



# Ham Hum

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The February 2023 membership meeting was held in person and via Google Meet on Friday, February 10, 2023. There were twenty-five members in person and four online. The meeting was called to order at 19:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a member roll call.

## **Secretary's Report** - Terry KEØOPB

Terry noted that Amazon is discontinuing the *Amazon Smile* program on February 20.

## **Treasurer's Report** - Julie NØWAV

1. The club has combined funds of \$24,315.49.

Julie asked that everyone should pay their dues and turn in their budget requests.

## **Vice-President's Report** - Adam KDØMMG

Adam was out at a family event, and John ABØZT will be running the raffle tonight.

## **President's Report** - John ABØZT

1. John asked that committee reports be sent to the board prior to their monthly meeting (the Saturday before the monthly membership meeting).

John noted that he has patches, stickers, hats and shirts available for sale.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Education** - Mike WØLE

There will be twelve VEs giving tests tomorrow, (Feb 11,2023.)

### **Field Day - Pat WØOJU**

Pat reported that the Field Day committee is meeting on a regular basis.

They are planning on a bigger field day in 2023 at Boys Town. Boys Town is promising a larger location (the former Welcome Center) with air conditioning and the large generator. The site will be operated as a 3A and a GOTA. The BT print shop will print brochures, a safety officer has been assigned, and a site visit is planned for approximately three weeks.

N3 logging software will be used, and a network set up in May to test.

There will be team captains for stations, and operating on 40 and 80 meters at night. Volunteers for operators and loggers are needed.

Steve NØSOX has volunteered to be the food coordinator.

### **Publications - Brian WEØBEP**

Brian is always looking for articles, please send them to him.

### **Special Events - Pat KØCTU**

Pat reported that the Nebraska High School State Track Meet will be held again this year on May 17 - 20 at the Burke Stadium. Volunteers are needed for the morning events. Volunteers will need an HT, extra battery, a good antenna, and an earpiece. Simplex frequencies are used.

Pat reported that the Corporate Cup Run will be held on April 16 this year and volunteers will be needed along the route.

Please contact Pat if you are interested in working either or both events.

### **Repeater - John WBØCMC**

John reported that the remote unit in Council Bluffs has been switched out. The repeater is now operating at 25 watts output.

## Old Business

Mary NØTRK announced that the summer picnic has a tentative date of the afternoon of July 16th at the Chalco Hills park. Activities will include POTA, a fox hunt, a HAM trivia contest, and a talk-in frequency for those unfamiliar with the area. The club will provide the main course and it will be a potluck for sides and desserts. Stay tuned for more information.

## New Business

1. The club has two new member applications:
  - a. Kevin Chartrand, KG4NNL, a General who works as a welder. A motion to accept him as a member was made by Pat KØCTU and was seconded by John WBØCMC and was unanimously approved.
  - b. Jonathan Wagaman, KFØLJQ, a General who works as a software salesman. A motion to accept him as a member was made by John WBØCMC and was seconded by Norm WAØJYD and was unanimously approved.
  - c. Bill KDØFJR, Courtesy Committee, noted the following silent keys, with cards sent to their addresses of record.
  - d. Tom Martin KØAMT
  - e. John Lord KØPFV
  - f. Brian Zdan KFØY

## Announcements

1. John WBØCMC announced that ATV and DStar will be back up and running shortly on a new antenna.
2. SWIARC will be holding their annual HamFest at McClelland IA on Saturday, March 4 from 08:00 - 12:00. A Yaesu FT5DR handie-talkie will be the grand prize, and you must be present to win.

Terry announced for Greg KCØVTO that the Douglas County ARES group is holding a training meeting on Tuesday, February 21, at 19:00 at the Red Cross. The program will be training on radio procedures. Please bring an HT and practice exercises will be held on simplex frequencies. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

A motion to adjourn was made by Norm WAØJYD and seconded by Keith KEØAEP. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.

The program this month was presented by Matt Anderson, our ARRL Section Manager, on the Branched Oak Observatory and their EME antenna. Their slides are available at <https://bit.ly/3YPI78M> and the handout at <https://bit.ly/3S1cmaN>.

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## WINTER FIELD DAY

For the 5<sup>th</sup> year, the Western Division SATERN team activated for Winter Field Day from the garage of the Salvation Army's Emergency Disaster Services building operating as a 3I station, meaning they team was able to operate 3 radios and they were operating indoors. Other classifications for the event include "home" stations and "outdoor" stations.

SATERN participates in events like this to improve their operating skills, experiment with ways of expanding communications capabilities from the station at the Salvation Army location, as well as understanding the stations, capabilities and maintaining station readiness. This year all three stations were run using only battery power, showing that communications can be maintained for extended periods of time without commercial power.

This year, SATERN also hosted an open house inviting many newly licensed hams as well as other Salvation Army volunteers, staff and officers to learn more about SATERN and how to get involved. Several

The exact number of attendees isn't known but more than 20 visitors signed in during the 3 hours of the open house. During that time frame many folks, both SATERN members and visitors, got on the air and made contacts from the two active stations operating on 20 and 40 meters being managed by Pat KØCTU and Kevin KAØVNY respectively. The third station was on hold as the Western Division SATERN Coordinator, NØTRK explained the operation and SATERN to the numerous visitors. But later several contacts on 144MHz and 440MHz.

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As the open house wound down, the SATERN members present enjoyed chili and cinnamon rolls courtesy of the Salvation Army EDS staff and continued to make contacts on numerous bands until late into the evening. A few hearty souls returned on Sunday morning to finish out the event. With the favorable propagation, the event ended with a respectable 615 contacts across 70 cm, 2m, 15m, 20m 40m and 80m when the event ended at 1:00 pm CST. – (Mary, NØTRK operated on 20m on Sunday Morning making over 135 contacts in less than 2 hours.)

SATERN is already making plans for next year's Winter Field Day as well as taking part in the Sand Hills Crane Special event in March, the Nebraska QSO party in April, (Summer) Field Day and the ARRL Sweepstakes in November.

SATERN provides communications support to the Salvation Army, their partner agencies and other served organizations during disaster responses both local, regional and nationally. To learn more about becoming a SATERN member and getting involved please email [wdsatern@gmail.com](mailto:wdsatern@gmail.com).

Mary Joseph NØTRK  
Western Division SATERN Coordinator  
Central Territory Assistant SATERN Coordinator

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### ***Did You Know,***

**That Peggy Sue Gerron, who became a household name because of Buddy Holly's song "Peggy Sue" from the 1950s, became an Amateur Radio Operator in 2004 with the call sign KE5AWK. Later she was issued the vanity callsign K5PSG.**

**She said her participation in the 2004 W5B special event in Lubbock commemorating Holly helped inspire her Amateur Radio aspirations. "You can do TV specials, and you can be interviewed by the very best DJs," she said, "but there is nothing like the feeling of putting your finger down, and transmitting your call sign, and having somebody answer back."**

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## Area Nets (Updated 12/29/2022)

### Monday

- 7:00 PM 145.290 South-West Iowa ARES Glenwood, IA.
- 7:00 PM 146.940 Western Division HQ SATERN Net Omaha, NE.
- 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.
- 7:00 PM 147.435 Simplex Net
- 9:00 PM 146.820 Conspiracy Net

### 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 147.360 Heartland DX Association.
- 9:00 PM 145.175 NE D-Star Net also on REF002C though internet.

### 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
- 8:00 PM 144.250 2-Meter SSB Net.
- 9:00 PM 146.940- Douglas Co. ARES net, KØUSA repeater.

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## Field Day Committee Planning Report (February 2023)

The committee met in February and will be monthly thereafter. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Pat Connell W0OJU at [phconnell@cox.net](mailto:phconnell@cox.net).

Progress is as follow:

Field Day will be held at Boys Town in the old credit union cottage. If you are driving west on Dodge Street, it is next to the 40 foot brick tower labeled with the Boys Town Name.

There are several rooms, plenty of emergency service with A/C and other facilities.

Part of the street will be closed down to give us plenty of room for towers, antennas, and other wires.

This year we will be operating 2A with the following stations.

- A Digital/CW station with an ICOM 7300.

- A SSB station with an ICOM 7600.

- A GOTA station with an ICOM 7300.

- A VHF Station with an another 6meter/2 meter radio

Antennas will include the club's 3 element tribander, 5 element 6 meter beam, Dipoles at 50 feet, and multiple verticals.

Each stations will have computerized logging

We will be inviting select High School STEM students to learn about amateur radio and hopefully be guest operators.

Rigs will have programed messages to assist operators.

We want to encourage club participation and you can reserve operating schedule by emailing [phconnell@cox.net](mailto:phconnell@cox.net).

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### **REMEMBER**

If you have not paid your membership dues for 2023, please see either Julie (Treasurer) or Mary (Membership).