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**1980 ANNUAL MEETING  
AK-SAR-BEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.**

WHEN: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1980

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: DOUGLAS/SARPY COUNTY CHAPTER  
AMERICAN RED CROSS  
38TH AND DEWEY AVENUE  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA 68105

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY REGULARLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING.

PAID CLUB MEMBERS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE — 1981 DUES PAYABLE AT THIS MEETING.

ONLY BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED — NO PROGRAM.

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1980

TIME: 2:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

WHERE: SOUTH OMAHA GENE EPPLEY BOYS CLUB  
5051 South 22nd Street (22nd and P Streets), Omaha

GIFT EXCHANGE FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE  
(approximately \$3.00 value.)

There will be two separate exchanges — one for men and one for ladies.

DOOR PRIZES — TOYS AND CANDY FOR CHILDREN — SANTA  
CLAUS WILL BE THERE. (Gift exchange and refreshments to follow  
Santa.)

LADIES, REMEMBER THOSE COOKIES AND CHRISTMAS GOODIES;  
THE CLUB WILL FURNISH THE DRINKS.

AVAILABLE TO ALL WILL BE: FOOSBALL, TABLE TENNIS, POOL  
TABLES, AIR HOCKEY AND BASKETBALL.

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS (GUESTS MAY PARTICIPATE IN  
GIFT EXCHANGES.)

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**Best wishes to you and yours for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy  
New Year from the Board of Trustees of Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio  
Club, Inc.**

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## THE PREZ SEZ

Well, December is upon us, and the annual business meeting is at hand. I hope to see a good turnout this year for the election of officers and board members for 1981.

Any paid member for the year 1980 is eligible to vote in the election. 1981 dues do **not** have to be paid in advance of the election. There has been some confusion over this point in past years, so I felt it should be clarified in this column.

For my final "Pres Sez" column, I am going to recap the year by playing a word association game. On the left is a word, or idea, and on the right is the thing or person I have come to associate with that word or idea.

Midwest Convention	L.A.R.C.
Midwest "Ham of the Year"	WAØDHU, KØGND
Elevators	WAØGEH
First Place	Field Day
Field Day	WDØDLN, WAØIWF
Coffee	Mrs. KAØDKO
QSL "Buro"	Mr. & Mrs. WØQQN
Repeaters	WBØCMC
Participation	NØAIH
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Contests	NØAON
VHF Propagation Expertise	NØAJU
CW	KØKES, KØSST
Food	WDØHBY
Code & Theory Instruction	WAØDHU
Organization	WBØHWF
Dedication	WØYZV
Messy Station Award	NØANQ
Uncle Will	KAØDKO
Boystown	KAØGTQ-R-S
QCWA	WØGFQ
Picnic	NØAZF, KAØEBD

and many more — — — —

**Also,** — don't forget the club Christmas party, again to be held at the South Omaha Boy's Club, December 14, 1980.

De, KØDG

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## RED CROSS VAN

The refurbishing of the Communications Van provided by the American Red Cross and manned by our Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club is nearing completion. Jim Sanford, NØAIH, and Mitch Gagne, NØAZF, are in charge of the project and it's looking good. The amateur equipment has been donated and is pretty complete. Jim called our attention to the need for an AC 12 Volt Power Supply and with the thought that one of you may have such a power supply and desire to donate it to the Red Cross, we call it to your attention — a 110 AC, 30 Watt, 12-14 Volt DC is needed. (Two 20's would be even better.)

As was mentioned at the last Club meeting, there are some expense problems in the refurbishing costs and there is need for additional donations and we will be hoping for more. Should you wish to send them directly to the Red Cross, please label the donation "Communications Van" or "Local Disaster Fund."

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**Red Cross.  
The Good  
Neighbor.**

## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Held November 14, 1980,  
at the Red Cross Building at  
38th & Dewey Avenue,  
Omaha, Nebraska**

The meeting was called to order at 19:30 hours by President Dick Jugel, KØDG. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were several visitors from Omaha and Iowa.

New member — Olie L. Olson, KAØJNS has a General License. Motion by Jerry, WBØPPF, and seconded by Charlie, WØQQN, that Mr. Olson be admitted to the Club. Approval was unanimous.

We have an upgrade — Everett P. Dietz, WBØYZR, to Advance. Congratulations to you, Mr. Dietz.

Committee Reports were given by Bob, WAØDHU, Jim, NØAIH, and Mike, NØAON.

The business meeting was closed by motion of Ed, WDØHBY and seconded by Ray, WAØWOT.

### Program for the evening

Rich Barnett, KBØU, from Kansas City, Missouri gave a presentation of the Kansas City Club 1980 Expedition to Belize, Guatemala, Central America. They were on Island Ambgris, which is about 20 miles from Belize. He had many color slides and an exciting story from the leaving of Kansas City to the return. This was a very interesting program.

Program concluded at 22:15 hours.

Club Secretary,  
Ellen, WBØHWF

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# Merry Christmas from

Ed Holyoke WA0VSR

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Harold Wetzel W0FHA

Bob Smith KD0F

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## ARES ROSTER

If you have changes, additions, or deletions in the information on the 1980 ARES roster, please notify Jim Peterson, WBØQGV, prior to January 1, 1981. It will be very difficult to include any changes on the 1981 roster after that date.

Jim Sanford, NØAIH  
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## ARES REPORT

The ARES Public Service activities have come to a close for another year. Members of the Midlands ARES participated in the JAYCEE Omaha Marathon and MS Bikathon. Forty operators were involved in what proved to be valuable training exercises. Several suggestions for improving our communications procedures have been made. These mentionables will be brought before the Operations Staff for discussion and possible implementation.

The new ARES Operations Manual is being compiled by NØAZF, and should be available about February 15, 1981. The new manual will include such things as drawings of cloud formations, equipment lists, upcoming events schedules, repeater features, and on it goes. We would also like to express our thanks to all the many stations that assisted ARES in the many weather watches, flood watches, Grand Island operation, Public Service events, and look forward to continued success.

Jim Sanford, NØAIH  
Ass't E.C.  
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## AUCTION 1981

The 1981 Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club Auction is just around the corner. I have been requested to chair the committee for the third year in a row. It will be my pleasure to get auctionized again, but I need help if the auction is to be a success. Area Hams interested in being involved in the auction, may become honored members of the auction committee simply by calling me at 402-451-1443.

Jim Sanford, NØAIH  
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## A NEW IDEAR

The WØEQU repeater has a new I.D.<sup>r</sup> that will be activated during a communications emergency. While the ARES EMERGENCY net is activated, stations will notice the CW code TSSSSSSSS about every 3 minutes. The purpose of this I.D.<sup>r</sup> is to advise stations not participating in the net that the repeater is closed to normal traffic. Stations may also notice a three second tone that sounds like 1050 Htz. This is the first step in standardizing the ARES emergency activation system with the Tone Alert Decoder as developed by Frank Jaeger, WA9SQN. This Tone Alert Decoder is different from those used previously. An article giving details of this advanced system will appear in Ham Hum shortly.

Jim, NØAIH  
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## QSL CORNER

Next year, 1981, appears to be a trying year for your QSL Bureau. The post office is throwing two monkey wrenches into the gears of the smooth-running operation according to the media. First, the anticipated postal rate increase, which in itself, raises havoc with about 21,000 envelopes on file. Then to top it off, they are changing the zip codes, which will affect about the same number of envelopes. However, we will survive as we always have. The fine group of volunteer sorters that work in the Bureau look at a very familiar phrase to quote "WE CAN HANDLE IT", and we do.

Charlie, W0QQN

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"Fifteen years ago I thought a live Christmas tree was a dandy idea!"

## SOMETHING TO BRAG ABOUT

by Chris Sawyer

Have you ever felt you had nothing interesting to talk about once the general information is passed and the weather is exhausted? Do not despair, talk about East Tennessee, it's something to brag about!

In talking with a few people, I was provided enough material to start a book. I hope some of you will contribute interesting articles about your community.

East Tennessee is one of God's most beautiful creations. He gave us valleys surrounded by the oldest mountains in the United States and the tallest east of the Rocky Mountains. Mt. Mitchell is the tallest at 6,684 feet, Clingman 6,643 feet, Guyot 6,621, and LeConte 6,593 feet. He also gave us the world's most unusual coves, the largest of the five being Johnson and the prettiest being Cades in the Smokies.

We have a waterfall within a days visit that is taller than Niagara Falls. At 281 feet, Fall Creek Falls is the highest east of the Rockies. Fall Creek Falls State Park is located between Crossville and Cookville.

God was most generous when He provided our area with Botanical life. He gave us more varieties of plants and hardwoods than anywhere else on earth. Our plants range from subarctic subtropical varieties and the beauty is beyond the scope of words.

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## HAM HUM SWAP

**NO CHARGE FOR ADS (NON—COMMERCIAL) SUBJECT TO SPACE LIMITATION. MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO P. O. BOX 291. SEE COPY DEADLINE PAGE 2.**

FOR SALE: Yaesu FL-101 W/PRO WARC bands.

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Dave Smith, K3CRF, 291-1436

FOR SALE: ICOM 225 with V1P 42 switch, 1W/10W, \$200.

Wilson 1405 HT, 1W/5W, desk charger, TT pad, external speaker mic, leather case, xtals for local area, \$150. Call Neil, KG6JIB, 291-7121.

FOR SALE: Galaxy V Mark II with AC supply and extra tubes, 400 watts PEP input. Contact Joe Roberts, WAØSTV, 359-2446 in Valley, NE.

FOR SALE: ICOM 215 two meter portable. New batteries, built-in charger; has crystals for 34/94, 16/76, 22/82, 25/85, 52/52, 46/46 and 40/00. \$165 or best offer.

Contact Jay McAleer, WAØLLQ, 339-3448.

FOR SALE: ICOM 255A, 2M Transceiver. Excellent condition. Best offer. Herb, WAØOCZ, 556-9584 (home) or 551-1063 (office).

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Many people hike the Appalachian Trail yearly to behold the beauty of the plants and wildlife.

There's a unique little bird in our area that has the shortest migration flight of any found on earth. The "Slate-colored Junco" (Snowbird) lives at the top of the mountains in the summer and migrates to the valley during the winter months.

Did you know we have more varieties of salamanders than anyone else? The rare "Hell-bender" is a prehistoric looking creature and the largest and

probably the ugliest of all salamanders.

We are graced with two lakes and five major rivers which provide great fishing. The most famous fish in our area in the Rock Fish. This salt water fish has adapted to fresh water and was transplanted from Big Santee-Cooper in South Carolina.

Promote good will across the airways, and what better way is there than promoting East Tennessee.

from LARC Newsletter —  
Morristown, TN

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the coming year,  
and may you all  
have a joyous  
Christmas.



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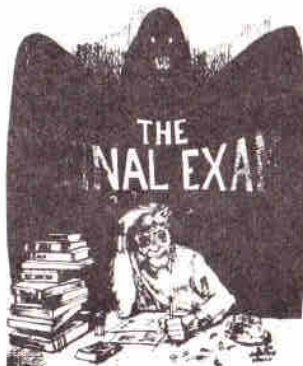
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