

FLEA-ESTA

AARC Flea Market

8:00 AM to Noon, September 7, 2013

Sarpy County Fairgrounds, Springfield, Nebraska

8' Tables : \$8 each if paid in advance . \$10 each if paid at the door .

Table Reservation form at the AARC web site, <http://www.aksarbenarc.org/>

Breakfast and Lunch will be available on site.

Volunteers needed to help set up, run, and take down the event.

For details, contact Pat Joseph KØCTU, email: ppjoseph@cox.net

AARC FIELD DAY

June 22-23

The Field Day committee is planning going back to the grounds of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Crime Lab for Field Day 2013. It turned out to be a great location for last year's Field Day and has an added benefit of a strong law enforcement presence. If you didn't make it out last year, the location was once the Thomas Fitzgerald Veterans Home and is located at 15345 W Maple Rd in Omaha. It has lots of green space and trees for antennas and is close by for gas, food, and other supplies.

But to be a great Field Day it takes YOU! Field Day is a great time to get involved as you can do as much as you want. Of course, Shack Captains are needed, but shack captains can't operate the entire 24 hours. They need relief operators, loggers, antenna raisers, someone to staff the Information Shack and monitor the repeater for talk-in. If there is to be a GOTA shack, then there have to be GOTA Shack operators.

Field day is a great time to get involved. No matter how much experience you have or don't have, there is always something to help with. No one needs to be there for 24 hours, but no one is going to tell you to go either. Operations will go through the night as long as the bands are open and the coffee holds out.

Volunteering is easy. Go to the Field Day section of the AARC web page and click the *I Want To Help Make the AARC Field Day the BEST in the State* link near the bottom of the page. Or email fieldday@aksarbenarc.org

Of course you can always just stop by and enjoy the site and chat with others visiting the area as well. But, no excuses to NOT GET ON THE AIR!

de AARC Field Day Committee



Ham Hum

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Ham Creations



Steve NØUP (ul), Pat KØCTU (ctr), Bill WA9ASD (ur), Mitch WBØGBI (ll), Marv AEØEG (lr)

The theme of the May meeting was a "show and tell" about kits and home brew items AARC members had built to increase their enjoyment of amateur radio. It did not necessarily have to be electronics, just as long it was DIY and was something related to the hobby.

Bill WA9ASD (upper right in photo) started off with describing a power supply he'd built for his first radio in the previous century. It was very much home-brew as it consisted of a type 80 dual diode tube, power transformer, electrolytic, and choke mounted on particle board and wooden blocks.

Next, Bill KCØSVZ (not pictured) displayed a soldering iron temperature controller that he'd hacked together from a light dimmer in the the early 70s. Following that, Marv AEØEG (lower right in picture) discussed his home-brew mobile phone system.

Mitch WBØGBI (lower left) described a number of items, including a crystal set and tube and solid state power supplies. He also showed us his collection of antique keys, such as an Army J-37 and a Western Union "Poker Chip" key.

Steve NØUP (upper left) showed us a couple of Hermes SDR radio circuit board kits he's building. He also described his plans for converting a toaster oven into a solder reflow oven.

Finally, Pat KØCTU (centered) demonstrated his truly frightening (and loud) tennis ball launcher, which he intends to use to set up antennas on Field Day. For more details, be sure to attend the June meeting.

Bill KCØSVZ

FIELD DAY NEXT WEEK

(See Page 12 for More Information)



June Meeting: Antenna Cannon



Pat KØCTU will be discussing his pneumatic antenna launcher that he demonstrated at last month's meeting. Bring your ear plugs.

Friday, June 14th, 7:00 PM, Red Cross Building, 81st & Spring Streets, Omaha, NE.

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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

Jun 11	6:30 PM Technician Class, Red Cross Building, 81st & Spring St, Omaha NE.
Jun 12	7:30 PM LARC Meeting, 4647 Superior St., Lincoln, NE.
Jun 14	7:00 PM AARC Meeting, Red Cross Building, 81 st & Spring St, Omaha, NE.
Jun 15	6:00 PM AARC Coffee. Perkins Restaurant, 108 th & L Streets, Omaha, NE.
Jun 18	6:30 PM Technician Class, Red Cross Building, 81st & Spring St, Omaha NE.
Jun 19	7:00 PM Heartland Hams, 403 Railroad Ave., Glenwood, IA.
Jun 20	7:30 PM BARC Meeting. Masonic Hall, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue, NE.
Jun 22-23	FIELD DAY. Details on page 12 and the AARC web site.
Jun 24	6:30 PM AARC Directors' Meeting. Village Inn, 78th & Dodge Streets, Omaha, NE.
Jun 25	6:30 PM Technician Class, Red Cross Building, 81st & Spring St, Omaha NE.
Jun 27	11:00 AM QCWA Meeting. Old Country Buffet, 14525 W. Center Rd., Omaha, NE.
Jun 27	7:30 PM PARC Meeting. 1900 E. Military Ave, Fremont, NE.
Jun 27	7:30 PM SWIARC Meeting. 705 N 16 th , Council Bluffs, IA.
Jul 2	6:30 PM Technician Class, Red Cross Building, 81st & Spring St, Omaha NE.
Jul 10	7:30 PM LARC Meeting, 4647 Superior St., Lincoln, NE.
Jul 12	7:00 PM AARC Meeting. Red Cross Building, 81 st & Spring St, Omaha, NE.
Jul 13	11:00 AM HBQRP, Bredeaux Pizza, 1425 Silver St., Ashland, NE.
Jul 17	7:00 PM Heartland Hams, 403 Railroad Ave., Glenwood, IA.
Jul 18	7:30 PM BARC Meeting. Masonic Hall, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue, NE.
Jul 20	9:00 AM PARC Flea Market, St. Charles Parish, 8th & Locust St, North Bend NE.
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Jul 25	7:30 PM PARC Meeting. 1900 E. Military Ave, Fremont, NE.
Jul 25	7:30 PM SWIARC Meeting. 705 N 16 th , Council Bluffs, IA.
Jul 30	6:30 PM AARC VE Session, Red Cross Building, 81st & Spring St, Omaha NE.
Sep 7	AARC Flea-esta. Sarpy County Fairgrounds, Springfield, NE.

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

BOARD MEETING NOTICE

The next AARC Board Meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2013, 6:30 PM at the Village Inn on 78th and Dodge Streets. Unless noted otherwise, Board meetings take place at that time and location on the fourth Monday of the month. For any changes to this schedule, check for an announcement at the next Club meeting, or on the AARC web page at <http://www.aksarbenarc.org/>.

DCEMA Call for Assistance

Douglas County EMA has asked the membership of the AkSarBen Amateur Radio Club for help with a new piece of radio equipment. It is a low power AM radio station that is used for information in a 1- to 3-mile area. They are hoping to be able to demonstrate it to officials during the CWS. If you think you might like to learn more about this project email emavolunteer@aksarbenarc.org for more information.

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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

7:00 PM 147.360 QCWA Hams who have been hams for at least 25 years.
8:00 PM 50.200 6m SSB Net.
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

8:00 PM 144.250 2-Meter SSB Net.
8:00 PM 146.360 Heartland DX Association.

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 3.896.000 3900 Club.
8:30 PM 443.925+ (103.5 tone) IRLP Net.
9:00 PM 146.940- Douglas Co. ARES net, KØUSA repeater.

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

(**May Door Prizes** *continued from page 8.*)

Dead Battery Charger

The Dead Electronic Super Battery Charger will maintain any dead battery in a fully discharged state indefinitely, regardless of voltage rating or capacity.

Simple to use with no risk of shocks or sparks. Polarity not important - connect either clip lead to either battery terminal. Then simply plug the unit into a convenient wall outlet or properly rated extension cord..... or not.

And then, forget it because nothing will happen no matter how long you wait.

Dead Batteries not included - they are available for a nominal charge plus shipping and excessive handling charges.

Or...This is the start of a transformer re-winding project.....

Note that the proceeds for each month's tickets go for buying next month's prizes. Also, all tickets are kept and included in the Grand Prize drawing in December. The more tickets you buy, the better your chances of winning at the end of the year.

Bill WA9ASD and Bill KCØSVZ



Veep Speaks

Another month has come and gone, bringing us to June. As the long days of summer approach, I want to remind everyone that there are lots of fun Club activities to take part in. We have a flea market coming up in September; anyone who wants to help with the planning of it, let me know. Also, the Trailer Committee always needs the help of a few good hands, and there are any number of other committees that would appreciate your help.

It is also time for Field Day, one of my favorite events. If you want to come out and operate—even if only for a short time—please do, we will have stations running SSB, CW, and digital modes. There's something for everyone, no matter what you prefer to operate in.

I want to thank Pat KØCTU for providing this month's program. He will be going more in depth on his antenna launching air cannon. It will be fun to see it in action.

Adam KDØMMG, Vice President AARC

Silent Keys

Jim Peterson, KFØFO

Jim Peterson, age 76, passed away on May 24, 2013 at 3:30 AM. Jim had been ill for quite some time. He was past president of the AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Douglas County Emergency Coordinator, and Section Emergency Coordinator. Jim was a member of the ARRL and QCWA Chapter 210. He also belonged to several clubs in Nebraska. Although a major stroke in 1996 forced Jim to retire, he remained active for many years, including standing in for Santa Claus during the North Pole ATV nets every Christmas. The family is requesting no phone calls or emails at this time.

Marianne Mitchell, KCØZAS

Marianne L. Mitchell, age 55, passed away May 7, 2013 in Bellevue. Wife of Dennis Mitchell, KCØYKN, she was a Registered Nurse at Jennie Edmundson Hospital, a member of the Nebraska PeriAnesthesia Nurses Group and the Bellevue Amateur Radio Club

Ron Juneman, NØUCM

Long-time AARC member Ron Juneman became a Silent Key last month. Neighbors had not seen him for over a week—his Jeep had not been moved from his driveway during that time, so the police were summoned on May 24th to check on his well-being. Gaining access to the house through the garage, they found him deceased in the basement. Death appeared to be from natural causes.

Club Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2013

Bill WA9ASD, Secretary AARC

Note: At the start of the meeting there were only three board members present, so the meeting proceeded on an informal basis until the Secretary's Report when the fourth board member arrived.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Bill, WA9ASD in the absence of Tomas, NW7US and Adam, KDØMMG with introductions by name and call followed by saying the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 27 attendees.

Officers and Board members present included: Mary, NØTRK; Bill, WA9ASD and Dave, NØJSB

Treasurer's Report - Dave, NØJSB - Dave reported that there were deposits of \$192 from dues payments of \$152, donations \$26 and \$14 from refreshments. There were payments totaling \$223 including \$20 for meeting refreshments, \$200 for the deposit on the Sarpy County Fairgrounds for Flea-Esta and \$3 for bank fees. The balance of all accounts is \$21,923.10.

President's Report - Tomas, NW7US - not available.

Vice President's Report - Adam, KDØMMG - not available. Bill WA9ASD reported that the program for tonight's meeting will be about cool things we have built.

ARES - Steve, NØUP - Mary, NØTRK reported that there will be a Safety Appreciation Event including a baseball game, tailgating, and other activities on May 17. Please report if you will be attending.

SATERN - Jim KCØSHZ - no report.

OMMRS - Mary, NØTRK - no updates.

COMMUNITY EVENTS - Pat, KØCTU - The State Track Meet will be May 17 and 18. Materials for volunteers are available to be picked up.

At approximately 7:15 PM Mitch WBØGBI arrived making a quorum.

Secretary's Report - A motion was made by Mary, NØTRK, seconded by Norm, WAØJYD, to accept the March club meeting minutes as published in *Ham Hum*. There were no corrections required and the motion passed unanimously.

Education Committee - Mary, NØTRK - There will be a Technician License Class starting June 4 and continuing every Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM at the Red Cross until July 23.

Membership Committee - Mary, NØTRK - We have applications for membership from George O'Connell, WØGOC and Douglas Beenn, with no call at this time but was previously licensed in England. There was a motion by Steve, NØUP, seconded by Wayne, WH6BUL to accept these two as members of the Club. Passed unanimously.

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Contest Calendar

June 2013

NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jun 12
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 12 & 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 13
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 12
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 14
All Asian DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Jun 15 to 2400Z, Jun 16
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1400Z-1700Z, Jun 15 (144) & 1700Z-1800Z, Jun 15 (432)
West Virginia QSO Party	1600Z, Jun 15 to 0200Z, Jun 16
Kid's Day Contest	1800Z-2359Z, Jun 15
Feld Hell Sprint	2000Z-2200Z, Jun 15
SARL Youth Day Sprint	0700Z-1100Z, Jun 16
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Jun 17
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Jun 17
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jun 20
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 20
Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest	1200Z, Jun 22 to 1200Z, Jun 23
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	1200Z, Jun 22 to 1200Z, Jun 23
Marconi Memorial HF Contest	1400Z, Jun 22 to 1400Z, Jun 23
ARRL Field Day	1800Z, Jun 22 to 2100Z, Jun 23
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jun 26
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 26 & 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 27
Feld Hell Sprint	0000Z-2359Z, Jun 29

July 2013

RAC Canada Day Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1
10-10 Int. Spirit of 76 QSO Party	0001Z, Jul 1 to 2400Z, Jul 7
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 1
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Jul 2
MI QRP July 4th CW Sprint	2300Z, Jul 4 to 0300Z, Jul 5
Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest	0000Z, Jul 6 to 2359Z, Jul 7
DL-DX RTTY Contest	1100Z, Jul 6 to 1059Z, Jul 7
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Jul 6 to 1500Z, Jul 7
PODXS 070 Club 40m Firecracker Sprint	2000 local, Jul 6 to 0200 local, Jul 7
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Jul 7
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Jul 10
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 10
FISTS Summer Sprint	0000Z-0400Z, Jul 13
IARU HF World Championship	1200Z, Jul 13 to 1200Z, Jul 14
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Jul 13 to 2400Z, Jul 14
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jul 18
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 18
DMC RTTY Contest	1200Z, Jul 20 to 1200Z, Jul 21
Feld Hell Sprint	1600Z-1800Z, Jul 20
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	1800Z, Jul 20 to 2100Z, Jul 21
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Jul 20 to 0600Z, Jul 21
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Jul 22
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jul 24
RSGB IOTA Contest	1200Z, Jul 27 to 1200Z, Jul 28

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

You may be a ham radio operator if... You have a SKYWARN sticker on your back window.

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Towards the end of the first day, Dave purchased the radio (TS-2000), a power supply (35 amp Astron), and an antenna analyzer (MFJ 266) that he wanted. We found the best price and saw no reason why to wait. The items were shipped to our home (saved getting charged the Ohio tax). Good thing, if we had taken them with us I would never I seen anything else in Ohio.

To break things up, we went to the Wright Patterson AFB Museum on Saturday. Lots of cool planes, some of which we have at SAC or at least ones real similar.

On Sunday we were back to the Hamvention. A lot of the outdoor booths were closed, but there was still plenty to see. Dave did buy a few more gadgets. We went back into the main hall at 1PM when they closed and listened while they called numbers for the door prizes and the lesser grand prizes. The main grand prizes were drawn at the end. What we did not know, was that we did not need to be present to win the main prizes. Of course, we did not win anything (neither did Joe as far as we know). The prize committee had amassed an amazing \$81,000 in prizes. All in all it was an interesting well organized experience. Now having said that, would I go again? My answer to Dave when he asked was "we'll see."

Chris Rice

May Door Prizes

Master of Door Prizes Both Great and Small Rollie ABØNN announced that the goodies handed out this time would be seven in number: a Cen-Tech 7 Function Digital Multi-Tester, two Pittsburgh 40-piece socket sets (counts as two prizes), a Cen-Tech Automatic Battery Float Charger, and ten rolls of electrical tape (counts as one prize). And, rounding out the list, were the Brown Bag Prize and the much-feared Mr. Reeh Door Prize. The rule tonight was that people could buy multiple tickets, but only one prize given per person.

Pat KØCTU stepped up to draw the winning tickets. The winner of the multi-tester was Marvin AEØEG, while the electrical tape went to Russ NØMNW. Claudia K1AUD won the battery charger. One set of sockets was given to Mitch WBØGBI.

There was some delay in awarding the second socket set, as Pat kept drawing tickets belonging to previous winners, so he stepped down and was replaced by Mary NØTRK. Dave NØJSB got the second socket set. After several more duplicate entries, Bill KCØSVZ won the Brown Bag Prize, which turned out to be another Cen-Tech multi-tester.

The dreaded Mr. Reeh Door Prize was awarded to Brian KDØSVD. After carefully unwrapping the package (one must be extra cautious opening these things) he discovered that it was a Dead Battery Charger*—which included the following operating instructions:

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* It is said that the name of the product was inspired by a sign staked in someone's front yard which proclaimed "Huge Kids Sale." This raised the inevitable question: *Where did they find all the huge kids to sell?*

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Ham Hum - Bill, KCØSVZ - *Ham Hum* is out but he forgot to bring copies to the meeting.

Web Site - Mary, NØTRK - It's there.

Repeater Committee - John, WBØCMC - It's working. There have been some long key-downs on the input with no ID.

Field Day - Rob, AI7Q - not available. Bill, WA9ASD reported that Tomas has confirmed that there will be a bucket truck present to assist with antenna set-up.

QSL and Technical Committee - Eddy, KØIL - no report.

Courtesy Committee - KEØXQ - no report.

Trailer/Equipment Committee - Mary, NØTRK - We had two work days on consecutive Sundays and a wall has been built inside the rear ramp for a door with window to be installed. This is to allow better climate control inside the trailer when it is an operating position.

Steve, NØUP reported that there is excess club property including coax, guy wire, extension cords, small fence posts and giant yard darts for sale in the lobby of the building. Help us reduce the weight of the N6KVA trailer.

Flea-Esta - Pat, KØCTU - The Flea-Esta is coming September 7, 2013 and we need lots of help. We have rented the original building and the building next to it for the day. We need people on Saturday as well as Friday to clean up the building and set up tables. Please contact Pat for your assignment.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Announcements - Bob, NBØB reported that there will be license testing sessions on May 12 in Bellevue and on May 28 at the Red Cross at 6:30 PM.

- John, WBØCMC announced that the Benson Farmers Market will start their weekly event this Saturday from 8 AM until noon. There should be fresh asparagus available.
- Mary, NØTRK introduced Paul Johnson, NØPWJ who is with the Douglas County EMA.
- Rollie, ABØNN announced that the door prizes for tonight's meeting include a float charger, two socket sets, and a package of a ham's best friend: rolls of electrical tape. In addition, the Brown Bag Door Prize and the dreaded Mr. Reeh Door Prize were also available. Get you tickets during the break and all tickets purchased are saved and are eligible for prizes at the December meeting.

At 7:36 PM a motion was made by John, WBØCMC, seconded by Steve, NØUP to end the meeting. Passed unanimously.

Bill WA9ASD, Secretary AARC

Want Ads

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), and 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. Contact: Mary NØTRK at the next AARC meeting, or email n0trk@arrl.net

For Sale: SKYWARN Signs I have a pair of SKYWARN signs in good condition. I no longer do storm spotting due to personal reasons. I am asking \$15.00 and you arrange for pickup. Contact: Bill KEØXQ at ke0xq@cox.net, or 402-690-7965.

Wanted: Used Portable/Mobile HF Transceiver I am interested in a used portable or mobile HF transceiver such as an Alinco DX-SR8T, or an Alinco DX-70TH. If you have one of the above which you are looking to sell, or know of someone, please contact me via the AARC web site (<http://tinyurl.com/lwyd77f>). Sean KDØQQZ.

For Sale: RF Concepts 2/70 Amplifier I have for sale an RF Concepts 2/70 Amplifier. This a way you can increase the power of your dual-band HT from 5 watts to 30 watts. Included is the power cord and amplifier. I can't find the owners manual. Simple to use: connect your HT to amplifier, the amplifier to your mobile antenna, and that is all. Asking \$65.00 Contact: Bill KEØXQ at ke0xq@cox.net, or 402-690-7965.

Android Software Testers Wanted

Claudia K1AUD is looking for volunteers to test a new Android app called *Ham Radio Exam*. She would like to test it on phones and tablets running Android Gingerbread or later. If you would like to be a guinea pig or have any questions, email her at k1aud@cox.net.

With *Ham Radio Exam*, you can take sample Technician, General, or Extra exams. You can also choose to work through the questions from any subelement (topic), or all the questions in an exam. The questions can be in order or shuffled. Incorrect answers are automatically added to a "needs work" list, but you can also add or remove any question from the list. At the end of the test, you have a chance to save the "needs work" list to a file, which can then be restored to work on later.

de K1AUD

Weather Radio Volunteers Needed – June 22nd

There's one more weather radio programming event this month. We need volunteers to work with members of the KETV Weather Now team to help program the radios. This event takes place on June 22 at the Hy-Vee store on 7910 Cass Street (Peony Park Hy-Vee). Time is from 10 AM to 1 PM. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know and I'll pass on the information to the folks at KETV.

Gary Wiese KBØKYM, email: GAWWI@COX.NET

DAYTON 2013

or
You Went Where?

Chris Rice (XYL NØJSB)

So, item one and two have been checked off the bucket list. I should probably explain that. Dave NØJSB retired in January 2013. As part of the retirement planning, we made a bucket list of things that we wanted to do. Item one was a trip to the Hamvention in Dayton and item two was a brand new TS-2000 Kenwood. The rest of the items as of today are not Amateur Radio related (still need to get our passports for the Canadian Train trip). After several discussions, we picked this year to go to Dayton.

We left on Thursday morning driving east and arrived at the motel about 8:30 PM (forgot that there was a time zone change). The motel was 30 minutes west of Dayton. The very first people we meet were three hams. I know I was in trouble then. The motel was full, mostly of hams. Motel folks loved the business.

Dave and I left for the Hamvention on Friday morning from the motel, arriving at the Hara Center about 9:45 AM. We had decided that we would just park in the Mall lot and take the bus. As we were looking for the mall, we saw a Caddie with Texas plates covered with antennas and just followed him to the lot. Again I know I was in trouble. The parking lot was full of ham plates from all over the United States and Canada. I was impressed and this was just the first parking lot.

The very first thing we saw after we got off the bus was a cool large (100 ft) antenna tower mounted on a trailer. Dave was impressed and went to check it out and took several pictures. I, unimpressed, turned to look behind the tower and got my first sight of the external booths in the flea market. A sea of booths..... We had a plan: do a fast walk through the inside booths first, so off we went to pick up our tickets and get a program. As we walked into the main arena, I had my first feeling of being overwhelmed and this was just a small portion of what there was to see. There were lots of people and product vendors. So we did the logically thing (so I thought) and wandered up and down the aisles. For those that have not been there, the Hara arena has the main hall and then two side halls. All were full of radios, parts, and interesting gadgets that made no sense to me. Comparison-wise, Hara is larger than the Omaha Civic and Music hall combined. Dave had a mini list of things that he wanted, including the radio and a power supply. We looked at lots of radios and did price comparisons.

We spent the rest of the day jumping back and forth between the inside and outside booths, as well as just sit and watch people. There was no way we were going to see everything in one day. Good thing we planned more than one day (and even then we did not see everything.) My feet hurt!! We ran into Joe KØNEB from Lincoln, towards the end of the first day. He had on a striped Cat-in-the-Hat top hat. His was the only face that I recognized. Since there was so many people, that did not surprise me.

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