

3900 Club Roundup

The 40th Anniversary of the 3900 Club will be celebrated at the Roundup hamfest on October 19th in Papillion NE. We still have a few tables waiting for you. Food & Beverage available. More information and a flier are available at <http://www.3900club.com> (click on roundup on the left side) or email me direct wd0bfo@cox.net. Hope to see you there.

73 Tom WD0BFO
3900 Club Secretary/Treasurer
Roundup Chair

Volunteers Needed for Market to Market Relay

This year there will be even MORE runners in the Market to Market Relay than last year—and the organizers want us back to help out. The event is October 12th, so mark your calendars. About 20 volunteers are needed at the exchange points for about four or five hours. The route will be pretty much the same as last year. See the AARC web page at <http://www.aksarbenarc.org/main/> for details and sign-up sheet. Also, more details will be available at the AARC meeting this Friday.



ANTENNA PARTY

During the Club meeting last month, Ralph W0SMY asked for assistance in setting up a new MFJ-1796 vertical antenna at his home on the 14th. Pat K0CTU, Kevin KA0VNY, and Adam KD0MMG all volunteered to help him out. Bill KC0SVZ showed up later with notepad and camera to document the event. The site was on top of a three story building, but the roof was nearly flat, so there was little chance of falling off.

Construction went well, but there was initially a problem of getting the SWR to below 2:1 on some bands. This resulted in lowering the antenna, adjusting the elements, raising it again, testing it with an MFJ-259 SWR Analyzer, and repeating as necessary.

Finally a compromise was reached, the antenna mounts were tightened, the tools were carefully lowered to the ground with a rope, and we went inside for final checks. W0SMY was able to cancel the remaining SWR on all bands with his MFJ IntelliTuner.



Left to right, KA0VNY, KD0MMG, and K0CTU set up the antenna.

Bill KC0SVZ

AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Ham Hum

Volume LXIII, Issue 10

October 2013

KA0BOJ on Ham Radio



Matt Anderson, KA0BOJ

The speaker for the September meeting was the ARRL Section Manager for Nebraska, Matt Anderson, KA0BOJ, who talked about amateur radio and the ARRL.

Matt began by describing some of his personal history: How he'd gotten into amateur radio when he was a Boy Scout; building a crystal radio as a kid; and later building a Heathkit HW-16 CW Transceiver with Joe K0NEB as his Elmer. He joined the ARRL and, as time passed, he got more involved in their activities—eventually serving as Emergency Coordinator and twice as the Section Manager. He was elected to

SM again in early 2013 after Art Zygielbaum, K0AIZ, decided to step down.

Matt encouraged interaction with the audience by asking Club members at random how they got into ham radio—some had Elmers, others through Scouting, still others got into it on their own. After listening to the members talk, he pointed out that a common thread was the magic of communicating by radio.

Matt stated that this "magic" can be used to get others interested in the hobby, and gave a personal example: Once, when picking up some food at a fast food drive-thru, the young woman at the window saw him talking to someone in Australia and asked him what he was doing. He responded by showing her how it was done and making two contacts in the process. He told her how anybody can get into ham radio and gave her some ARRL brochures for more information.

(KA0BOJ on Ham Radio continued on page 6.)

October Meeting: David Pares, KC0IZT

For this month's meeting, UNO Adjunct Professor Pares will give a talk on *Portable Analysis and Monitoring Station for UNO UFO Study and Paranormal Group* by David Pares and Matt Judah. For details, see *Veep Speaks* on page 3.

This is going to be an interesting evening. Be sure to attend.

Friday, October 11th, 7:00 PM, Red Cross Building, 81st & Spring Streets, Omaha, NE.

HAM HUM is the official newsletter of the AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc. in Omaha, Nebraska. It is printed monthly and is distributed to members of the club, local disaster officials, local electronics outlets, and editors of other ham radio newsletters.

Articles about activities of members are solicited. The subject matter must be of general interest to radio amateurs and be understandable to a significant portion of the membership. No payment will be made to contributors and submissions will be subject to the usual editorial review. Articles containing statements that could be construed as libel or slander will not be accepted. No guarantee can be made that an accepted article will be published by a certain date. Send your contributions to Ham Hum, P.O. Box 24551, Omaha, NE 68124-0551 or email hamhum@aksarbenarc.org. Please contact the editor for permission to reprint anything appearing in the Ham Hum.

Club Officers & Board Members

President	Tomas Hood	NW7US	402-915-1771	nw7us@nw7us.us
Vice President	Adam Kavan	KDØMMG	402-598-1521	akavan@gmail.com
2013-2014 Secretary	Bill True	WA9ASD	402-426-2813	williamtrue@aol.com
2013-2014 Treasurer	Dave Rice	NØJSB	402-571-8915	davegr@netzero.net
2013 2014 Director	Mitch Saure	WBØGBI	402-455-6205	skyking195@aol.com
2013 Director	Barb Westcott	KCØHLB	402-510-0308	barbwestcott@cox.net
Immediate Past President	Mary Joseph	NØTRK	402-492-9156	n0trk@arrl.net

Club Committees

Courtesy Committee	Bill McCollum	KEØXQ	402-690-7965	ke0xq@cox.net
Education	Mary Joseph	NØTRK	402-492-9156	n0trk@arrl.net
Field Day	Rob Buchholz	AI7Q	402-964-9960	ai7q@arrl.net
Membership	Mary Joseph	NØTRK	402-492-9156	n0trk@arrl.net
Monday Night .94 Net	Rich Swig	WAØZQG	712-256-7774	wa0zqg@yahoo.com
Prizes	Rollie Miller	ABØNN	402-333-1606	ab0nn@arrl.net
Public Service/Emergency	Jim Harper	KCØSHZ	402-659-0102	kc0shz@yahoo.com
Publications	Bill Wilkinson	KCØSVZ	402-397-8803	kc0svz@gmail.com
QSL Manager & Technical	Ed Edwards	KØIL		k0il@arrl.net
Special Events Coordinator	Pat Joseph	KØCTU	402-492-9156	ppjoseph@cox.net
Web Services	Mary Joseph	NØTRK	402-492-9156	n0trk@arrl.net

Repeater Committee

Chairman	John Gebuhr	WBØCMC	402-932-3443	wb0cmc@cox.net
Vice Chairman	Steve Schmitz	NØUP	402-306-2972	n0up@arrl.net
Control Operator	Mary Joseph	NØTRK	402-492-9156	n0trk@arrl.net
Club Callsign Trustee	Corby Krick	KØSKW	402-540-5483	k0skw@k0skw.net

Other Contacts

ARRL Midwest Director	Clifford Ahrens	KØCA	573-221-8618	k0ca@arrl.org
ARRL Midwest Vice-Director	Rod Blocksome	KØDAS	319-393-8022	k0das@arrl.org
EC Douglas County	Steve Schmitz	NØUP	402-306-2972	n0up@arrl.net
EC Sarpy County	Dennis Mitchell	KCØYKN		
Exams/Vol. Council	Brian Zdan	KMØY	402-553-2610	bzdan@novia.net
NE Section Manager	Matt Anderson	KAØBOJ	402-580-5515	ka0boj@arrl.org
Official Observer Coordinator	Bill McCollum	KEØXQ	402-690-7965	ke0xq@cox.net

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/>

Want Ads

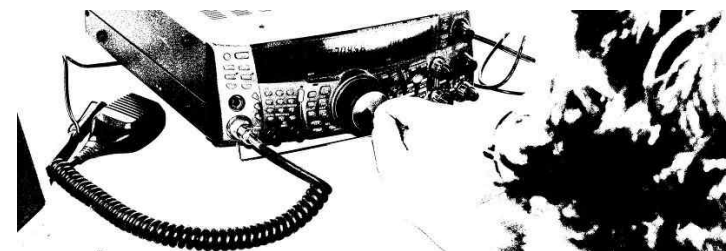
Wanted: Linksys Router Did you upgrade your router? Still have your old one in the closet? I am looking for Wireless Linksys Router Models WRT54G (version 1 – 4), WRT54GS (version 1- 4), and WRT54GL (any version). If you aren't sure of the version, email me the first 4 characters of the serial number 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: Heathkit SB-104A HF Transceiver Vintage Heathkit SB-104A powers on, receives and transmits, needs tweaking to take it back to full potential. Comes with Heath Power Supply, matching SB-604 speaker. Power supply is not currently mounted in the SB-604 case, but it is designed to do so. Includes the Heathkit extender board (selling for over \$50 on eBay), Assembly and Operation manuals for the SB-104A, manual for the PS-1144 power supply, and the SB-605 Speaker and schematics. (Manuals go for \$10 to \$25 each) Everything is in great condition. Price: \$400.00, but all offers considered. Contact an AARC officer at the next meeting or send an email to the Club web site at <http://tinyurl.com/m6jdhud>

For Sale: Kenwood TS-570D HF Transceiver I have a very clean and 100% TS-570D with an added DRU3A voice recording board. The CW recording comes as part of rig itself. I also have an SP120 speaker that will go with it. I would like \$700 but am willing to talk. I want to upgrade to 590 but the XYL says I need to sell or try to sell this first. Price: \$700. Contact: Tom Huber, WDØBFO, via email through the AARC web site at <http://tinyurl.com/kn6gepg>

For Sale: Kenwood TS-520S HF Transceiver I have a TS-520S works, but very low drive and hard to tune. Tried to align and change finals but no luck. I think it would be a nice tech special if somebody had the time. I have the MS50 desk mic and HM102 SWR/Power meter to go with it. No reasonable offer will go unconsidered. I would like \$200 for all three pieces, but make an offer if that is too much. Thanks for the consideration. Price: \$ 200. Contact: Tom Huber, WDØBFO, via email through the AARC web site at <http://tinyurl.com/kn6gepg>

For Sale: Complete Tower and Antenna Used 48' HDBX Self Supporting, Tilt-over Tower, one Cushcraft 214B 2 Meter Antenna, Ham 4 Rotor/controller, Climbing Belt, two 40' and one 30' Hardline with connectors, 20' Mast . All as is and loaded in trailer ready for delivery. Price: \$ 700. Contact: Dave NØJSB at davegr@netzero.net.



Contest Calendar

October 2013

ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 8
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Oct 9
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 9 and 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 10
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 9
432 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Oct 9
10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint	0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10
NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder	0130Z-0200Z, Oct 11
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 11
Makrothen RTTY Contest	0000Z-0759Z, 1600Z-2359Z, Oct 12 and 0800Z-1559Z, Oct 13
Microwave Fall Sprint	0700 local - 1300 local, Oct 12
Oceania DX Contest, CW	0800Z, Oct 12 to 0800Z, Oct 13
QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party	1200Z, Oct 12 to 2400Z, Oct 13
Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB	1200Z, Oct 12 to 1200Z, Oct 13
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Oct 12 to 2400Z, Oct 13
Arizona QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 12 to 0600Z, 1400Z-2359Z, Oct 13
Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 12 to 0500Z, 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 13
EU Autumn Sprint, CW	1600Z-1959Z, Oct 12
FISTS Fall Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 12
PODXS 070 Club 160m Great Pumpkin Sprint	2000 local, Oct 12 to 0200 local, Oct 13
North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Oct 13
UBA ON Contest, CW	0600Z-0900Z, Oct 13
Araucaria VHF Contest	0000Z, Oct 19 to 1600Z, Oct 20
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW	0001Z, Oct 19 to 2359Z, Oct 20
New York QSO Party	1400Z, Oct 19 to 0200Z, Oct 20
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Oct 19 to 1500Z, Oct 20
Worked All Germany Contest	1500Z, Oct 19 to 1459Z, Oct 20
Feld Hell Sprint	2000Z-2200Z, Oct 19
Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 20
UBA ON Contest, 2m	0600Z-1000Z, Oct 20
Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 20 to 0100Z, Oct 21
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 21
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Oct 21 to 2359Z, Oct 25
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Oct 21
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 23
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 23 and 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 24
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 24
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Oct 26 to 2359Z, Oct 27
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 26 to 2400Z, Oct 27

November 2013

Ukrainian DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 2 to 1200Z, Nov 3
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 2 to 0300Z, Nov 4
High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1100Z, 1500Z-1700Z, Nov 3
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Nov 3
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Nov 5

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

You may be a ham radio operator if...you have given out RST reports while you were on the telephone.



Veep Speaks

I want to thank Matt Anderson, KAØBOJ, for coming out to our September meeting and talking about all the things ARRL does for us.

For our October meeting we have David Pares, KCØIZT. He is an Adjunct Professor at UNO teaching classes about physics, meteorology, physical sciences, astronomy, physical geography, and statistics. He also studies Electronic Fog, Linear Displacement of aircraft (local space warp), UFO's, and the Bermuda Triangle; all of which are very interesting to read

about on his web page at <http://www.paresspacewarpresearch.org/>.

Adam KDØMMG, Vice President AARC

Borrow a Rig

Members of the Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club, who are in good standing (that means current on your dues!) and possessing an active FCC issued US Amateur Radio License may borrow one of two Icom HTs.

Each radio is a basic two meter transceiver, which makes it great for the new user. It has an NiMH battery and a drop-in charger, plus an alkaline pack. It is completely programmable from the keyboard, so there is no need for the complication of computer based programming. Thus, it's perfect for when you need to borrow a rig to help with that community service event, or if you are just itching to get on the air as you shop for your new radio.

The radios are available for checkout at any club meeting and you can use it to your hearts content for the next month. Just bring it back to the next month's club meeting. If you can't make a meeting for either check out or return, you can contact the equipment committee at equipment-committee@aksarbenarc.org to make arrangement for its return. Someone else might be waiting!

For the current status of each radio and check out information, see the AARC web page at <http://tinyurl.com/qak4vvu>

de AARC Equipment Committee

BOARD MEETING NOTICE

The next AARC Board Meeting is scheduled for October 28, 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/>.

You may be a ham radio operator if...the microphones or visual aids at a meeting do not work, you rush up to the front to fix them.

Club Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2013

Bill WA9ASD, Secretary AARC

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Adam, KDØMMG in the absence of Tomas, NW7US and with introductions by name and call followed by saying the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 25 attendees.

Officers and Board members present included: Dave, NØJSB; Mitch, WBØGBI; Mary, NØTRK; Bill, WA9ASD, Barb, KCØHLB and Adam, KDØMMG.

Secretary's Report - Bill, WA9ASD - The minutes of the August meeting were published in the *Ham Hum*. A motion was made by Pat, KØCTU, seconded by Rollie, ABØNN, to accept the July club meeting minutes as published in the *Ham Hum*. There were no corrections required and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Dave NØJSB - In the month of August there were deposits of \$19 from meeting refreshments, \$20 from dues and a \$100 donation totaling \$139. There were payments totaling \$678.48 including \$105.95 for *Ham Hum* supplies; meeting refreshments of \$19.53, food and prizes for Flea-Esta of \$550, plus a monthly bank fee of \$3. The balance of all accounts is \$20,942.96.

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

Vice President's Report - Adam, KDØMMG - Adam reported that tonight's program will be by Matt Anderson, KAØBOJ; the Nebraska Section Manager about the ARRL and the Nebraska section.

OMMRS - Mary, NØTRK - It's there.

Community Events - Pat, KØCTU - The Market to Market Relay is coming up in October 12 - sign up now to participate.

Education Committee - Mary, NØTRK There are no plans for a class at this time.

Membership Committee - Mary, NØTRK - Mary presented new member applications from Roger Owen, KCØSP, George Bedrnicek, KDØUHZ and Darrell Fulmer, ADØEF. Marv, AEØEG made a motion, seconded by Pat KØCTU to accept these hams as new members of the Club. Motion passed unanimously.

Ham Hum - Bill, KCØSVZ - Bill reported that he brought a stapler to the meeting.

Web Site - Mary, NØTRK - It's there - visit it often.

Repeater Committee - John, WBØCMC - It's working with some interference lately.

Field Day - It's over.

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

Courtesy Committee - KEØXQ - not present. Claudia's, K1AUD mother recently passed away.

(Meeting Minutes continued on page 5.)

Saturday Night Coffee

Only five people showed up for coffee and food at Perkins this month: Pat KØCTU, Claudia K1AUD, Bill KCØSVZ, Mary NØTRK, and Steve NØUP. Perhaps the low turnout was due to the football game that aired earlier. In any case, the main topic of discussion that night concerned the game, past games, how one coach compared to another, and what may happen in the future.

Other topics did come up, of course: packet radio, APRS, installing an MFJ-1796 antenna, integrating the Raspberry PI into the mesh, COBOL vs ADA vs assembly language, plumbing, speed bumps, and musical roads (they modulated the tires).

During all this, some of us noted that there was a problem logging into Perkins' WiFi system. Usually this can be corrected by resetting their router for them, but this time we decided to have a router party and do some detailed troubleshooting. Borrowing a step ladder from the manager, KØCTU pulled down the router and a couple of other members worked on it. Once done, everything was put back, cables tightened, router and cable modem reset, then tested. It worked!



KØCTU Retrieving the Router

The next weekend, KØCTU, KCØSVZ, NØTRK, and NØUP returned for a followup test to make sure the system was still operating reliably. We were informed that there were no problems—it had been providing stable service all week; which was a first for them. Nevertheless, after we ate dinner, we logged in and performed some tests and fine adjustments. Everything still worked to specs.

The AARC Coffee get-together 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

Flea Market Thanks

The AARC Flea-esta Committee would like to thank the following volunteers for helping make the event a success:

- Kitchen: Mary NØTRK at the grill making the pancakes and burgers. Chris Rice (Dave NØJSB wife) and Rollie ABØNN in the kitchen serving meals.
- Admissions Table: Dave NØJSB and Russ NØMNW.
- Door Prize Table: Tom KCØRFJ and Corby KØSKW.
- Table vendor assistant and event treasurer: Adam KDØMMG.
- Parking and entrance area supervisor: Steve NØUP.
- Talk in: Bill KEØXQ and Bob NBØB.
- AARC Table: Bill WA9ASD.

Most of the people listed above also helped with set up and/or tear down and clean up along with Jim KCØSHZ, Gary KBØKYM, Mitch WBØGBI, and Dan NØPOT.

I apologize to anyone that I may have missed. There were probably other people helping carry stuff in.

Pat KØCTU

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 28.350 10-Meter Net.
8:00 PM 144.250 2-Meter SSB Net.
8:00 PM 146.360 Heartland DX Association.
9:00 PM 28.305 10-Meter Net.

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.

New Tuesday Night Net

I am thinking about starting up the net for the winter months. Looking at October 1 until March 25. I am looking for stations to help me in rotation. This is very informal net. If interested, please email me at ke0xq@cox.net. The net begins at 7:00 PM on 147.36 MHz.

73, Bill KEØXQ.

de wa0zqg

Want to Use KØUSA 146.940 for Community Service Events?

The KØUSA repeater is an open repeater system and available for any licensed amateur radio operator to use. We welcome other clubs and organizations to use the repeater for providing communications support for non-profit activities.

To avoid any scheduling conflicts with the use of the repeater for these community service nets, the Club asks that you obtain permission from the Ak-Sar-Ben ARC Repeater Committee *at least 72 hours* in advance of the date of the net.

To submit your request, please click the *KØUSA Use Request Form* link on the AARC web site: <http://tinwurf.com/msodvvh>

(Meeting Minutes *continued from page 4.*)

Trailer/Equipment Committee - Mary, NØTRK - Mary reminded club members that last year the Club bought 2 HTs for member use. If you would like to participate in public service work but don't have an HT you could borrow one from the club to use. The usage period is 4 to 6 weeks, and an agreement must be signed that you will be responsible for it and return it promptly and that borrowers will be posted on the club web site.

Public Awareness - Adam spoke extensively about Jamboree On The Air with the Boy Scouts coming up October 19. There are options of setting up stations at Camp Cedars or Little Sioux Scout Ranch. JOTA is a great way to introduce scouts to Ham Radio during the largest scouting event in the world with over 700,000 Scouts participating. A sign-up sheet is available.

Flea-Esta - Pat, KØCTU - It's over and we made about \$400 with 130 attendees. Pat thanked the many club members who helped both Friday and Saturday for making it a success.

Old Business - There is continuing effort on the Red Cross tower grounding project.

New Business - Pat, KØCTU announced that Ralph, WØSMY needs some antenna work that will be done on Saturday September 14. Anyone who would like to help can.

Announcements - The next VE testing session will be September 24 at 6:30 at the Red Cross building.

- There will be an estate sale with ham equipment on September 29.
- The Heartland Hams flea market will be September 21 at Emerson IA.
- The Soo Land Club will have their annual flea market on October 12 in extreme northwest IA.
- The 3900 Club will have a flea market on October 19 in Papillion.
- Rollie, ABØNN announced that there are door prizes for tonight's meeting including the Brown Bag Door Prize and the dreaded Mr. Reeh Door Prize. Get you tickets during the break and all tickets purchased are saved and are eligible for prizes at the December meeting. Ticket purchases fund the monthly prizes and the annual door prizes at the December meeting.

At 7:42 PM a motion was made by John, WBØCMC, seconded by Rollie, ABØNN to end the meeting. Passed unanimously.

Bill WA9ASD, Secretary AARC



(KAØBOJ on Ham Radio continued from page 1.)

Matt used the previous example to point out that hams should be prepared to answer peoples' questions and to encourage them to become hams. As part of this process, he brought along several stacks of ARRL brochures that he urged members to take with them use as handouts.

Matt went on to talk about the ARRL and what it does for the amateur community. He emphasized that the FCC doesn't always work in our best interest, so the ARRL campaigns to ensure that they do. He cited BPL (Broadband over Power Line) as one example. For this, and other reasons, he encouraged hams who weren't ARRL members to join.

He concluded by pointing out that amateur radio is a hobby. It is true that it's an asset to the community, nation, and world; it nevertheless is a hobby, so have fun.

Bill KCØSVZ

September Door Prizes

For the September meeting, the host of AARC's *The Prize is Right*, Rollie ABØNN, announced a whole bunch of items he was giving away: a 27-LED portable worklight/flashlight, a two-in-one magnetic gripper retriever tool, a Pittsburgh QuikFind 25' x 1" tape measure, a Chicago Electric Oscillating Multifunction Power Tool, a Pittsburgh six-piece screwdriver set, a Pittsburgh 6-1/2" wire stripper with pressure adjustment, a five-piece wire wrap/heat shrink assortment from Chicago Electric, and a Pittsburgh rotary coaxial cable stripper. Plus, of course, there was the Brown Bag Prize and the ineluctable Mr. Reeh Door Prize.

Norm WAØJYD drew the tickets.

The first lucky winner was Adam KDØMMG, who got the screwdriver set. Next, Russ NØMNW, was awarded the shrink tubing/wire wrap package—later, he went on to win the tape measure. Dan NØPOT won the flashlight/worklight, while the magnetic gripper went to Mary NØTRK. The 6-1/2" wire stripper was awarded to Ralph WØSMY. Marvin AEØEG won both the coaxial cable stripper and the multifunction power tool.

Second to last (but not least) the Brown Bag prize—which turned out to be a black LED flashlight—went to Bob KDØVTX. Marvin AEØEG, who was lucky enough to win two prizes earlier, lost his winning streak when his name was drawn for the Mr. Reeh Door Prize. Opening the prize was no easy task as it was wrapped inside more than nine tightly sealed plastic bags. He eventually worked his way to the innermost wrapper to discover that he'd won a nuvistor (remember those?) two-meter preamplifier.

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 KCØSVZ

Club Calendar

Oct 9	7:30 PM LARC Meeting, 4647 Superior St., Lincoln, NE.
Oct 11	7:00 PM AARC Meeting. Red Cross Building, 81 st & Spring St, Omaha, NE.
Oct 12	Market to Market Relay. See http://www.markettomarketrelay.com/
Oct 12	8:00 AM ARRL Hamfest. Sgt Bluff Com. Ctr; 907 Topaz Dr.; Sergeant Bluff, IA
Oct 12	11:00 AM HBQRP, Bredeaux Pizza, 1425 Silver St., Ashland, NE.
Oct 13	Crop Walk
Oct 16	7:00 PM Heartland Hams, 403 Railroad Ave., Glenwood, IA.
Oct 17	7:30 PM BARC Meeting. Masonic Hall, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue, NE.
Oct 19	Jamboree On The Air
Oct 19	9:00 AM 3900 Club 40th Anniversary Roundup. American Legion #32, Papillion.
Oct 19	6:00 PM AARC Coffee. Perkins Restaurant, 108 th & L Streets, Omaha, NE.
Oct 24	11:00 AM QCWA Meeting. Old Country Buffet, 14525 W. Center Rd., Omaha, NE.
Oct 24	7:30 PM PARC Meeting. 1900 E. Military Ave, Fremont, NE.
Oct 24	7:30 PM SWIARC Meeting. 705 N 16 th , Council Bluffs, IA.
Oct 28	6:30 PM AARC Directors' Meeting. Village Inn, 78th & Dodge Streets, Omaha, NE.
Nov 8-9	ARRL Midwest Division Convention. 500 East Elm, Lebanon, MO.
Nov 8	7:00 PM AARC Meeting. Red Cross Building, 81 st & Spring St, Omaha, NE.
Nov 9	11:00 AM HBQRP, Bredeaux Pizza, 1425 Silver St., Ashland, NE.
Nov 9	1:00 PM BARC VE Test. 11111 S. 84th St., Papillion, NE.
Nov 13	7:30 PM LARC Meeting, 4647 Superior St., Lincoln, NE.
Nov 16	6:00 PM AARC Coffee. Perkins Restaurant, 108 th & L Streets, Omaha, NE.
Nov 20	7:00 PM Heartland Hams, 403 Railroad Ave., Glenwood, IA.
Nov 21	7:30 PM BARC Meeting. Masonic Hall, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue, NE.
Nov 21	7:30 PM PARC Meeting. 1900 E. Military Ave, Fremont, NE.
Nov 25	6:30 PM AARC Directors' Meeting. Village Inn, 78th & Dodge Streets, Omaha, NE.
Nov 26	6:30 PM AARC VE Session, Red Cross Building, 81st & Spring St, Omaha NE.
Nov 28	7:30 PM SWIARC Meeting. 705 N 16 th , Council Bluffs, IA.
Dec 5	11:00 AM QCWA Meeting. Old Country Buffet, 14525 W. Center Rd., Omaha, NE.
Dec 7	TBD. SKYWARN Recognition Day.

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

ARRL Iowa State Convention Oct. 12, 2013, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Vendors, DX card checking, VE testing, flea market, and more. Tickets \$5 at the door, no advance sales. Children under 12 free with paying adult. Sergeant Bluff Community Center; 907 Topaz Dr.; Sergeant Bluff, IA (<http://www.k0tft.org/>).

ARRL Midwest Division Convention Nov. 8 & 9, 2013. Cowan Civic Center, 500 East Elm Street, Lebanon, MO 65536. Sponsor: Lebanon ARC & Missouri DX/Contest Club. Talk-In: 146.700 (PL 88.5). Public Contact: Ron Lowrance, K4SX, 2 Inland Court Wright City, MO 63390. Phone: 636-745-0078, Email: k4SX@centurytel.net. Website: <http://www.arrlmidwestconvention.com>

PARC Nov. 21, 2013. Meeting moved up from Nov. 28 due to Thanksgiving.

QCWA 210 Dec. 5, 2013. November and December meetings combined.