



# Membership Form 2013

This form may be used for any of the following purposes (check all that apply):

- Pay Dues ( New  Renew)
- Change of Mailing Address
- Update personal information (new callsign, upgrade, etc.)

**Personal Information**

Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member?  Yes  No

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Ham Hum Delivery:  Mail  Email

**Spouse Information (complete only for spouse applying at same time)**

Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member?  Yes  No

**Minor Dependent (complete only for minors applying at the same time)**

|                 |                     |            |  |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------|--|
| Call Sign _____ | License Class _____ | Name _____ | ARRL Member?   |
|                 |                     |            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| _____           | _____               | _____      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| _____           | _____               | _____      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

**New Member Application Signature**

I agree to conduct my activities in accord with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

| <b>Annual Dues</b><br>(January thru December)               |  |                   |
|---|--|-------------------|
| <b>For Club Use Only – DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA</b>        |  |                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Member                        | \$20.00 year                                 | Amount: _____     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accompanying Spouse                | \$ 4.00 year                                 | Amount: _____     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accompanying Minor Dependent       | \$ 4.00 year times number of minors renewing | Amount: _____     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Member (full time student) | \$ 8.00 year                                 | Amount: _____     |
|   |  | Total Paid: _____ |

Make sure your information is correct and return this form to the Club with your dues. Dues are payable at any time and are considered in arrears if not received by Feb 28. Club members renewing within two years of their last year of paid membership must still pay the the full years dues. After two years, members must reapply for membership.

# Ham Hum

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## Special End-of-Year Issue

This issue contains lots of interesting articles and important information that you need to know. Some of it concerns the direction the Club will be taking in the following months. Please see the notices below and read the issue carefully.

### BOARD MEETING NOTICE

The next AARC Board of Directors meeting is set for Thursday, December 27th. Time and location are unchanged: 6:30 PM at Village Inn, 78th and Dodge. Note that this, and future meeting dates, may be changed by the incoming AARC President.

### ATTENTION

Please read *Special AARC Board Meeting* on page 5.

## Time to Nominate AARC Officers

See Page 7 for nomination forms. Candidate bios on page 8

### December Meeting: Door Prizes! Good Food!

There will be plenty of drawings for several door prizes (including books, antennas, radios), at least four types of chili and a meat platter, and election of Club Officers. Be sure to attend!  
*Friday, December 14th, 7:00 PM, Red Cross Building, 81<sup>st</sup> & Spring Streets, Omaha, NE.*



**Grand Prize: Kenwood TM-281A**

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### Club Officers & Board Members

|                          |               |        |              |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------|--------------|---------------------|
| President                | Mary Joseph   | NØTRK  | 402-492-9156 | n0trk@arrl.net      |
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| 2012 Director            | Dave Rice     | NØJSB  | 402-571-8915 | davegr@netzero.net  |
| Immediate Past President | John Gebuhr   | WBØCMC | 402-932-3443 | wb0cmc@cox.net      |

### Club Committees

|                            |                |        |              |                  |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------|--------------|------------------|
| Courtesy Committee         | Bill McCollum  | KEØXQ  |              |                  |
| Education                  | Mary Joseph    | NØTRK  | 402-492-9156 | n0trk@arrl.net   |
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| Membership                 | Mary Joseph    | NØTRK  | 402-492-9156 | n0trk@arrl.net   |
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### Repeater Committee

|                       |               |        |              |                 |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------|--------------|-----------------|
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### Other Contacts

|                               |                 |        |              |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------|--------------|-----------------|
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### Address Change?

If you've changed your mailing address, or would prefer to receive the Ham Hum via email, please contact Mary NØTRK (Membership) or Bill KCØSVZ (Publications) with your new information.

### AARC on the Web

**Club Web Site:** <http://www.aksarbenarc.org/>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/aksarbenarc>

**Yahoo! Groups:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AKSARBENTalk/>

## Club Calendar

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| <b>Dec 12</b> | 7:30 PM LARC Meeting. 4647 Superior St, Lincoln, NE.                                    |
| <b>Dec 14</b> | 7:00 PM AARC Club Meeting. Red Cross Building, 81 <sup>st</sup> & Spring St, Omaha, NE. |
| <b>Dec 15</b> | 6:00 PM AARC Coffee. Perkins Restaurant, 108 <sup>th</sup> & L Streets, Omaha, NE.      |
| <b>Dec 19</b> | 7:00 PM Heartland Hams, 403 Railroad Ave., Glenwood, IA.                                |
| <b>Dec 27</b> | 6:30 PM AARC Board Meeting. Village Inn, 7837 Dodge St., Omaha, NE.                     |
| <b>Dec 27</b> | 6:30 PM SWIARC Christmas Get-together. Golden Corral, Council Bluffs, IA.               |
| <b>Dec 28</b> | 7:30 PM PARC Meeting. 1900 E. Military Ave, Fremont, NE.                                |
| <b>Jan 11</b> | 7:00 PM AARC Club Meeting. Red Cross Building, 81 <sup>st</sup> & Spring St, Omaha, NE. |
| <b>Jan 12</b> | 11:00 AM HBQRP, Bredeaux Pizza, 1425 Silver St., Ashland, NE.                           |
| <b>Jan 16</b> | 7:00 PM Heartland Hams, 403 Railroad Ave., Glenwood, IA.                                |
| <b>Jan 17</b> | 7:30 PM BARC Meeting. Masonic Hall, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue, NE                      |
| <b>Jan 19</b> | 6:00 PM AARC Coffee. Perkins Restaurant, 108 <sup>th</sup> & L Streets, Omaha, NE.      |
| <b>Jan 24</b> | 7:30 PM PARC Meeting. 1900 E. Military Ave, Fremont, NE.                                |
| <b>Jan 24</b> | 7:30 PM SWIARC Meeting. 705 N 16 <sup>th</sup> , Council Bluffs, IA.                    |
| <b>Jan 29</b> | 6:30 PM AARC VE Session, Red Cross Building, 81st & Spring St, Omaha NE.                |

*Note: The Bellevue Amateur Radio Club Holiday Dinner was held on December 6th. Their next regular meeting will be January 17, 2013.*

For more details and the latest updates, see the *Calendar* section of the AARC web site (<http://www.aksarbenarc.org/>).

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*You may be a ham radio operator if... You regularly carry one or more tools in your pockets at any given time.*

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## Area Nets

| Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  |
|---|--|--|
| <u>7:00 PM</u> 145.290 South-West Iowa ARES Glenwood, IA.         | <u>7:00 PM</u> 147.360 QCWA Hams who have been hams for at least 25 years. | <u>7:00 PM</u> 146.670 Dodge Co. ARES Dodge Co, NE.                  |
| <u>8:00 PM</u> 144.250 NE Missouri SWOT.                          | <u>8:00 PM</u> 50.200 6m SSB Net.  | <u>8:00 PM</u> 145.310 Saunders Co. ARES Saunders Co, NE.            |
| <u>9:00 PM</u> 146.940 AARC Social Net. Ak-Sar-Ben ARC Omaha, NE. | <u>9:00 PM</u> 145.310 Washington Co. ARES Washington Co, NE.              | <u>9:00 PM</u> 146.820 Pottawattamie County ARES Council Bluffs, IA. |
| Thursday  | Saturday   | Sunday   |
| <u>8:00 PM</u> 144.250 2-Meter SSB Net.                           | <u>12:00 PM</u> 146.82 Swap Net Council Bluffs, IA.                        | <u>8:00 AM</u> 3.902.500 Swap Net.                                   |
| <u>8:00 PM</u> 146.360 Heartland DX Association.                  | <u>8:30 PM</u> 3.921.000 QCWA Chapter 20.                                  | <u>8:30 AM</u> 3.896.000 3900 Club.                                  |
|   |  | <u>8:30 PM</u> 443.925+ (103.5 tone) IRLP Net.                       |
|   |  | <u>9:00 PM</u> 146.940- Douglas Co. ARES net, KØUSA repeater.        |

Please let us know of any updates or corrections to the above.

# AARC Presidential Hall of Fame

Here's a list of all the people on record who have served as President of the Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club since 1945. There's an opening for 2013. Consider seeing your name there the next time this is published.

|                              |                                |                           |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1945 Nels Peter Nelson W7RCF | 1969 Royce Johnson WAØKIL      | 1992 Dave Kline WJØZ      |
| 1946 John F. Leeder WØØUFD   | 1970 Harold McClenahan WAØDGA  | 1993 Bill McCollum KEØXQ  |
| 1947 Arthur R Gaeth WØFQB    | 1971 James Droge WØYCP         | 1994 Todd LeMense KKØDX   |
| 1948 Herbert Curry WØQXR     | 1972 Edward Askew WAØRDZ       | 1995 Mary Joseph NØTRK    |
| 1949 Elmer Stein WØAVM       | 1973 Russ Minks WAØVEE         | 1996 Eddie Edwards KØIL   |
| 1950 Leon Becker W6AID       | 1974 Vernard Riportella WA2LQQ | 1997 Rick Graham AAØH     |
| 1951 Earle Olson WØJKE       | 1974 Marion Wilczynski WBØBMV  | 1998 Linda Newman WØNSA   |
| 1952 John Orr WØPHW          | 1975 Marion Wilczynski WBØBMV  | 1998 Darwin Piatt WB5HZH  |
| 1953 R.J. Strange WØQHG      | 1976 Edward Eichler WBØBCB     | 1999 Scott Avery KA4ZZQ   |
| 1954 Frank Cooper W3NV       | 1977 Robert Conley WBØLYU      | 2000 Joe Mastandrea N2DLY |
| 1955 Arthur Sadler W9KHD     | 1978 James Peterson KFØFO      | 2001 Patrick Joseph KØCTU |
| 1956 Dick Eilers WØYZV       | 1979 Thomas Thiessen KØPQR     | 2002 Dick Newsome WØHXL   |
| 1957 Curtis Hicks KØAMM      | 1980 Richard Jugel KØDG        | 2003 Jim Westcott KAØKCV  |
| 1958 Edward Gutmann WØCQX    | 1981 James Wilson WBØJPN       | 2004 Steve Schmitz NØUP   |
| 1959 David Hollander W6COJ   | 1982 Walter Brown KAØDMB       | 2005 Steve Schmitz NØUP   |
| 1960 Max McKinney WØYVV      | 1983 William Martin NØANQ      | 2006 Bill McCollum KEØXQ  |
| 1961 John Droscher KØKWB     | 1984 David Hamilton NØCLW      | 2007 Todd LeMense KKØDX   |
| 1962 Royal Enders KØLYQ      | 1985 David Hamilton NØCLW      | 2008 Gregg Babbit WØAAI   |
| 1963 Joseph Berounsky KØQDB  | 1986 Jim Sanford NØAIH         | 2009 Corby Krick KØSKW    |
| 1964 Louis Cutler WØVLI      | 1987 Duke Humphrey WDØEWH      | 2010 Corby Krick KØSKW    |
| 1965 Edmond Domze WØYEV      | 1988 Bill True WA9ASD          | 2010 John Gebuhr WBØCMC   |
| 1966 Byron Smith Sr WAØICK   | 1989 Mitch Gagne NØAZF         | 2011 Mary Joseph NØTRK    |
| 1967 Ervan Heinz WAØEEM      | 1990 Ken Noel AJØA             | 2012 Mary Joseph NØTRK    |
| 1968 Robert Lockwood WAØDHU  | 1991 John Gebuhr WBØCMC        | 2013                      |



# Club Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2012

*Bill WA9ASD, Secretary AARC*

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by saying the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 22 attendees. Introductions by name and call.

Officers and Board members present included: Mary, NØTRK; Bill, WA9ASD; Dave, NØJSB; Adam KDØMMG and John, WBØCMC.

Secretary's Report - A motion was made by Jim, KAØKCV, seconded by Barb, KCØHLB, to accept the October club meeting minutes as published in *Ham Hum*. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - In Marv's absence Mary provided the Treasurer's Report. There were deposits of \$636.11 and payments of \$327.65 during the month bringing the balance in all of the accounts to \$23,101.58.

President's Report - Mary, NØTRK - Mary reported that nominating committee will consist of Pat, KØCTU and Adam, KDØMMG. When they call, and they will be calling each of you to help run the club in the coming year, please say yes. You won't have to do it by yourself as there is lots of help from the board and previous holders of the positions.

The Annual Meeting in December will be a chili feed, as was last year's, following the election of officers. There will be sandwich fixin's and door prizes. Mary, Dave and Barb, KCØHLB volunteered to bring chili.

Program Committee - Tonight's program will be about the upcoming restoration of the USS Hazard at Freedom Park. They have a great Facebook page. We are also looking for program ideas for January.

Public Service - ARES/SATERN/Community Events -

- ARES and OMMRS - Mary reported there will be less meeting and more training this winter.
- SATERN - no report
- ARES - no report

Education Committee - Mary, NØTRK - We need to decide on the next set of dates in January or February.

Membership Committee - Mary, NØTRK - Pay your dues.

The following new membership applications were received:

- Paul Orwig, N6RBL
- Devin Wight, N6YXL
- Brian Pitchanau, KDØSVD

A motion was made by Dave, NØJSB and John, WBØCMC and seconded by Barb, KCØHLB and Jim, KAØKCV to accept these 3 applications for membership. Unanimously approved.

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Publications/Web Services

- Ham Hum - Bill, KCØSVZ - It's out.
- Web Services - it's there

Repeater Committee - John, WBØCMC - Use the repeater.

Field Day - Will be coming up in June and we will be requesting the same location as this year due to the friendly surroundings and nearby food.

QSL Committee/Technical Committee - no report

Courtesy Committee - A card was sent to the family of WØAEX, SK.

Trailer Committee - Mary, NØTRK - The trailer needs to be moved to its winter home.

Equipment Committee - Mary, NØTRK - The Kenwood TS-440SAT sold at the Sioux City Hamfest along with several other items.

The new HTs loan checkout agreement should be finalized soon - there was too much going on to finish it.

The club's Kenwood TS-570 was used at JOTA and it works well. We should decide what we want to do with the rig. Keep it for loan and/or operating events or sell it.

Public Awareness - Jamboree On The Air was Saturday, October 20. Thirty to forty scouts stopped by our station at Camp Cedars and a number talked on the radio. We worked 3 stations in Germany including the German National Scout Station. There was also an Echolink contact to Malaysia. This was great fun and should be a regular event for us.

Flea Market - Pat, KØCTU - We should set the date for next year and start making vendor contacts.

Old Business - The letter offering the tower work to the Red Cross was sent and needs to be discussed with the Red Cross administrator.

New Business - none

Announcements - The Club received a certificate for winning the Nebraska low power club award in Sweepstakes last year.

The Ontario Section in Canada has been split up into 4 sections.

Door Prize Committee - Rollie, ABØNN - There were no door prizes as Rollie was unable to attend the meeting.

At 7:31 PM a motion was made by John, WBØCMC, seconded by Adam, KDØMMG to end the meeting. Passed by unanimous vote.

*Bill WA9ASD, Secretary AARC*

## Contest Calendar

December 2012

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|--|--|
| NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint            | 0130Z-0330Z, Dec 12                                      |
| QRP Fox Hunt                             | 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 12                                      |
| CWops Mini-CWT Test                      | 1300Z-1400Z, 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 12 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 13 |
| NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint                  | 1800Z-2000Z, Dec 12                                      |
| QRP Fox Hunt                             | 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 14                                      |
| NCCC Sprint                              | 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 14                                      |
| Feld Hell Sprint                         | 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 15                                      |
| OK DX RTTY Contest                       | 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 15                                      |
| Croatian CW Contest                      | 1400Z, Dec 15 to 1400Z, Dec 16                           |
| ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW                  | 1800Z-2359Z, Dec 16                                      |
| QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint | 2000Z-2359Z, Dec 16                                      |
| Run for the Bacon QRP Contest            | 0200Z-0400Z, Dec 17                                      |
| QRP Fox Hunt                             | 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 19                                      |
| QRP Fox Hunt                             | 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 21                                      |
| NCCC Sprint                              | 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 21                                      |
| AGB-Party Contest                        | 2100Z-2400Z, Dec 21                                      |
| RAEM Contest                             | 0000Z-1159Z, Dec 23                                      |
| SKCC Sprint                              | 0000Z-0200Z, Dec 26                                      |
| QRP Fox Hunt                             | 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 26                                      |
| DARC Christmas Contest                   | 0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26                                      |
| NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint            | 0130Z-0330Z, Dec 27                                      |
| QRP Fox Hunt                             | 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 28                                      |
| NCCC Sprint                              | 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 28                                      |
| RAC Winter Contest                       | 0000Z-2359Z, Dec 29                                      |
| Stew Perry Topband Challenge             | 1500Z, Dec 29 to 1500Z, Dec 30                           |

January 2013

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| SARTG New Year RTTY Contest | 0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1           |
| AGCW Happy New Year Contest | 0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1           |
| QRP Fox Hunt                | 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 2           |
| QRP Fox Hunt                | 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 4           |
| NCCC Sprint Ladder          | 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 4           |
| PODXS 070 Club PSKFest      | 0000Z-2400Z, Jan 5           |
| ARRL RTTY Roundup           | 1800Z, Jan 5 to 2400Z, Jan 6 |
| EUCW 160m Contest           | 2000Z, Jan 5 to 0700Z, Jan 6 |
| QRP Fox Hunt                | 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 9           |

Sources: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html> & <http://www.aksarbenarc.org/>

## Ham Hum Contributors 2012

The following people (sorted by call sign) helped in the publication of the *Ham Hum* in 2012; either by writing articles and letters, or submitting photographs and want ads, or proofreading the prepublication copy—and sometimes two or more of the above: Pat KØCTU, Ed KØIL, Denny KØLGI, Corby KØSKW, Scott KA4ZZQ, Dan KB6NU, Jim KCØSHZ, Sean KDØQQZ, Bill KEØXQ, Peter KE7RDM, Mary NØTRK, Steve NØUP, Mark N9XTN, Rich WAØZQG, Bill WA9ASD, John WBØCMC, Mitch WBØGBI, John WY2J, Brigitte Young, Eric Plautz, and Linda True.

Thank-you all. You made my job easier.

*Bill KCØSVZ, Ham Hum Editor*

## Saturday Night Coffee

Claudia K1AUD was the first to arrive, followed by Dick KBØKJV and Bill KCØSVZ. Finally, in no particular order, Christina NØRIS, Mary NØTRK, and Pat KØCTU showed up.

We placed our orders and talked about a number of Club-related topics including November Sweeps—both current and last year's, Sunday Night Net, and the Hazard Radio Room project. We also discussed other subjects, such as literal translations of French cuisine, the legality of lights on (or under) cars, bicycling, the end of the world, and rules of inheritance. In all, it was an educational and entertaining evening.

The AARC Coffee event is held at Perkins restaurant at the corner of 108th and L Streets in Omaha on the third Saturday of the month, starting at 6 PM. Everyone is invited.

Bill KCØSVZ

## November Door Prizes

There was bad news and good news announced at the November meeting. The bad news was that Chairman Rollie, ABØNN, was unable to attend the November meeting, so there wasn't a drawing for door prizes. Woe.

The good news was that Anton Reeh, UN1QUE, had donated a special prize to be awarded to the November speaker, Peter KE7RDM. Mr. Reeh wasn't attending the meeting either, but his biographer, Bill WA9ASD, stood in for him to present the prize. After telling Peter a bit about Anton's history (see *Ham Hum*, June 2012, pg. 11), Bill presented to him a vintage set of 600 ohm headphones. They were from the same era as the USS Hazard and would fit in nicely with the radio room exhibit.

Note that the proceeds for each month's tickets go for buying next month's prizes. Each month's tickets are kept and included in the **Grand Prize** drawing in December (*Kenwood TM-281A!*). The more tickets you buy each month, the better your chances of winning at the end of the year.

Bill KCØSVZ

## Want Ads

For Sale: OSJ - Model OSJ 146/440 Dual Band J-Pole New, bulk packaged Arrow Dual Band J-Pole antenna. All proceeds from the sale go back to the Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club. Available for pickup at any AARC Club meeting. Price: \$35. Contact any AARC Officer at a Club meeting, or send email through the Club web site at <http://www.aksarbenarc.org/main/index.php/eswap/4-antennas>

Wanted: Linksys Router Did you upgrade your router? Still have your old one in the closet? I am looking for Wireless Linksys Router Models WRT54G (version 1 - 4) WRT54GS (version 1- 4) WRT54GL (any version). If you aren't sure of the version, email me the first 4 characters of the serial number and I can tell you if I can use it. This is for a ham radio project. Willing to pay \$10 for complete and working units, Will still take them off your hands if they aren't working. Price: \$10. Contact: Mary NØTRK at AARC meeting, or email [n0trk@arrl.net](mailto:n0trk@arrl.net)

## Special AARC Board Meeting

December 5, 2012

Bill WA9ASD, Secretary AARC

### Introduction

At last month's club meeting, Peter Dalieri, KE7RDM presented a report on the progress of restoring Freedom Park following the flooding and his project to restore the radio room to its original state. In that presentation several items were noted as missing; 806 and 860 tubes for the HF transmitter, roller inductors for that transmitter, and the VHF transmitter-receiver, a TBS-6 unit.

As a result of his presentation, an 803 tube was donated by a local radio station thanks to the efforts of AARC member Greg KGØS.

Peter also reported that he had recently located an original TBS-6, new in the original packing for sale for \$2,500 from an individual in Pennsylvania. They had negotiated a reduced price and he was raising funds to purchase it. He was also in talks with a local transportation company about getting the unit shipped to Omaha.

On December 2nd, Peter was informed that the people restoring the USS Alabama had heard about the TBS-6 and made a better offer than the price it has been offered to the Hazard (no price was mentioned). The seller agreed to honor the negotiated price of \$2000 for the Hazard provided the sale could be completed in 2 weeks.

Upon hearing of these developments there was a flurry of e-mails among board members about the Club possibly contributing to the purchase of the TBS-6. Mary, upon getting mostly positive responses to this idea, called a special board meeting for December 5th at 6:30 PM at Panera Bread at 78th and Dodge. What follows are the minutes from that meeting.

### Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 PM and the following people were present. Mary, NØTRK; Dave, NØJSB; Marv, AEØEG; Bill WA9ASD; Adam, KDØMMG; John, WBØCMC and Pat KØCTU.

Mary reiterated the sequence of events of the last two weeks regarding the donations to the Hazard and the progress on the negotiations for the purchase of the TBS-6.

She also reported that through conversations with our contact in the Parks Department that the City of Omaha would handle the purchase, provided the funds were available from donations. Although the reconstruction of Freedom Park was on hold due to unrelated legal issues, the city was definitely going to move ahead with recovery efforts as soon as possible.

There was a brief discussion of the Club's account balances and near-term cash requirements. The only project coming up was the grounding of the Red Cross tower and that was thought to not require a significant amount of spending. It was also noted that there had been over \$1,000 realized from the sale of donated equipment and that there were still some fairly expensive items remaining to be sold.

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At this point John, WBØCMC made a motion, seconded by Bill, WA9ASD to supply \$1500 for the purchase of the TBS-6 transmitter/receiver for the USS Hazard and to recover as much of that as possible from donations and the sale of excess Club equipment. Discussion followed. When put to a vote the motion was unanimously approved.

There was then a motion at 7:15 PM by John, WBØCMC, seconded by Adam, KDØMMG to adjourn, which was followed by another unanimous vote.

Peter was contacted by e-mail following the meeting. He expressed his gratitude for the Club's contribution to the project.

*Bill WA9ASD, Secretary AARC*

## ***Thank-you From Freedom Park***

*Corby KØSKW*

So last week, I received an original envelope from the USS Hazard in my mailbox. Contained inside was a thank-you letter from Peter Dalieri, KE7RDM, written on the official letterhead he referenced in his program.

He writes:

Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club,

Freedom Park, the USS Hazard, and I personally would like to thank you for the opportunity to come speak to your wonderful club. We would also like to thank you for awarding the USS Hazard with the door prize, a pair of comfortable headphones! These will be put to good use once the Radio Room project is complete! Hopefully you will come and use them on Museum Ships Day, Field Day, or even just on a weekend!

We hope you will continue to support Freedom Park in the future as we can not continue our mission of education, remembrance, and preservation without help. Like your organization, Freedom Park attempts to spread knowledge and passion to a new generation as well as those who merely have an interest. We look forward to a continued partnership between Freedom Park and the AARC. Thanks again!

Sincerely,  
Peter Dalieri  
Project Manager,  
Freedom Park

## **Restoring the Hazard Radio Room**



*Peter KE7RDM*

The speaker for the November meeting was Peter Dalieri, KE7RDM, who gave a presentation on the plans for restoring the USS Hazard at Freedom Park in Omaha. This includes repairing external flood damage in general, and making the radio room operational in particular. As the Project Manager assigned to that task, Peter's goal is to make the radio room fully operational with actual equipment that it would have used in World War II.

Peter began the talk with a brief history of the Hazard—how it was commissioned as a combination mine sweeper/patrol craft/escort vessel after Pearl Harbor on December 7th. It was moved to Omaha in the 70s and, after

Freedom Park was acquired by the City of Omaha in 2004, it was decided to restore the ship to its peak years of 1946.

The project received a setback due to the Missouri River flood in 2011. Peter showed slides depicting the park before, during, and after the flood. The park grounds, buildings, and some of the exhibits were damaged. For the most part, the Hazard came through okay, but it had shifted position and its outer hull needed cleaning and repainting.

He stated that restoration was to be a multiple-step project: Catalog and clean the current inventory (almost done), clean and repaint the deck and walls, start restoring the equipment (including the antenna system), then test the equipment on site. Finally, announce the Grand Opening once everything is ready. The goal is to have this all done and on they air in 2013—though the exact timeline depends on when the City of Omaha can restore power to the area.

The biggest problems are to get working models of the original equipment. The TBS-710 transmitter/receiver is missing, along with working 860 and 803 transmitter tubes. (Note: Part of this problem has been solved with the help of AARC. See *Special AARC Board Meeting* on page 5.)

The project depends on donations and volunteer work; they have no budget from the city, so Peter would like to see AARC members get involved. He'd made a notebook available for getting the names and addresses of people who wished to volunteer or wanted more information. Though AARC has committed to providing some funding, the project still needs the technical expertise of Club members to get the equipment operational.

If you would like to help, please contact Peter Dalieri at (402) 909-5197, or email [freedomparkomaha@gmail.com](mailto:freedomparkomaha@gmail.com).

(For updates on the Hazard and other exhibits at Freedom Park, see their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FREEDOMPARK>)

*Bill KCØSVZ*

# Sunday .94 Net 11/25

Rich WAØZQG

Steve NØUP ran the net Sunday 11/25 and checked in these 16 local hams:

| NØUP   | Steve | TAPR             |
|--------|-------|------------------|
| KØCBS  | Mark  |                  |
| KDØFJR | Bill  | Mtn.Lake, QRZ    |
| KDØSTT | Mike  | QRZ, Space WX    |
| KQØJ   | Joel  |                  |
| KBØUWR | Art   |                  |
| KDØSTQ | Ray   |                  |
| WØAAI  | Greg  | QRZ, HamRadio    |
| NØTRK  | Mary  |                  |
| WAØZQG | Rich  | ARL, Ak Club     |
| NØVUB  | Mark  | QRZ, eHam & IRLP |
| WØATU  | Jim   |                  |
| WBØGBI | Mitch | AC6V, ZeroBuro   |
| KDØEFC | Jarad | eHam, FCC        |
| KDØSPD | Kate  | QRZ, App HmTk    |
| KØCTU  | Pat   |                  |

After it was over, ZQG polled the net to ask for popular Ham Radio related Internet sites. Most popular was **QRZ**, and a few others like **eHam** also drew comments. Mitch GBI and Mike STT offered the most diversified lists of favorites. Of course, not everyone had the time to reply.

QRZ <<http://qrz.com/>>, eHam <<http://www.eham.net/>>, SunspotWatch <<http://sunspotwatch.com/>>, ARRL <<http://www.arrl.org/>>, APRS Mountain Lake <<http://aprs.mountainlake.k12.mn.us/>>, AARC <<http://www.aksarbenarc.org/main/>>, SpaceWeather.com <<http://spaceweather.com/>>, hfradio.org <<http://hfradio.org/>>, Ham tech applications for phones (*iPhone, Android, etc.*), SolarHam.com <<http://www.solarham.net/>>, WØ QSL Bureau <<http://zeroburo.org/>>, AC6V <<http://ac6v.com/>>, RigReference.com <<http://rigreference.com/>>, DXSummit <<http://dxsummit.fi/>>, Ham Radio Outlet <<http://hamradio.com/>>, National Weather Service <<http://www.weather.gov/>>, TAPR <<http://www.tapr.org/>>, IRLP <<http://www.irlp.net/>>, FCC <<http://www.fcc.gov/>>

## AARC Officer Nominations

We have once again reached the time of year for Club Officer nominations. This includes President, Vice-President, and Directors. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions.

**President:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vice-President:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

Assess your dedication, position, and ability to accept a floor nomination. Help continue to keep AARC an ongoing strong organization. Realistically, it takes only a couple hours each month. If you are interested or willing to take a position please contact one of the current Club officers to discuss the details. Please consider helping.

## AK-SAR-BEN ARC PROXY

This form is used to have your vote represented by a member attending the annual business meeting in the event you are unable to attend. If you cannot attend, decide on whom or what you wish to vote and instruct the recipient of your proxy to do so.

Known by all men by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_ as attorney and proxy to appear and cast the votes which the undersigned, as a member of the AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc., is entitled to cast at the annual meeting of said corporation, to be held at the Heartland Chapter House of the American Red Cross, 2912 South 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012, and at any adjournment thereof. The undersigned hereby instructs said attorney to vote:

1. For the election of new directors and officers of the corporation, and
2. Upon any other business which may properly be brought before the meeting of any adjournments thereof.

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

## AARC Officer Nominee Bios

### Director—Mitch Saure, WBØGBI

Mitch was first licensed in 1971 as WNØGBI, then advanced to Conditional, General, and Advanced class licenses. Mitch grew up in North Dakota, graduated from the University of North Dakota and taught high school science there for a few years. He went back to school, became an Optometrist and moved to Omaha in 1992. He was president of the ham radio club in college, taught code classes there and was a founding member of a repeater club in the state. Continuously licensed, but not always active, he got back into ham radio a few years ago after his two sons were out of school and had more time for ham activities. Mitch became a member of Aksarben ARC in 2009. His radio interests are DXing, some contesting, severe weather spotting, and ham club activities. Other interests include collecting antique broadcast radios, vintage ham radio receivers and transmitters, and repairing and restoring them. He also has a private pilot certificate, enjoys flying, and is a member of several aviation groups.

*Mitch WBØGBI*

### Secretary—Bill True, WA9ASD

Bill True first licensed as WN9ASD some time ago. He progressed through his Novice year with a home-brew transmitter and a couple of different used receivers. After a painful several months he successfully upgraded to a Conditional Class license with the call of WA9ASD. Successful upgrading consisted of finding the ham in town who had the worst (slowest) impression of what 13 wpm sounded like. This led to a couple of years of confounding the 'Donald Duck' guys by zero beating his transmitter with their signals. Everything was fine until they discovered the other sideband and the evil carrier in their receivers. "EEEWWWW, AM!" His first interference complaint came from the next door neighbor who said she could hear him on her telephone. The complaint was that she couldn't hear the other side of the conversation. His foray into 2 meters experienced no interference complaints although some local hams said they could hear his super-regenerative receiver.

Family-time and apartment living reduced his activity levels for a number of years. A missed renewal date for his license led to several dreaded trips to the Federal Building in Chicago to sit before the steely-eyed examiners to see, if among other things, he could fake correctly writing down 65 consecutive letters in a five minute sending period. This effort briefly gave him some oddball WD9 call. Fortunately, the Commission decided people could request calls and his beloved WA9ASD was restored. In anticipation of moving to, of all places, Omaha, he bought a *73 Magazine* 25 wpm random letter code tape for relaxation while driving to work. After about two months of this another trip to the Federal Building allowed him to guess his way through the multiple choice code test (what a breeze) and fail the written test. (Oh, you mean I have to take both the Advanced and Extra tests?) A month later the written test was conquered and all was well in hamdom. During this period a number of CBs got religion on 10 meters AM and FM, foxes were not safe in hiding, and some serious 2M

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SSB work occurred. There was also a little public service work, some Field Days, VHF contesting, and actions detrimental to the well being of a radio club that shall go unnamed.

Time in Omaha soon was consumed making code practice tapes and burning and shocking his way through several years of teaching license classes. This led to a lackluster year at the helm of Aksarben ARC, a year of board meetings, then abandonment of the club for almost 20 years. After termination of his 30 year career in Information Technology, he settled quietly to the hills west of Blair to figure out how to get this radio thing going again. With the help of some really smart people he hopes to find out what button to push to make the voices listen to him.

*Bill WA9ASD*

## KØUSA Wins First Place!



During the November meeting, Corby KØSKW announced that AARC station KØUSA had won first place in the 2011 November Sweeps, Nebraska section for the Multioperator, Low Power category (Phone). Station operators Mary NØTRK, Pat KØCTU, and Jim KCØSHZ made 105 QSOs for a recorded score of 11,970. See the ARRL web site at <http://tinyurl.com/acrafyz> and the December, 2011 issue of the *Ham Hum* for details.

*Bill KCØSVZ*