

account and savings, money market funds and CDs (\$5,038, \$16,081, \$2,258) the club's total financial assets are in the neighborhood of \$25k.

Claudia KC0SQX will apparently chair Field Day again and would like input as to location. Now. Get your preference to her by the 1st of March.

John CMC said the .94 repeater is working, and Pat CTU had a list of public service events coming up. Jim SHZ says the yearly Spotter Training will be at Boystown on Monday 22 March.

Steve N0UP said the annual Siren Test will take place on 2 different days, Wednesday 24 March and Saturday following, 03 April. Contact him if you'd like to participate. (This is one of the fun jobs.)

Mary N0TRK reported a successful License Class with several Extras, Generals, and Techs granted.

Our VP, Travis HCE, is typically program chairman, and Jim SHZ asked for one on AM propagation. Jim was also one of the people mentioned as a possible successor to the office of club President when Corby leaves the state. We'd decided to terminate the print version of Ham Hum, but will do one more, at the very least a Post Card to announce the upcoming mid-term election for President as called for in the club By-Laws. That was another subject of whether or how to reinvigorate the club. Rich ZQG stood up to show a 20 year old Ham Hum and suggested the club is best served and invigorated with a print newsletter, good 2M repeater, plus regular nets and in-person club meetings. He also gave a little history, how the Ham Hum name was suggested by Bob W0HZE's girl friend Mary Richardson in 1951, and that Dick Eilers W0YZV was editor for the first 35 years. (He owned an insurance company and his secretary did a lot of the work.) The current editor, Steve N0UP is one of the longest serving at 4 years.

Bill XQ and John CMC, sitting together in back, noticed about half the attendees were ex-presidents of the club and asked for a show of hands. Yeah, about. Around three-quarters of the audience raised their hands when the call was for ex-Board Members.

Gerry POZ is another member about to move, and will be replaced as Volunteer Examiner Coordinator by Bill K9RZ. The meeting ended at 8:32 PM.

Member Note: Rich KB0KJV (King James Version) was making repeaters out of used commercial rigs way back when but his were for the Civil Air Patrol, and due to the wide split, 143 to 149 Mc., didn't have to have cavity duplexers. One he made was from RCA parts and used 2 vertical antennae mounted one over the other for separation.

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Ham Hum

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IMPORTANT NEWS

There will be nominations and elections for the offices of President and Vice President at the March club meeting. Jim KC0SHZ has stepped up for the office of President, nominations will be accepted at the meeting

This will be the last printed issue of the Ham Hum, with the price of materials and postage and the lack of a new editor, the Board has decided to discontinue the printed Ham Hum.

Omaha News - Feb 2010 (or the meeting according to Rich)

We didn't have a January meeting of the Ak club in Omaha due to weather and December's was occupied with elections. At the February Board Meeting returning club president (until March) Corby K0SKW presided as several ideas were presented to reinvigorate the club. One was to have a club station at the Salvation Army site, 38th and Cuming Streets, and another was a scheme of awarding points for various activities with the winner getting a real nice thousand dollar class rig at the end of the year. No decision was made.

Twenty six people were at the regular 7:30 meeting and again, several offered suggestions to improve the club. These stalwart members (and one new applicant, Steve KD0JOC) showed up:

Corby	K0SKW	Pr	Travis	KD0HCE	VP	Dick	N6KVA
Greg	W0AAI		Rich	KB0KJV		Bob	NB0B
Rollie	AB0NN		John	WB0CMC		Gerry	WA6POZ
Pat	K0CTU		Jim	KC0SHZ		Bill	KD0GJS
Claudia	KC0SQX		Derek	KD0INN		Bill	KC0SVZ
Steve	KD0JOC		Mary	N0TRK		Greg	N7JOD
Ron	N0UCM		Dave	N0JSB		Steve	N0UP
Bill	KE0XQ		& Chris			Norm	WA0JYD
Rich	WA0ZQG						

Corby SKW and Travis HCE both expect to leave the state early in the year and are concerned with getting timely replacements. Also, we don't currently have a Treasurer, but last year's (Brian KM0Y) sent along current balances in the various accounts. Checking was down to \$761, but with \$1,152 in the repeater

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Upcoming Events

March 12	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Business Meeting, 6:30 PM Red Cross
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March 20	Lincoln Hamfest and ARRL Nebraska State Convention
March 22	Spotter Training, Douglas County, 7:00pm Boys Town Music Hall, 13715 Flanagan Blvd. Park in the Lot South of the building. Enter through the Front Doors. NO Parking on Flanagan Blvd. violators will be towed at their expense.
March 24	Wednesday Siren Test, Douglas County, n0up@cox.net for info
March 27	Weatherfest, Lincoln NE
April 1	Spotter Training, Sarpy County, 7:00pm, Fire Training Academy, 3100 Cornhusker Rd.
April 3	Saturday Siren Test, Douglas County, n0up@cox.net for info

Contest Calendar

March, 2010

RSGB Commonwealth Contest	1000Z, Mar 13 to 1000Z, Mar 14
AGCW QRP Contest	1400Z-2000Z, Mar 13
Feld Hell Sprint	1600Z-1800Z, Mar 13
EA PSK31 Contest	1600Z, Mar 13 to 1600Z, Mar 14
Elecraft QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 13 to 1800Z, Mar 14
Idaho QSO Party	1900Z, Mar 13 to 1900Z, Mar 14
Wisconsin QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 14 to 0100Z, Mar 15
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Mar 18
10-10 Int. Mobile Contest	0001Z-2359Z, Mar 20
BARTG HF RTTY Contest	0200Z, Mar 20 to 0200Z, Mar 22
SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Contest	1000Z, Mar 20 to 1000Z, Mar 21
Russian DX Contest	1200Z, Mar 20 to 1200Z, Mar 21
Oklahoma QSO Party	1300Z, Mar 20 to 0100Z, Mar 21
	1300Z-1900Z, Mar 21
North Dakota QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 20 to 1800Z, Mar 21
Virginia QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 20 to 0100Z, Mar 22

April, 2010

Missouri QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 3 to 2400Z, Apr 4
JIDX CW Contest	0700Z, Apr 10 to 1300Z, Apr 11
EU Spring Sprint, CW	1600Z-1959Z, Apr 10
Georgia QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 10 to 2359Z, Apr 11
Holyland DX Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Apr 17
Michigan QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 17 to 0400Z, Apr 18
Ontario QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 17 to 1800Z, Apr 18
10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW	0001Z, Apr 24 to 2359Z, Apr 25
Florida QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 24 to 2159Z, Apr 25
Nebraska QSO Party	1700Z, Apr 24 to 1700Z, Apr 25

Details check the following web site the week prior to the contest.

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

Siren Test 2010

Please mark your calendars, Wednesday March 24rd and Saturday April 3rd, 2010 will be the annual siren test in Douglas County.

The test will begin at approximately 10:00 am on Wednesday, and will be done by 10:20 am. The test on Saturday will also begin at 10:00 am, and most likely continue until shortly after 11:00 am. ARES and REACT will again be checking all the sirens in the county. The net will begin about 9:00 am on April 3rd. If you can assist, please contact Steve N0UP, n0up@arrl.net (402)306-2972

Steve N0UP

Amateur Radio Equipment for Sale.

All offers will be considered. Location 4 miles N. Bennington, Nebraska.
Email n0aih@msn.com to schedule visits

UHF Repeater w/ manual

- Spectrum Communications Model S-7R FM Repeater & Full Duplex Base Station with dB Products Model 4075 4-cavity duplexer. 12VDC with local speaker, palm mic and programmable CW ID'r.

Radios w/manuals

- Icom IC-720A 160-10 HF Xcvr, IC-Phone Patch, IC-PS20 & IC-2KL amplifier.
- Icom 281-H 2-M rig
- Alinco DJ-V5 VHF/UHF dual band handheld w/charger
- Uniden Voyager Marine + Wx handheld w/charger

Tower & Accessories

- Tri-Ex Model 354 54-foot galvanized steel crank-up tower
- Rohn Model 25/45 Gin Pole
- Aluminum mast, 11-foot long, 1/4"-thick wall, 2"O.D.

Antennas and Accessories

- KLM- KT34M2 tri-band beam
- 2M Fiberglas base station/repeater antenna (ComProd?) w/mount clamps 144/440 base station antenna

Rotator

- Ham IV rotator & controller

Miscellaneous Equipment

- PC-1A phone patch in factory carton.
- Dentron PS-10 Multimeter w/ directional coupler, 50 ohm 3.5 – 150Mhz w/manual.
- (3) Hygain/Telex ProCom 200 dual muff headset w/throat mic, new in factory carton.
- (4) RCO Model BRP-1 personnel transceiver, w/ headset & throat mic, used in factory carton.
- (2) Bird Model 43 wattmeter with a large quantity of power elements & quick connectors.
- Bird 4030 field-strength element,
- Bird 4275-020 directional coupler,
- Bird 8362NM RF dummy load, 25 watt 50 ohm,
- Bird 4240-400 RF connector adapter kit,
- Bird instruction books, manuals and log charts for interpreting power curves.
- Scotch Battery System rechargeable NiCd, Model 2010 new in box.
- (2) Cases of MilSpec ceramic insulators @ 20/case.
- Large quantity of guy cable, coax, some used, some new on spool, rotator cable, patch cords, RF connectors and adapters.
- 600 feet 3/4-inch manila rope, new factory coil never opened.
- Lots of other stuff.

Weatherfest

10th Annual Central Plains Severe Weather Symposium and Family Weatherfest!

Saturday, March 27, 2010
Hardin Hall

9 a.m.-4 p.m.
3310 Holdrege St., Lincoln NE.

Hosted by UNL's School of Natural Resources

<http://www.cpsws.unl.edu/>

- Free, all-day family event with free parking
- Weather and science-related exhibits
- Presentations on weather and storms
- Hands-on activities for kids of all ages such as: "Be Weather-Wise with Weather Whys," "Observing the Weather," "Clouds All Around Us," "Weather Hit or Myth," "Severe Weather," "How the Weather Works," and "Lore of the Tree Rings"
- Meet local TV weathercasters
- See spectacular storm videos
- Community weather photo display
- Weather presentations in the auditorium
- Spotter Training
- Balloon Launch

Lincoln Hamfest ARRL Nebraska State Convention

March 20, 2010

Lancaster Event Center

84th & Havelock, Lincoln, NE

- **Cathy Zapotocny**, WBØZAP. National Weather Service – Valley, NE, Storm season predictions from the National Weather Service
- **Lonnie Rech**, WDØAOP, Logbook of the World
- **Jon Morris**, KAØJGG (Nebraska SEC), Emergency Communications
- **Bob Allison**, WB1GCM (ARRL HQ) A look inside the ARRL Lab
- **Joe Dawson**, KBØLQR (Assistant Chief Engineer, KLKN-TV), Tower construction and safety demonstration
- **Art Zygielbaum**, KØAIZ (Nebraska SM), ARRL appointees meeting and ARRL Forum
- TWO VE Exam sessions. Stop in anytime between 8 and 10 AM OR 1 to 3 PM.

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Board of Director's Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2010

Roll Call

[x] Corby–KØSKW [x] Jim – KC0SHZ [] Dick, - N6KVA
[X] Marvin–AEØEG [x] Greg – N7JOD [X] Travis – KD0HCE
There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order.

President – Corby – KØSKW

Addressed the need for new board positions, from within and without.

Vice President/Programs – Travis – KD0HCE

Packet Radio for tonight's program.

Treasurer -

Latest report available: (from January)

Checking	761.53	
MM Acct	5038.92	Int. \$.64
Repeater	1152.12	
Repeater CD	2258.20	
CD	16,081.80	
Total	25292.57	

Unfinished Business

Again we discussed , "what is our purpose?" Rich, CQG from Council Bluffs spoke about Ham Hum.

Publications – Steve – NØUP – Ham Hum for this month is out.

New Business – Corby – KØSKW

Marvin asked the purpose of the life member CD. Live off interest? A new building at one time? What is the present purpose of these funds? Talked about details for the new year and club net. Virtual Ham Hum. Field Day. Talked about club shack at the Salvation Army.

And Jim, KC0SHZ agreed to accept nomination for Club President for 2010.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Friday, March 12th, at 6:30pm.
Greg Carlson, N7JOD, AKSARBEN ARC, Inc. Secretary.

Club Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2010

The meeting started at 7:30 pm with approximately 20 in attendance.

President's Report – Corby, KØSKW

Pledge to the flag. Attendance by call sign.

Vice President's Report and Programs – Travis, KD0HCE

Travis, KD0HCE and Mary, NØTRK gave a presentation of Packet Radio.

Treasurer – (report as of January, 2010)

Checking	737.43	
MM Acct	5,037.66	Int. .93
Repeater	1,132.12	
Repeater CD	2,258.20	
CD	16,081.80	
Total	25304.73	

Repeater – John, WBOCMC – working well.

Public Service – Pat

State track meet 21-22 May. Babcook Memorial Bike Race 10-11 July near South Bend.

MS 150 Bike race the same weekend. MS Walk in April (see George , KB0ZZT).

Publications - Steve, NØUP – Ham Hum out. Now Electronic only as per the board. But printable for new hams and others.

Education – Mary NØTRK – Technician classes were conducted in January.

Membership – Mary, NØTRK –

Field Day, 2010 – Claudia – KC0SQX (@arrl.net) looking at possibilities.

Suggestions and help welcome. Will need location, contact and cost. Also must be able to put holes in the ground! Final decision by 1 March.

Ham Hum history: by Rich, WA0ZQG.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Moved to submit Jim, KC0SHZ as candidate President and vote on him at the March meeting. PASSED. Notice for VP position will be on the web site, reflector and Ham Hum. Agreed to do one more paper edition of Ham Hum. Discussed nets on our repeater.

Other

- VE exam March 30 at 6:30pm at Red Cross (contact will now be K9RZ, Bill Jackson)
- QRP club tomorrow at 11am at the Bread Dough Pizza in Ashland
- Spotter Training 22 March at Boys Town Music Hall or March 23 in Lincoln, or Bellevue on April 1st at Fire training Academy
- March 6 SWIARC swap fest, McClellan, IA
- Siren tests Wednesday, March 24th and Saturday, April 3rd
- Pat, expressed his appreciation for Corby and his work with the club. Club concurred
- *And other items as per HamHum*

The meeting adjourned at 8:32pm for program followed by coffee at Perkin's on 108th and L

Greg Carlson, N7JOD, AKSARBEN ARC, Inc. Secretary