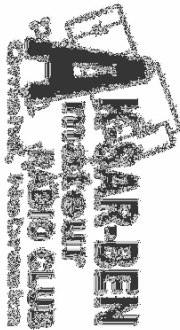


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>From ARRL Headquarters

Newington CT April 5, 2007

To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB011

ARLB011 DXing on 60 meters has a downside, ARRL advises

The ARRL is expressing concern that negative consequences could result from chasing DX on 60 meters. Some DXpeditions have announced plans to operate on Amateur Radio's only channelized band, where amateur operations hold secondary status to fixed service operations, including some US government stations. ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, says that while it's legal for DXpeditions to operate on the 5-MHz band provided the licensing administration extends privileges there, DX pileups on 60 meters pose the potential for real and unique problems.

"US amateurs are limited to five channels on 60 meters, USB only, maximum

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## Upcoming Events

April 10	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Red Cross
April 13	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Red Cross
April 21	Ararat Hambash 2007, Kansas City, MO <a href="http://www.hambash.com">www.hambash.com</a>
April 28	OMMRS Drill, Contact <a href="mailto:n0trk@arrl.net">n0trk@arrl.net</a> for more info.
May 5	Ashland ARC Hamfest, Wahoo NE
May 8	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Red Cross
May 11	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Location TBA
May 26	All Communicators Picnic, Papillion NE
June 29-30	Hamboree 2007, South Sioux City NE
October 7	AK-SAR-BEN ARC 2007 Hamfest, more to follow

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on the air from the Titanic Museum in Branson, Missouri, commencing at 1300 UTC on Saturday, April 14, and concluding at 2400 UTC on Sunday, April 15. Members of the Nixa Amateur Radio Club and the Southwest Missouri Amateur Radio Club (SMARC) will be among those at the helm of W0S. Icom has loaned Amateur Radio equipment for the special event.

Look for W0S on or around: SSB, 3.860, 7.260 and 14.260 MHz; CW, 3.560, 7.060 and 14.060 MHz. Operators will be listening 2 kHz up for calls. Visitors are welcome. E-mail the Nixa club for more information [titanichams@wzeros.com](mailto:titanichams@wzeros.com). In conjunction with the W0S operation, GB2MGY will be on the air from Belfast, Northern Ireland.

In Titanic wireless operator Jack Phillips' home town of Godalming, England, members and guests of the Wey Valley Amateur Radio Group <http://www.weyvalleyarg.org.uk> will run special event station GB95MGY. Operation will begin at 1000 UTC on April 14 and continue through 0547 UTC on April 15, the time the Titanic sank. After a short radio silence, operation will continue until April 16 at 0547 UTC. The special event will celebrate Phillips' heroism. The 25-year-old radio operator went down with the ship.

GB95MGY will operate CW only on all HF bands, 80 through 15 meters, 15 kHz up from the band edge, and will QSL all contacts (QSL via the bureau). For more information, contact Michael Shortland, G0EFO [michaelgs@dls.pipex.com](mailto:michaelgs@dls.pipex.com).

Special event station W1MGY will be on the air from the Titanic Historical Society Museum in Indian Orchard, Massachusetts. Operation will concentrate on 40 and 20 meters April 14 from 1400 UTC until 2030 UTC, although W1MGY may be on the air at other times, bands and modes throughout the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend.

Look for W1MGY on or around: CW, 3.533, 7.033, 14.033, 18.099, 21.033 and 28.033 MHz; SSB, 3.860, 7.260, 14.260, 18.160, 21.360 and 28.336 MHz, conditions permitting.

To schedule a contact with W1MGY, contact Dave Isham, KB1MU [<kb1mu@charter.net>](mailto:kb1mu@charter.net), indicating a preferred date, time, and frequency. Include an SASE with QSL requests to Titanic Historical Society, W1MGY, PO BOX 51053, Indian Orchard, MA 01151-0053 USA.

## Classified Ads

Classified ads are free to members. Send an email with the wording exactly as you want it printed to [hamhum@aksarbenarc.org](mailto:hamhum@aksarbenarc.org) or mail your ad to Ham Hum, P.O. Box 24551, Omaha NE 68124. Ads must be received by the third Friday of the Month to be included in the next Ham Hum.

*Editors note, Someone told me they had an ad to run, if you sent it, I am unable to find it. If you have an ad, please send it and I will run it next month.*

*Thanks.*

## Contest Calendar

### April, 2007

EU Spring Sprint, CW 1600Z-1959Z, Apr 14  
Georgia QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 14 to 0359Z Apr 15  
1400Z-2359Z, Apr 15  
222 MHz Spring Sprint 1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 17  
EU Spring Sprint, SSB 1600Z-1959Z, Apr 21  
Michigan QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 21 to 0400Z, Apr 22  
Ontario QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 21 to 1800Z, Apr 22  
432 MHz Spring Sprint 1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 25  
SP DX RTTY Contest 1200Z, Apr 28 to 1200Z, Apr 29  
Helvetia Contest 1300Z, Apr 28 to 1259Z, Apr 29  
Florida QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 28 to 0159Z, Apr 29  
1200Z-2159Z, Apr 29  
Nebraska QSO Party 1700Z, Apr 28 to 1700Z, Apr 29

### May, 2007

10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW 0001Z, May 5 to 2359Z, May 6  
Indiana QSO Party 1600Z, May 5 to 0400Z, May 6  
New England QSO Party 2000Z, May 5 to 2400Z, May 6  
FISTS Spring Sprint 1700Z-2100Z, May 12  
US Counties QSO Party, SSB 0000Z, May 19 to 2400Z, May 20  
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW 0000Z, May 26 to 2400Z, May 27  
MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint 2300Z, May 27 to 0300Z, May 28

For details check the following web site the week prior to the contest.

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

## SPECIAL EVENTS TO COMMEMORATE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF TITANIC TRAGEDY

Several Amateur Radio special event operations are scheduled to mark the 95th anniversary of the sinking of the RMS Titanic. The "unsinkable" White Star Line passenger vessel was on its maiden voyage from Liverpool, England, to New York City when it struck an iceberg and sank early on April 15, 1912.

More than 1500 people perished, while some 700 passengers in 19 lifeboats were rescued by the RMS Carpathia, whose radio operator copied the frantic distress call (the still common "CQD" signal, possibly coupled with the then-new "SOS") transmitted by MGY radio operator Jack Phillips as the Titanic foundered.

Special event W0S <<http://www.wzeros.com/>> (for "White Star Line") will be  
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## **Board of Director's Meeting Minutes - March 6, 2007**

### **Roll Call**

Todd – KKØDX  Greg – WØAAI  Brian – KMØY  Doug – NGØK  
 Bill – KEØXQ  Marvin – AEØEG  Gerry - WA6POZ  Jim - KCØSHZ  
 Steve – NØUP  Corby – KØSKW  Rollie - ABØNN  
Also present was Rich, WA0ZQG

The board meeting was started at 7:00pm. The meeting minutes were accepted as written with two date changes.

President's Report - Todd, KK0DX, was not present.

Vice President's Report - Greg, W0AAI, presided for Todd. Reported that the Red Cross will not be available for the May meeting so we will need to find a location.

Treasurer's Report - Brian, KM0Y reported the following:

Money Market	19,611.1	Includes 59.31 Interest
Repeater Acct	1,186.12	
Repeater CD	2,000.00	
Checking Acct	3,362.56	
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,159.86</b>	

The trailer license renewal has been obtained and the only thing to do is to put the stickers on the plates.

Hamfest Report – Planned for October 7<sup>th</sup> instead of the 14<sup>th</sup> as reported last month. No contract was signed.

Disaster Preparedness - Jim, KC0SHZ, reported that an ARES meeting was held last month. Skywarn training will be held March 29<sup>th</sup> at Boys Town. The annual siren test will be on the first Wednesday and Saturday of April.

Publications – Steve, N0UP, reported that the Ham Hum has been published and sent.

Programs – Greg reported that the upcoming Friday meeting will have a rig display. Doug will be giving a program on Ham Radio Deluxe for the April meeting. A program on the D-Star system is planned for May.

Field Day – Corby, K0SKW. Corby was not present. Greg reported that it is important that we get some help for Corby to planning field day. The group also considered ideas for a location.

Other Items - VE session 3/27 at the Red Cross. The next meeting will be Tuesday 4/10 at 7:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Doug Rathman, NGØK, AKSARBEN ARC, Inc. Secretary

## Picnic

The Bellevue Amateur Radio Club is holding the **First Annual "All Communicator's Picnic"** on May 26th at Halleck Park in Papillion. The picnic is open to all Amateur Radio Operators in the metro area and beyond if they want to travel to join us. Registration and payment deadline is May 12th. Please register by May 12th so that we can plan the correct amount of food needed. Please mail registration and payments to: Bellevue Amateur Radio Club, % Tom Huber, 7518 Chandler Hills Drive, Bellevue, NE 68147

**Ticket Cost for Lunch:** Adults \$6.50 ea. Children \$4.00 ea.

**Note:** Gate prices will be \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Children ages 3 – 12 if registration is not paid by May 12<sup>th</sup> prior to attending the event.

In addition to food and conversation, we have also planned some door prizes, and some raffle prizes. Raffle tickets will be \$1 ea. or 6 for \$5.00. Check the Bellevue Amateur Radio Club Website at [bellevuearc.org](http://bellevuearc.org) for updates on other planned activities. We are planning a talk-in frequency, but haven't finalized those details yet. We will post further up-dates as final plans come together.

We hope everyone who is able, comes out to join us for some good food, conversation and a chance to get to know other communicators in the area, and people who you might be working along side if any disasters or emergencies happen in any of the surrounding counties.

Contacts: KB0OUO at [ladmclark@yahoo.Com](mailto:ladmclark@yahoo.Com), or KC0HLB at [Barbwestcott@cox.net](mailto:Barbwestcott@cox.net).

Any questions, please e-mail one of us at the address listed above

## 10 Meter Net

W9HZC has resurrected the 10m Net on Sunday evenings. Come and join in on some HF activity at 7:00 p.m., Sunday evening on 28.400 MHz. This is a USB net and falls in the portion of the band open to all amateurs.

## Ham Hum Delivery

If you would like the Ham Hum delivered electronically by email, please let N0UP [n0up@cox.net](mailto:n0up@cox.net) or WA6POZ [wa6poz@arr.net](mailto:wa6poz@arr.net) know. We will make sure your hum arrives when the mailed hum would arrive. This is an opt-out of receiving the Hum by mail only. If you do not request an emailed copy, you will continue to receive it by postal mail. Ed.

effective radiated power (ERP) of 50 W, audio bandwidth not exceeding 2.8 kHz, and not all of the channels are useable because of ongoing fixed service operation," Sumner points out. Upon request of a primary service user, Sumner says, it's "absolutely imperative" that hams be prepared to relinquish any 60-meter channel immediately. This means constantly monitoring the transmitting channel. Hams also must not exceed the radiated power limit, he stressed.

Not all countries authorize amateur operation on 60 meters.

Transmitting on a 5 MHz frequency without authorization not only breaks the law but jeopardizes the operator's continued participation in the ARRL DXCC program. Five MHz cards submitted for DXCC may not be accepted for credit without evidence the operation was authorized.

Sumner emphasized that causing harmful interference to fixed and mobile service stations could jeopardize even the existing, limited privileges as well as the chances of increasing those privileges on a domestic basis, plus any possibility of obtaining an international allocation on 60 meters.

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## We are looking for volunteers!

The Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club will be providing radio communication support for the Multiple Sclerosis Society during their fund raising MS Walk on Sunday, April 15th, 2007. We will need volunteers for the walk to be a part of our radio team.

This year, the walk will start at the Scott Conference Center on the UNO Campus, go through Elmwood Park, cross over into Memorial Park and return to the Scott Conference Center. NOTE: This is a location change from past years!

Registration will start at 8:00 AM (estimated) and the walkers will probably start out as soon as they register.

Event information and directions are posted on the Ak-Sar-Ben ARC events calendar at [www.aksarbenarc.org/](http://www.aksarbenarc.org/). I will update the web site and send out an email update as soon as I receive additional information on the walk routes, official start/end times, etc.

If you can be a part of our team, or if you have any questions, e-mail [kc0oyt@arrl.net](mailto:kc0oyt@arrl.net) and I'll get back to you.

Rob, KC0OYT