



Ham Hum

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The March 2023 membership meeting was held in person and via Google Meet on Friday, March 10, 2023. There were twenty-nine members in person and six 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

1. Corrections for the minutes from the February 2023 meeting
 - a. Silent key Tom Martin callsign corrected to KØAMD
 - b. Silent key Brian Zdan callsign corrected to KMØY
 - c. Amazon Smile has been discontinued.

ARRL members should have received an email with a Zoom invite to the ARRL Midwest Division Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, March 22 at 19:30. The invitation was from Dave Propper K2DP, ARRL Midwest Division Vice Director and Art Zygielbaum KØAIZ, ARRL Midwest Division Director.

Treasurer's Report - Julie NØWAV

1. The club has combined funds of \$24,122.84.

Julie asked that everyone should pay their club dues, and also "feed the kitty" for the cookies.

Vice-President's Report - Adam KDØMMG

Adam noted that the presentation tonight would be on high school robotics programs. The presentation next month will be an online program from Trent Bradford of the *Amateur Radio Satellite Corporation* (AMSAT, <https://amsat.org>) on how to work satellites. Adam is inviting other clubs to join the presentation.

President's Report - John ABØZT

1. John noted that he has patches, stickers, hats and shirts available for sale.
2. John announced that the parking lot flea market will return in August, with a tentative starting time of 18:30.

Due to work obligations John will be unable to attend the April and May membership meetings.

Committee Report

Education - Mike WØLE No report.

Field Day - Pat WØOJU

Field Day is Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25. Set up will start on Friday, June 23.

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 2A 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.

Four laptops using 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.

Publications - Brian WEØBEP

Brian is always looking for articles, committee reports, updates from special events, etc. Please send your articles to him.

Special Events - Pat KØCTU No report, but it was noted that the following special events will be held: Corporate Cup Run (April 16)

Nebraska State Track Meet (May 17-20) Ralston Independence Day Parade (July 4) Summer picnic (July 16)

Repeater - John WBØCMC

John reported that he has obtained spare parts for the repeater as backups in case they are no longer in production. The repeater is still hanging up on occasion and he will work with Mary NØTRK to test.

John asked if anyone was interested in a morse code class as he read an article where juniors are getting involved with sending code.

Courtesy - Bill KDØFJR No report.

Old Business None

New Business Julie NØWAV noted that if a club member joins or renews their ARRL membership and notes they are a member of AARC that our club will get a percentage of their renewal.

Marty WØZZK discussed the radio room at the Red Cross building. The room was in poor shape as it was inaccessible and used for storage during the Covid blackout period. The Red Cross would like to have the room operational again to build up their communication capability in the Iowa and Nebraska regions. Marty is working with Greg KCØVTO and Matt ALØR on getting the room working again. There are three VHF/UHF radios, one 220 radio, and one HF radio (owned by AARC). Marty is looking for volunteers and noted that the Red Cross has no funds available for the radio room.

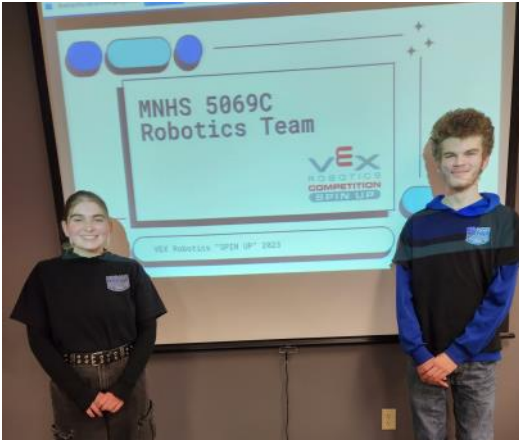
Announcements John WBØCMC announced that ATV and DStar will be back up and running shortly on a new antenna on the KIOS tower.

Greg KCØVTO that the Douglas County ARES group is holding a training meeting on Tuesday, March 14, at 19:00 at the Red Cross. The program will be setting up Google Chat for online transmission of pictures, and training on a simulated tornado. Please bring an HT as practice exercises will be held on simplex frequencies. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Greg also noted that the National Weather Service has scheduled in-person and virtual spotter training classes so please check their website for dates and locations.

A motion to adjourn was made by John WBØCMC and seconded by Julie NØWAV. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.

The program this month was presented by Ryley Herman and Cameron on high school robotics. A PDF of their presentation is available at

<https://bit.ly/3l2tpNM>



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."

Nebraska QSO Party

April 15th and 16th

A State QSO Party is a contest where you try to work as many stations as possible in a specific state or group of states. Because multipliers are usually counties of that state, you also try to work as many counties as you can. Many in-state stations operate mobile, driving around the state to activate as many counties as possible. Typically, State QSO Parties are a little more laid back in intensity so they can be a fun activity for newer contesters.

This year, the Nebraska QSO Party will be held on April 15th and 16th. The complete operating rules can be found at <https://nebraskaqsoparty.com> so you can check out the details there. There are 3 entry classes, Out-of-State, Nebraska Fixed, and Nebraska Mobile/Portable. All bands VHF/UHF bands count, and all HF bands – with the exception of the WARC bands (12 meters, 17 meters and 12 Meters) .

Nebraska is a sought out contact for many people trying to get their Worked All States (WAS) award, and the more people we have on the air, the more hams outside of the state will take part and make the Nebraska QSO Party more fun.

If you aren't quite ready to get on the air by yourself, the Western Division HQ SATERN group will be on the air from their station at the Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services building. They plan on operating from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm and welcome everyone to stop by and get on the air with them.

Stop by anytime at 10629 Burt Circle and get in on the fun! They will be listening to 146.550 MHz simplex during the event.

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Area Nets (Updated 14 April, 2023)

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.
8:00 PM 147.390 Bellevue ARC Protocol Net
9:00 PM 146.940 AARC Chat Net. Ak-Sar-Ben ARC Omaha, NE.

Tuesday

8:00 PM 147.390 Bellvue ARC Tech Net
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.
8:00 PM 147.390 147.390 KNOBSA Radio Scouting Net.
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.
7:00 PM 145.290 Hartland Hams TechNet.
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.

2nd Annual AARC Parking Lot Swap Meet August 2023!

Make sure to make your calendars now and get all of your “excess, prized ham gear” ready to sell at the August AARC parking lot swap meet! Back by popular demand is our now, annual parking lot swap meet. This will be a great time to come and enjoy browsing from trunk/tailgate to trunk. Our annual swap meet will take the place of our regular membership meeting Friday, August 11, 2023. The swap meet will begin at 6p.m. and run until 9p.m., or until everything/everybody is spent/out of cash. Bring a chair to sit on as we will be selling out of our trunks/pickup tailgates. Refreshments will be provided. We are also extending an invitation to the Bellevue club to participate with us and enjoy the comradery of our two clubs.

The American Red Cross building lower level located at 2912 South 80th Street in Omaha. Basically a block South of 80th & Center Street.

