonight. Claudia, KC0SQX seconds. Motion carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY, 2004

Operating Cash Assets

Cash in checking.....	\$5,045.94
Less: Repeater donations in ckg.....	\$3,680.56-
Net Cash in checking.....	\$1,365.38
Cash in savings.....	\$4,657.07
Total operating funds.....	\$6,022.45

Restricted Funds

Repeater fund.....	\$3,474.47
Add: Repeater donations in ckg.....	\$3,680.56
Total Repeater fund.....	\$7,155.03
Life Membership fund.....	\$13,827.97
Total Restricted funds.....	\$20,983.00
Total Operating & Restricted.....	\$27,005.45

Current Liabilities

Free memberships.....\$60.00
 Miscellaneous.....\$1.00
 Total Liabilities.....\$61.00

Surplus.....\$26,944.45

Total Liabilities & Surplus.....\$27,005.45

Profit and Loss for July 2004:

Income.....\$3,728.56
 Expenses.....\$416.50
Net.....\$3,312.06

Repeater fund donations included in the checking account will probably not be transferred to the repeater account since checks are currently being written to purchase hardware, etc. in connection with the move and installation of the K0USA 146.34/94 repeater to KETV Crown Point.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BPL: Jeff, NE0DX is willing to work with John, WB0CMC and Steve, N0UP on monitoring BPL emissions. OPPD wants to work with us. OPPD has partnered with the AARC and ARES since before Y2K.

Flea Market (Pat, K0CTU): The Fleaesta will be held at the Sarpy County fairgrounds in Springfield, Nebraska on Saturday, September 11, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Disaster Preparedness (Bill, K0NSA): ARES training meeting is Sunday August 15, 2004 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Marvin, AE0EG will present a program on HazMat.

September 11 is the Fleaesta, ARRL Amateur Radio Awareness Day, but more importantly it's also a day of remembrance for the victims off 9-11 and a reminder to all of us to be ever vigilant and prepared.

APRS/Digital Conference will be held in DesMoines, Iowa on September 10-12, 2004.

Repeaters (John, WB0CMC): The 146.34/94 K0USA repeater is working fine. Have noticed some noise getting in on 34. The tower foundation and guy wire footings at KETV Crown Point have been poured and backfilled. Tower sections are starting to arrive. 7/8" hard-line is in and has been paid for. Warren Behrens, K0WMB, Chief Engineer for KETV provides regular progress updates to the AARC Board.

NEW CLUB BUSINESS

Hurricane Charley net frequencies are 14.265 and 14.325.

No other new business.

OLD CLUB BUSINESS

None.

NEW MEMBERS

Steve read the following new member applications: Shaun Combs, NOCALL Omaha, NE; Bill Ryan, KC9DNB Omaha, NE.

Ken, AJ0A moved to approve the applicants for membership. John, WB0CMC seconds. Motion carries.

ADJOURN

Bill, K0NSA moved to adjourn. Linda, W0NSA seconds. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Noel, AJ0A
 Secretary



Help Wanted

Before the nominating committee begins its work, I will ask for volunteers for the open club officer positions. The open positions are President, Vice President, and 4 at large Board of Director positions.

President and Vice President are one year positions and the BOD positions are two year terms.

If you are interested in the direction the club is heading or would like to serve, please contact me either by phone or email.

Thanks
 Steve Schmitz
 N0UP



For Sale

Classified advertisements are free for all Ak Sar Ben ARC members.

Icom 735. 160 through 10 meters. Has Mars Mod. Does AM,SSB,FM, and CW. Built in keyer board installed. Asking \$500. Geri Norris (N5RIG) 721-1592 geri.norris@arrl.net



Please send submissions to hamhum@aksarbenarc.org.



DO-NETS

Do-Nets are unofficial, casual gatherings of Hams that occur between meetings. Everyone is invited to join in the fun, food, and camaraderie each week at any of these locations:

<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Talk-in</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tue 08:00	146.82-	Main St. Cafe, CB
Fri 20:00	146.39+	Wendy's Galvin Rd.
Sat 08:00	146.82-	HyVee, 16 th St. CB
Sat 08:00	146.94-	HyVee, 132 nd & Dodge
1 st /3 rd Tue 12:30	146.52	Brandies Food Ct.

LMR Consultants Lincoln 402-730-5670	K&R Electronics Omaha 402-676-7571
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ADI Radios * Pryme Accessories

Come See us at the
Aksarben FLEA-ESTA
September 11th.

You know you're living in 2004 when...

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of 3.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
6. You go home after a long day at work you still answer the phone in a business manner.
7. You make phone calls from home, you accidentally dial "9" to get an outside line.
8. You've sat at the same desk for four years and worked for three different companies.
10. You learn about your redundancy on the 11

o'clock news.

11. Your boss doesn't have the ability to do your job.
12. You pull up in your own! driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home.
13. Every commercial on television has a website at the bottom of the screen.
14. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't have first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
15. You get up in the morning and go online before getting your coffee.
16. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :)
17. You're reading this and nodding and laughing.
18. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to forward this message.
19. You are too busy to notice there was no #9 on this list.
20. You actually scrolled back up to check that there wasn't a #9 on this list.

AND NOW U R LAUGHING at yourself.

Family Outing

On August 28th, members of the Aksarben ARC got together to enjoy a baseball game.



Here, harmonic of Kurt (KCOHMI) locks eyes onto mom's pizza.

The All-Star Flea Market Presents --

FLEA-ESTA

Annual Flea Market
September 11 th, 2004
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sarpy County Fair Grounds
Springfield, Nebraska



**DOOR
PRIZES**

8' Tables
\$8 each if paid in advance
\$10 each if paid at the door

Admission \$2

**Free
Coffee**

For Details Contact
Pat Joseph
402-492-4156
flea@aksarbenarc.org
<http://www.aksarbenarc.org>



Table Registration Form

Name: _____ Callsign: _____

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

Number of Tables: _____ @\$8.00 each = \$ _____ (enclosed)

Payment is not a receipt. Registration on tables is not a receipt for you. Our tables are not to be used for other purposes.

AAFC Flea Market

C/O Pat Joseph

1821 Peterson Dr., Omaha, NE 68114



What is "The Big 700 Footprint Club?" It is a way for you to show your support of the opportunity the club has been given to put the repeater back to the height we enjoyed for most of the last 25 years. KETV has *invited* the club to put it's antenna on the tower they will be building to replace the one that collapsed July 4th, 2003.

To help ensure there are funds available to do the installation of the antenna and feedline on the tower, the AARC will take pledges for the cause. In the event that the vote at the June meeting is to move the 146.940(-) KØUSA repeater from the current location on the ATS tower at the 911 Center to 700' on the KETV broadcast tower, your pledge will be payable by the August

13th, 2004 Ak-Sar-Ben ARC Club meeting. In the event that the vote goes the other way, your pledge will not be payable. A Donors Hall of Fame will be created on the web site. We have an offer to match up to \$2000 in donation. So every dollar you give will be doubled up to \$2000.

Those that remember the nearly 20 years that the repeater was at 650' mark on the WOWT broadcast tower just a few yards to the north of the potential location, are aware of the awesome footprint that the repeater had not only in the city of Omaha itself, but the surrounding area. The repeater was reliable for more than a 50 mile radius for mobile traffic. Hand-helds from down town were reliable as well. The club already owns a viturually new commercial grade antenna designed to survive in the environment that was slated to go up on the WOWT tower at 650'. The club also has access to a handsome donated equipment rack to house the new repeater system.

If you feel that the club should accept the invitation and move the repeater show your financial support, by filling out the pledge form and sending it to:

Ak-Sar-Ben ARC PO Box 24551 Omaha, NE 68124

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I want to join the BIG 700 FOOTPRINT Club. To show my support for the move of the KØUSA 146.940 repeater, in the event that the AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club votes to move the KØUSA repeater to the 700 foot level on the KETV broadcast tower, I pledge to donate

\$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$_____ other amount

to be paid to the club treasury by Friday August 13, 2004 (August club meeting). This donation is to fund any expense incurred in the move of the repeater to the site and in the event that the donations exceed the required amount, the donation will be used for improvements and future projects and maintenance of the repeater system.

Name: _____ Callsign: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- Publish my name but not the amount I pledged
- Publish the amount I pledged but not my name
- Publish both the amount I pledged and my name
- I will match club received donation up to \$_____
- I am an AARC member
- I am an ARES member
- I am not a member but support the move to KETV's tower

The AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club inc. is a 501(c)3 organization, donations may be tax deductible. Please consult your tax advisor.

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