

**Tech Class Scheduled**The AARC will host a licensing class in July. The four week class will start on July 2 and run through July 23rd. Classes will start at 6:30 p.m. to about 9:30 p.m. The location will be at Methodist Hospital 8303 Dodge St and will be held in the Prairie Room. We are asking for pre-registration as class size is limited. The class is Free as is the use of a study guide. Books may be purchased for \$15. Send an email to [beaham@aksarbenarc.org](mailto:beaham@aksarbenarc.org) for early registration.

## Museum Ship Weekend



Rob KCØOYT and Corby KØSKW  
At the USS Marlin  
Photo by Jeff Beiermann WBØM

USS Hazard  
Photo from the AARC Website

See the report inside this issue

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## SATERN UPDATE

The Western Division SATERN group is officially a club. Membership is free and open to any amateur radio operator. The station located at the Salvation Army at 38th and Cuming Street has HF and VHF/UHF capability as well as Internet access for APRS tracking and Echolink-based communications.

On 6/20 at 10:30, we will be erecting a closed loop antenna cut for 160 meters. Anyone interested in helping with this is welcome.

Jim KCØSHZ

AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

# Ham Hum

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## Field Day 2009

Field Day will be on June 27 & 28th. A new Field Day Czarina has emerged, Claudia, KC0SQX has taken on the challenge. Let's throw our full support behind Claudia and make this the best field day of the Century. (So far, at least). Don't wait to be asked! VOLUNTEER! Field Day is a lot of work as well as a lot of fun but it's more fun when you help out.

We will be going back out to Walnut Creek this year. The location was great last year and the weather was awesome (well... after the Friday night storm)

## Next Meeting

Written by Meeting Czar

The Next Meeting of the Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club will be on Friday, June 12th at the Red Cross at 81st & Spring Streets (84th & Center area) at 7:30 p.m. This month's program will be presented by K0NEB about the Annual Dayton Hamvention....

## Breakfast Club Returning!

We're bringing back the breakfast social meetings! We'll be meeting for breakfast at 8am at the HyVee at 90th and Center on the first Saturday of the month. We'll also be meeting for dinner at 6pm on the third Saturday of the month at the 108th and L Perkins. Built a new kit? Bring it along! Rare DX contact?

Come tell us about it! Or just come hang out!

We also meet after the club meetings at the 108th and L Perkins. Come as you are, and stay as long as you'd like!

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## Contest Calendar

### June, 2009

Portugal Day Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Jun 13
VK/Trans-Tasman 160m Contest, Phone	0800Z-1400Z, Jun 13
ARRL June VHF QSO Party	1800Z, Jun 13 to 0300Z, Jun 15
SARL Youth Day Sprint	0800Z-1000Z, Jun 16
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 18
All Asian DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Jun 20 to 2400Z, Jun 21
West Virginia QSO Party	1600Z, Jun 20 to 0200Z, Jun 21
Kid's Day Contest	1800Z-2400Z, Jun 20
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	1200Z, Jun 27 to 1200Z, Jun 28
Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest	1200Z, Jun 27 to 1200Z, Jun 28
Marconi Memorial HF Contest	1400Z, Jun 27 to 1400Z, Jun 28
ARCI Milliwatt Field Day	1800Z, Jun 27 to 2100Z, Jun 28
ARRL Field Day	1800Z, Jun 27 to 2100Z, Jun 28
SARL Digital Contest	1300Z-1600Z, Jun 28

### July, 2009

RAC Canada Day Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1
Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest	0000Z, Jul 4 to 2359Z, Jul 5
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Jul 4 to 1500Z, Jul 5
MI QRP July 4th CW Sprint	2300Z, Jul 4 to 0300Z, Jul 5
RSGB 80m Club Championship, C	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 6
IARU HF World Championship	1200Z, Jul 11 to 1200Z, Jul 12
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 15
Russian Radio Team Championship	0700Z-1459Z, Jul 18
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Jul 18 to 0600Z, Jul 19
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	1800Z, Jul 18 to 2100Z, Jul 19
RSGB Low Power Field Day	0900Z-1200Z and 1300Z-1600Z, Jul 19
CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush	2000Z-2159Z, Jul 19
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 23
RSGB IOTA Contest	1200Z, Jul 25 to 1200Z, Jul 26

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

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

## Upcoming Events

June 12	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Business Meeting, 6:00 PM Red Cross
June 12	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Red Cross
June 13	Sarpy ARES Meeting, 2:00-3:00 PM, Ogram Suite, Midlands Hospital
June 27-28	Field Day
July 2-23	AARC Tech Class
July 10	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Business Meeting, 6:00 PM Red Cross
July 10	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Red Cross
July 11-12	Babcook Memorial Bicycle Race
July 28	HDXA & AARC VE Test Session, 6:30 PM, Red Cross

# Museum Ship Weekend Report

From the AARC Website

Museum Ship Weekend 2009 saw 85 ships from around the world come together to celebrate their history and raise awareness about the ships and amateur radio. In Omaha, we contributed two ships, the USS Hazard, a WWII Mine Sweeper, and the USS Marlin, one of the smallest submarines ever commissioned by the Navy. Both ships are on display at Freedom Park, which is now owned by the city of Omaha. The ships are not open to the public at this time.

The Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club received special permission to operate from the deck of the Hazard, and both ships were opened for Amateur Radio operators participating in the event. And many hams explored both the ships and helped keep non hams off of the ships.

We set up on the rear deck of the Hazard as it has the largest open area. We strung a dipole from the mast and we also set up an Outbacker HF antenna. We operated 20 meters on KOUA from this position. Most contacts from the Hazard were made from the Outbacker. A few yards away, the USS Marlin was staffed near the entry ramp. They were operating on a on 40 Meters using a Cushcraft 5 band vertical using the special event callsign KOM.

Things started a bit slowly, but picked up quickly when we found a frequency and started callign CQ. The response was instantaneous and grew from there. Both ships experienced pileups for most of the day. We are still checking exactly which ships we might have contacted, but that wasn't the purpose. The purpose was to get contacts with hams, and that we did. The exact count will be tallied tonight, but it was well over 200 on 20 meters and over 150 on 40 meters. Not bad for not really getting started until about 10:00 and stopping about 5:00. And yes, we will QSL, via KOUA or N0TRK.

Everyone we worked, and I know we missed some of you as the band conditions changed constantly, was glad to hear us. For many we were the first minesweeper they had worked during the history of the event. And many had to ask just how a ship finds its way to Nebraska. Being in the middle of the country was great as we were able to work station all around the country.

While the weather threatened to rain, we had none all day. The overcast skies kept the heat at bay most of the day. And everyone had a good time.

We had media coverage from KFAB prior to the event, the World Herald put in a blurb Saturday morning, and KETV came out and did a short story along with some other topics on the D-Day anniversary.

This was a fun event. From exploring the ships to setting up the stations to spending time with old and new friends. Here's hoping that the AARC wants to make this an annual event, and expand into a multi day operation.

# RTTY/Digital DXCC

I am the Midwest Division Representative on the ARRL DX Advisory Committee. The ARRL Programs and Services Committee has asked the DXAC to consider an issue related to RTTY/Digital DXCC.

Some background for this request is: The RTTY DXCC was created in 1976 and in 1984 it was made an endorsable award. QSOs starting in 1945 are eligible. In 1993 it became an Honor Roll award. The other digital modes have been counted the same as RTTY for purposes of this award and honor roll standings. The question now is should changes be made as a result of the popularity of the newer digital modes. There is no expectation that the current RTTY DXCC program will be eliminated.

Possible questions to consider include:

1. Should there be additional DXCC awards (endorsable or not?) for non-RTTY digital modes? If so, should all of those modes be included in one new program?
2. Or, should the current RTTY program be continued but the award be endorsable for other digital modes?
3. Or, should the current program be continued without change except to change the name from RTTY DXCC to DIGITAL DXCC?
4. If new digital award program(s) are implemented, what should be the start date for QSOs to be counted?
5. If new digital award program(s) are implemented, how might this affect future Dxpeditions?
6. If new digital award program(s) are implemented, should there be changes in the digital mode band plan?

Comments on the issue outside the scope of these questions will also be appreciated. The implementation of any changes may have administrative impact at ARRL HQ but we have been directed not to consider that impact as the committee formulates its response.

All Dxers are encouraged to send their comments to me. I plan to send this message to the DX Clubs in the Midwest Division but I request that everyone reading the message forward it to anyone else who might be interested.

Please let me have your comments by June 30th.

73  
Bill, K0DEQ  
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## Board of Director's Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2009

### Roll Call

[x] Corby–KØSKW      [x] Greg–WØAAI      [x] Jim – KC0SHZ  
[ ] Dan–KD7GSW      [x] Brian–KMØY      [x] Dick, - N6KVA  
[ ] Doug – NGØK      [ ] Marvin–AEØEG      [x] Greg – N7JOD

The meeting was called to order at 6:14pm. The May meeting minutes were accepted as submitted.

### President – Corby – KØSKW

Working through processes for club discounts with ARRL

### Vice President/Programs – Dick – N6KVA

Program tonight for new hams: have others demo their handhelds

### Treasurer - Brian Zdan - KMØY

Checking	1626.16	
MM Acct	5022.10	
Repeater	1132.12	
Repeater CD	2170.16	
CD	15,973.08	
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,238.37</b>	

### Unfinished Business

Hamfest- Millard church undecided about their hall. Will check out Firefighters' Hall on 60<sup>th</sup> and Grover. Also the possibility of Westside Community Center on 108<sup>th</sup> and Grover. Holiday Inn Central @ 72<sup>nd</sup> and Grover. High schools? German-American Society? Brian, KMØY will check.

Field Day –Salvation Army? Mount Michael? Elkhorn Crossing or Valley City Park or Neil Woods? Project chair, Claudia, KC0SQX will check into these. Eddie, K0IL's project notebook helpful for 1<sup>st</sup> timer chairs and others.

### Public Service – Jim – KCØSHZ

No report

### Publications – Steve – NØUP

No report

### Other

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Friday, June 12, at 6:00pm. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Greg Carlson, N7JOD, AKSARBEN ARC, Inc. Secretary.

## Club Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2009

The meeting started at 7:32 pm with approximately 25 in attendance.

President's Report – Corby, KØSKW - Club minutes were approved as read.  
Vice President's Report and Programs – Dick, N6KVA The program tonight is for new hams, with members' demos of their handhelds.

### Treasurer – Brian Zdan - KMØY

Checking	1,626.36	
MM Acct	5,022.14	
Repeater	1,132.12	
Repeater CD	2,170.16	
CD	15,973.08	Int 122.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,550.66</b>	

### Unfinished Business

Repeater - working well

### New Business

- Getting back to breakfasts at 90<sup>th</sup> and Center at 8am on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month
- Dinner on the third Saturday at 108<sup>th</sup> and L at Perkins

Public Service – Pat, KØCTU – NE State Track Meet at Burke HS, MS Walk this month.

Publications - Steve, NØUP – Ham Hum out with roster. Online database: You can change your information online.

Education – Mary NØTRK – Technician classes will be Thursdays of July at Methodist Hospital in the Prairie Room.

Membership – Mary, NØTRK – VOTED to approve the following as new members:

- Josh, NØJXJ, General
- Mitch, WBØGBI, Advanced
- Mike, WØGJQ, General
- Jeff, KBØMSS, Tech
- William, KCØWQH, Tech

Field Day – Claudia, KCØSQX - Several possibilities for locations. Others have said that there is too little space at Walnut Creek. Investigations continue.

### Other

- VE exam 26<sup>th</sup> May at 6:30pm tomorrow at 11am the QRP club in Ashland
- Satern Working Group meets at Salvation Army 10 am - 16 May with 146.58 talk in.
- Ships at Sea day is June 6 at Freedom Park. All hams welcome. See Mary, NØTRK or Greg, N7JOD

The meeting adjourned at 7:57pm for coffee at Perkin's on 108<sup>th</sup> and L

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