

AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club,inc



# Ham Hum

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Pictured above are AK-SAR-BEN-ARC members wearing the new shirts available from John Fifer—AB0ZT.

In addition, a hat too is available; both with the new color designed Logo as shown in the upper left corner of this page. Hats come in 1 size fits all, available in either Red or Gray. Member's Call Sign embroidered on the back, and out club logo on the front. Hats are \$18.

Shirts can be either Red or Light Gray, and for small to extra large: the cost is \$25, \$28 for 2X, and \$30 for 3X. The shirts have the members first name and callsign embroidered on the front as well as our Club Logo. If need be, special orders can be made for sizes 4X and 5X.

For information on ordering please contact:

**John Fifer at [jfifer@centurylink.net](mailto:jfifer@centurylink.net)**

**AKSARBEN ARC Club Meeting – October 8, 2021** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in person and on Zoom. There were 20 attendees. Officers and Board members present included: Brian; KEOGKB Dave, NOJSB; Dan, NOPOT; Rea, NOREA Secretary's Report - Brian, KEOGKB – There was no meeting in September so there were no minutes in the Ham Hum. Nominating committee- Mitch - The nominating committee has 4 nominations President Pat WOOJU Vice President John ABOZT Secretary Terry KEOPB Board Member REA NOREA

**Treasurer's Report - Dave, NOJSB** – As of September 30 the club accounts had balances of: Main Checking \$2,125.86, Repeater Checking \$362.97 Savings \$6,996.36, CD Life Member one \$6,548.26, CD Life Member two \$6,802.00, and CD Repeater \$1,114.25 This leaves the balance of all the club accounts at \$23,949.70. In the month of September there was no income. In the month of September there were expenses of \$466.41 consisting of \$200.00 for Club Liability Insurance, \$17.00 for Trailer Plates, \$100.00 for Donation to the Red Cross, and \$149.41 for Picnic Food.

**President's Report - Pat, WOOJU** – The president was not present, and his report was read by the Secretary:

a. Nominating committee met on Tuesday October 5. As immediate past president is unavailable due to medical reason, Mitch our former president agrees to chair this year's nominating committee

i. A slate of officers has been nominated and the plans are to have elections process this year following the bylaws.

ii. Need to propose modifying the bylaws in case of a future pandemic or other disaster. Would like Brian Z to assist in crafting.

#### **b. Ark-Bark Report**

i. Background

1. AARC decided due to pandemic not to do the AARC Hamfest in the fall 2021.
2. BARC asked if they could use the date as we had no plans.
3. They then ask is we wanted to join them in a one year event with BARC.
4. Presented to AARC membership and the consensus was that it was a great idea, and we would equally share in the revenues and cost with the exception of the raffle.

- ii. BARC did the vast majority of the planning and implementation. We should be very thankful.
- iii. Pat Connell paid personally for a table to sell and deliver our club clothing, patches, and decals for the event.
- iv. Approximately 200 paid attendees and all vendor tables we sold.
- v. Expect to cover all cost and to receive check from BARC.
- vi. Pat Connell, Terry B, and John Fifer assisted in setup and teardown after event.
- vii. Dennis KCOYKN did an outstanding job organizing event and we need to recognize his extra efforts!!!

**c. EME Update**

- i. Dave Rice has built the elevation bracket for the EME beam and requested and was paid \$85 for parts and materials.
- ii. Pat Connell has located a 6-meter preamp for the efforts and no cost to the club.
- iii. Remaining challenges are: 1. 60 -80 feet of very low loss coax with connectors. 2. Generators (220 volt and 25 amp and 110 volt and 30-amp generators. 3. Need system testing 4. Activation with December weekend moon window.

**Vice President's Report –Howard, AE0Z – No Report**

**Education Committee – Rea N0REA-** we have printed 10 more new member packets.

**Membership Committee – No Report**

**ARES – no Report Satern – No Report.**

**Community Service - No Report**

**Repeater – John WBOCMC –** A tower crew was on the tower and found a loose piece of flexible conduit by the KOUSA antenna. The conduit was secured, and the repeater is functioning with no issues.

**Courtesy committee – Bill KD0FJR -** No cards were sent out.

**Web Services** No Report

**Field Day – No Report**

**Flea Esta –** The final

report will be coming soon .

**Publications** – No report   **Equipment Committee** – No report

**Old Business:** No old business

**New Business:** Dan, NOPOT proposed that we copyright the two new logos that are being used by the club. A motion was made by John WBOCMC that we should copyright these logos with a second by Don WBOVGB, after a brief discussion it was suggested that we should also copyright the old logo as well so John withdrew his current motion and made a new motion that we should copyright all logos with a second by Don WBOVGB. As the discussion continued it was suggested that we may open the club to liability so John withdrew his motion and a motion was made by Rea, NOREA that we should consult with Brian Z and report back to the club next month. John WBOCMC seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by voice vote. Dan NOPOT will report back next month after he meets with Brian Z. For the latest news and announcements please check the website or Facebook.

There being no more business before the club the meeting was adjourned at 7:45

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W7GJ Lance Collister – 6 Meter EME

If you remember several months ago, Lance Collister did a zoom presentation to the AARC on 6 meter EME and his experiences on DX expeditions and his own dx expeditions. He mentioned that he was going to Austral Islands in the South Pacific in October 2021. I have been following his exploits this month and he has had lots of trouble getting there. He has lots of “Murphy’s law” problems with equipment, software, etc. but as of October 19 he has completed over eighty plus 6 meter EME QSOs! I think we should suggest to Lance that he should write a movie script and get Tom Hank to play Lance and maybe call it “Castaway II – a ham radio adventure. I will reach out to him when he gets back and maybe he will join us in the future to fill us in on his travels. – Pat

PICNIC REPORT

The September AARC Sunday picnic had great weather, food, and finally another chance to meet in person. Approximately 40 people attended sometime during the four hour time of the picnic. Feedback was that we may want to consider doing this twice a year? Let us know what you think by dropping an email to the board. Thanks to Brian Sohl and John Fifer for organizing this year’s event.

## ARK-BARC

The ARK-BARC Hamfest on October 2 was very successful. Almost 200 people attended the event. All tables were sold out. I personally paid for a club table to sell our gear and distribute patches and window decals. Thank you John Fifer for manning the club table. Also thanks to John Fifer and Terry Begley for helping with the cleanup at the end of day. John was there for the setup. Of course I stayed for the cleanup. My other personal table found a new home for many of my ham radio treasures.

A special thanks and shout-out go to Kyle (AD0ZC), Purnell, Mark (K3DEX), Mark Chastain (NOWQK), and Tom Wilbur (W0FRN) and especially to Dennis Mitchell KCOYKN, all from the Bellevue Amateur Radio Club. This was one of the most well organized Hamfest event that I ever attended. The Hamfest was able to cover all of its cost and generated a surplus. We will have a discussion at our next AARC meeting as to what to do with our portion of the surplus.

## October AARC Presentation

Thanks to Tom Wilbur W0FRN for his presentation on 1296 MHz activity. It was especially interesting to see in person his 28db portable antenna. He has on ordered a 600 watt amplifier for 1296 that should arrive this spring. It was not that many years ago, when even 10 watts output was quite the achievement! By the way your president was quite late for the meeting. I was supposed to be back from D.C. early Friday evening on a Southwest Flight, with time to get to the meeting. I arrived at the Red Cross building at 8:45 p.m. considerably later than planned. That was the weekend when Southwest had canceled thousands of flights due to "weather". I was fortunate to get home that night. I heard from someone who was scheduled to leave on a later DC Friday night flight that with all of the changes in connections, did not get back to Omaha to Sunday afternoon!

## Purchasing Ham Radio Antenna from Italy

We have all heard about supply chain problems from spices to toys to electronics. I have heard from some of the big chain store that some kitchen appliances may take six plus months to make it to your home. I ordered a Status Quad 2 element six band quad antenna from Italy The antenna is being picked up by DHL on October 20. There are two boxes with the largest being 109 inches long. I wonder how long it will take to get to Omaha. By the way I will be looking for some hams to help with assembly. No tower climbing is needed.

## Club Officers & Board Members

President	Pat Connell	WØOJU	president@aksarbenarc.org
Vice President	Howard Parks	AEØZ	vicepresident@aksarbenarc.org
2018-21 Secretary	Brian Sohl	KEØGKB	secretary@aksarbenarc.org
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2020-2021 Director	Ray Blackburn	NØREA	board@aksarbenarc.org
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# Area Nets

## Monday

7:00 PM 145.290 South-West Iowa ARES Glenwood, IA.

8:00 PM 144.250 NE Missouri SWOT.

9:00 PM 146.940 AARC Chat Net. Ak-Sar-Ben ARC Omaha, NE.

## Tuesday

9:00 PM 145.310 Washington Co. ARES Washington Co, NE.

## Wednesday

7:00 PM 146.670 Dodge Co. ARES Dodge Co, NE.

7:30 PM 7.122 CW Four State QRP Comfortable Net.

8:00 PM 3.564 CW Four State QRP Comfortable Net.

8:00 PM 145.310 Saunders Co. ARES Saunders Co, NE.

8:30 PM 7.122 CW Four State QRP Comfortable Net.

9:00 PM 3.580.5 PSK Four State QRP Comfortable Net.

9:00 PM 146.820 Pottawattamie County ARES Council Bluffs, IA.

## Thursday

8:30 AM 7.122 CW Four State QRP 40M Morning Net.

7:30 PM 145.310- Lincoln/Omaha SATERN Net. Ashland, NE.

8:00 PM 28.350 SSB 10-Meter Net.

8:00 PM 144.250 2-Meter SSB Net.

8:00 PM 147.360 Heartland DX Association.

9:00 PM 145.175 NE DStar Net also on REF002C though internet.

## Friday

10:00 PM 224.760- Tone 146.2 Promote the Band Net

## Saturday

12:00 PM 146.82 Swap Net Council Bluffs, IA.

8:30 PM 3.921.000 QCWA Chapter 20.

## Sunday

8:00 AM 3.902.500 Swap Net.

8:30 AM 3.897.500 3900 Club.

8:30 PM Locally IRLP and the Nebraska IRLP net is heard on:

145.410 - 97.4 PL ABOVX Honey Creek

444.800 + 97.4 PL ABOVX Honey Creek

444.925 + 136.5 PL KOBVC Mondamin

146.745 - 136.5 PL KOBVC Portsmouth

223.580 (Simplex) 100 PL KOOQL North Omaha

2:00 PM 50.200 6 Meter Net

9:00 PM 146.940- Douglas Co. ARES net, KØUSA repeater.

WØPHW --- Silent Key

John Willard Orr, 30 OCT 1923 – 31 Aug 2021

A veteran of World War II and an American Patriot, John was born in Tarkio, Missouri to Willard and Lucille (Ely) Orr. During High School, at the age of 17 he earned his Ham Radio License. His call letters were WØPHW. He graduated from Omaha Technical High School in 1941 and soon after went to work for Western Electric installing telephone central office equipment. John was proud to serve his country. During World War II, John volunteered for the Army Air Corp and was assigned to the First Army's Airwaves Communication System. He spent most of his overseas time on Sterling Island in the South Pacific as a radio technician and in charge of the squadron radio equipment. John returned home after the war to his job at Western Electric, later accepting a position at Northwestern Bell where he would work for the next 40 years. This past June they celebrated 63 years of marriage to his wife Evelyn. They shared a love for exploring the history and beauty of our country which they passed on to their daughters and grandchildren. Camping, hiking, four-wheeling, road trips and history lessons filled our family vacations. John created and designed a custom kitchen with an icebox for the back of the family sedan. Tent camping led to travel trailers and finally, motor homes. With their daughters grown and retirement at hand, John and Evelyn traveled throughout the United States. For many years John and Evelyn would travel to Arizona for the winter months where they explored the backroads with their Jeep. John was a past President of Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club in 1952.

