



AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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I would like to thank Todd, **KKØDX** for the mini program on QSLing. If you would like more information, you can go to the ARRL web site and do a search on QSLing. Bill, **KAØVXK** did a presentation on Digital Modes. CW was the first digital mode, but that is just the tip of the iceberg. Bill explained that new modes are being developed every day. I am pleased to announce that Jim, **KCØSHZ** has volunteered to be the Disaster Preparedness chairman. Corby, **KØSKW** is the new club Field Day chairman.

Upcoming Events

4/14/06 AARC Meeting, Red Cross, 7:00 PM

4/18/06 AARC Business Meeting, Red Cross 7:00 PM

4/19/06 Douglas County ARES/RACES Meeting 7:30 PM, Ralston Fire Dept, 7623 Park Dr, Ralston NE.

4/22/06 DMRAA Hamfest 8:00 - 13:00, Iowa State Fairgrounds – Hall of Law, Des Moines, IA For more info email kc0frl@arrl.net or call 515-285-7981
Talk in 146.34/94 W0AK/R PL 114.8

5/6/06 Ashland ARC Swap Meet 8:00 – 14:00, Saunders County Fair Grounds, Wahoo NE. For more info email jimpamhitz@microlnk.com or call Jim Hitz 402-642-2040 Talk in 145.310-

5/12/06 AARC Meeting, Red Cross, 7:00 PM

5/16/06 AARC Business Meeting, Red Cross 7:00 PM

5/19 – 5/21/06 Dayton Hamention, Dayton Ohio

5/30/06 VE Session, Red Cross 7:00 PM

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Veep Speaks

How long has it been since you've been on HF? Have you ever been on HF? This month, the Heartland DX Association is sponsoring the 2006 Nebraska QSO Party (NEQP) and they are looking to have as many stations to be ON THE AIR from Nebraska as possible! A QSO party is a contest to see how many Amateur Radio stations from outside of Nebraska can QSO with stations inside Nebraska, and Nebraska stations to QSO with stations outside of the state! If you've never tried a QSO party, this is an easy and fun way to get on the radio and have some fun. Check out the information at <http://www.qsl.net/hdxa>

For those of you without an HF station, find a friend that will let you use his station or be the control operator while you make contacts. You'll be meeting other amateurs from all around the world during the 2006 Nebraska QSO Party. If you have questions about being in a QSO party, the AKSARBEN ARC April 14 meeting's program will be the NEQP. Information, rules, logs, records, and tips will be available at the NEQP Program.

The introduction of the mini-programs before the club meeting has been a roaring success. We are presenting a different quick lesson on a topic of amateur radio each month beginning at 7:00pm. This month, we'll have a demonstration of EZNEC - the antenna modeling computer program. Doug, NGØK will show us how to model a couple of simple antennas and how the program works. If you've never seen antenna modeling software in action, you won't want to miss this mini-program.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - The June 9 meeting of the AKSARBEN ARC will be a FREE AARC TAILGATE! AARC members can sell Amateur Radio equipment from the back of their car, truck, or van before the club meeting. There will be no vendors at this tailgate, only hams selling personal amateur radio related equipment. Selling gear at this TAILGATE is FREE to all AARC members, non-member cost is \$20 which will include a 2006 membership to the AKSARBEN ARC! There will be more information about this in the April and May issues of HAM HUM!

We hope to see all of you at the April 14 AKSARBEN ARC meeting. If you haven't been to a club meeting in a while, drop in and see what's happening. Bring a friend along and introduce them to the fun hobby that we all know and love - Amateur Radio.

-73, Todd - KK0DX

Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club 2006 Budget

Category	Income	Expense	Net Income
Book Sale	100.00	0.00	100.00
Donations			
Non Repeater	100.00	0.00	100.00
Red Cross	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Dues			
2006	3129.00	0.00	3129.00
Flea Market	1450.00	1150.00	300.00
Interest Income	10.00	0.00	10.00
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Advertising	50.00	0.00	50.00
Supplies	0.00	900.00	-900.00
Postage	0.00	1030.00	-1030.00
Insurance (Liability)	0.00	420.00	-420.00
PO Box Rental	0.00	58.00	-58.00
Registrations			
Corporate	0.00	13.00	-13.00
Trailers	0.00	33.00	-33.00
Web Site	0.00	135.00	-135.00
Clothing	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Education	200.00	200.00	0.00
Equipment Maintenance	0.00	125.00	-125.00
Field Day	0.00	400.00	-400.00
Membership Committee	0.00	125.00	-125.00
Misc Expenses	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Programs	1100.00	1200.00	-100.00
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Total Operating Budget	6139.00	6139.00	0.00

The Heartland DX Association announces the 2006 NEBRASKA QSO PARTY. The QSO party begins at 1700 UTC on April 22 and ends at 1700 UTC on April 23. Stations in the state of Nebraska are encouraged to work as many stations as possible for the QSO party! AKSARBEN ARC members are encouraged to submit logs and list AKSARBEN ARC for the Contest Club Competition.

There will be a presentation at the April 14 AKSARBEN ARC meeting concerning the 2006 Nebraska QSO Party. Give it a try, it's a lot of fun!

For complete rules, entry forms, and log sheets, please visit <http://www.qsl.net/hdxa>