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I would like to thank Doug, **NGØK** for the mini program on antenna modeling. If you would like more information, you can go to the ARRL web, or search the web. Gerry, **WA6POZ** and Steve, **NØWY** did a presentation on the upcoming Nebraska QSO Party. The mini program will be repeated due to the low attendance at the April meeting and the budget needs to be approved at the May meeting as well.

It is with deep regret to inform you of the following Silent Keys:

WAØFIF, Howard Ireland who passed away on April 21st.

K0GHK, Hugh L. Tinley, SK: QST author and World War II historical figure

Hugh Tinley, K0GHK, of Omaha, Nebraska, died April 27. He was 88. Tinley had been suffering from bone cancer. His article, "Riding the Magic Carpet," in April QST about using EchoLink to put hospital patients in touch with one another proved very popular with readers. An officer on the staff of Gen Dwight D. Eisenhower during World War II, Tinley was one of the last surviving individuals to have witnessed the signing of the German surrender documents that ended the war. In 2005, he appeared in an ABC Evening News segment, "Old Soldiers," marking the 60th anniversary of the victory in Europe. Retired as president of Farmers International, he had been a radio amateur for 46 years. During the 1960s, he was an active participant in the Military Affiliate Radio System's "Operation Hello," helping provide phone patches between servicemen in Vietnam and their families. He was a member of ARRL and the Heartland DX Association.

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Upcoming Events

May 12	AARC Meeting, Red Cross, 7:00 PM
May 16	AARC Business Meeting, Red Cross 7:00 PM
May 19-21	Dayton Hamvention
May 30	VE Session, Red Cross, 6:30 PM
June 9	AARC Meeting, Red Cross, 7:00 PM
June 13	AARC Business Meeting, Red Cross 7:00 PM
June 9-10	Midwest Division Convention/Hamboree 2006, Sioux City IA www.3900club.com
June 24-25	Field Day
July 14	AARC Meeting, Red Cross, 7:00 PM
July 15	Pioneer ARC Flea Market, North Bend NE http://home.alltel.net/jlhoffman/index.htm
July 18	AARC Business Meeting, Red Cross 7:00 PM
July 25	VE Session, Red Cross, 6:30 PM
September 17	Boyer Valley ARC Flea Market, Missouri Valley IA
October 8	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Hamfest, Omaha NE

Classified Ads

Classified ads are free to members. Send an email with the wording exactly as you want it printed to 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.

Wanted Some ads for this space. Contact hamhum@aksarbenarc.org

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Contest Calendar

May, 2006

FISTS Spring Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, May 13
50 MHz Spring Sprint	2300Z, May 13 to 0300Z, May 14
US Counties QSO Party, SSB	0000Z, May 20 to 2400Z, May 21
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW	1200Z, May 20 to 1200Z, May 21
EU PSK DX Contest	1200Z, May 20 to 1200Z, May 21
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	0000Z, May 27 to 2359Z, May 28
MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint	2300Z, May 28 to 0300Z, May 29

June, 2006

RSGB National Field Day	1500Z, Jun 3 to 1500Z, Jun 4
IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW	1500Z, Jun 3 to 1459Z, Jun 4
Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB	1100Z-1300Z, Jun 10
ARRL June VHF QSO Party	1800Z, Jun 10 to 0300Z, Jun 12
West Virginia QSO Party	1600Z, Jun 17 to 0200Z, Jun 18
Quebec QSO Party	1700Z, Jun 17 to 0300Z, Jun 18
Kid's Day Contest	1800Z-2400Z, Jun 17
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	1200Z, Jun 24 to 1200Z, Jun 25
ARRL Field Day	1800Z, Jun 24 to 2100Z, Jun 25

July, 2006

RAC Canada Day Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Jul 1 to 1500Z, Jul 2
MI QRP July 4th CW Sprint	2300Z, Jul 4 to 0300Z, Jul 5
IARU HF World Championship	1200Z, Jul 8 to 1200Z, Jul 9
FISTS Summer Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Jul 8
ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2400Z, Jul 9
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	1800Z, Jul 15 to 2100Z, Jul 16

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

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

APRS Path Update

This was sent out a while back on the MidwestAPRS Yahoo Group by Mark N9XTN.

The new recommendation is to set all home stations to digipeat WIDE1-1 instead of RELAY. This will do an even better job of duplicate reduction. In other words, "WIDE1-1" is the new "RELAY" but it works better. For mobile stations, your UNPROTO path would be WIDE1-1, WIDE2-2. Home stations will still be WIDE2-2 unless you need a fill-in digipeater's help.

The WØNWS station in Valley is already set to this. From driving around the metro lately, it seems not many home stations have their setup updated to reflect this new paradigm. Please take a look at your home setup and see if you can make this change. If you need assistance, please ask.

Veep Speaks

Time to get ready for a very busy summer! We've got a lot going on with the AKSARBEN Amateur Radio Club and we want to get everyone involved.

This month, we're fortunate to once again have "Nebraska's Greatest" - Doug, NG0K, make a presentation on CW Programs. For those of us that need to brush up on our CW skills, this should be a fun and easy way to do that. For those of you wanting to pick up that 5 WPM and get on the HF bands, you'll see how easy it really is! Unfortunately, due to family commitments, we will not have a mini-program before the meeting, but feel free to show up early and meet with everyone beforehand!

Our June club meeting will start at 7:00 with a FREE TAILGATE/SWAPMEET in the parking lot. AKSARBEN ARC members are welcome to bring stuff to sell and trade from the back of their cars or trucks. There will be no vendors, no door prizes, no admission fees - Just come and move your AMATEUR RADIO related stuff! For non-AKSARBEN ARC members, the cost of selling stuff at the TAILGATE will be \$20. That will also get you a membership to the club! At 8:00, we'll retire into the Red Cross to have a quick meeting and find out what's happening with Field Day.

Our July club meeting will again be outdoors. We're going to have a CAR SHOW. This won't be any ordinary car show, however. We're looking for Mobile Radio and Antenna installations. We'll have trophies for the best Radio Installation and the best Antenna Installation as well as other prizes for cool cars and ANY other vehicle with amateur radio on board!

Our big news is the October 8 AKSARBEN HAMFEST! We have secured the MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION Hall for our ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest. We will have programs, speakers, VE Sessions, Vendors, BIG Door Prizes, and lots and lots of tables available for you to sell your amateur radio equipment! We'll start giving more specifics at the May 12 AARC Meeting, so you'll want to be there to be the first to know what's happening! AKSARBEN HAMFEST '06 is sure to be a huge success and hopefully we can get many of our great members to be involved in the planning and execution of the event.

-73, Todd - KK0DX

Field Day 2006

Friends,

The weather warming up can only mean one thing – Field Day is near! Yes, as of this writing, there are only 58 days until field day! As I've been busy with classes (finals are next week!), Field Day has unfortunately had to take a backseat. Field Day can, and will, come together if I can bring people together to make it all happen.

Things that need to be thought of include the stations operating. We'll probably plan on 3 or 4 stations operating. If you have a band or mode you're especially fond of and would like to set up a station at Field Day, let me know. We'll then cycle operators through to man each station.

With the need for transmitters, comes the need for power. I have gotten a couple recommendations as to how to get generators. If anyone has a generator they could bring to Field Day or let the club use for Field Day, that would be great. It would be best to have multiple small generators.

Of course lighting is needed. Halogen lights on tripods as seen in hardware stores everywhere might be apt at shedding light on the subject. We may be able to rent these, but if we can borrow from club members, it would be beneficial.

And most importantly, the issue of food. I have considered Subway, potluck, and grilling hotdogs/hamburgers. I will leave this issue open for discussion (much like the other issues), as this isn't *my* Field Day. This is *our* Field Day. I can only do so much as an individual, but with the help of those who want to attend Field Day, it can be great.

I'm officially opening the flood gates for discussion, comments, and suggestions. Feel free to contact me directly at (402) 540-5483 or e-mail me at k0skw@hotmail.com.

May your antennas stay tuned and your signals never stop,
Corby KØSKW

AKSARBEN HAMFEST '06!

Sunday, October 8, 2006.

There will be Vendors, Programs, Speakers, GREAT Door Prizes, and Fun!

No table prices or admission prices are set yet, but that information will be coming soon.

Monday Night Net

We had fewer than a dozen check-ins on April 24th but the ideas and subjects discussed were interesting, a list of preferred Ham related web sites printed here.

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Monday Night .94

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Right off the bat, Wayne DZD announced the ISS was making an overhead pass, so the net was put on hold and several of us looked or went outside to see a quick moving bright "star" pass SW to NE. Wayne said the Station's Packet wasn't working properly.

Subject offered for the net was "Your Favorite Site" (radio related of course) and there were a couple of interesting reasons, Rich's 3900Club because it plays music, and Tim's because it's his own.

Some made comments about web sites with numbers rather than names, and it is a little unusual.

Kip KRV hasn't been on the air for about two (2) years, and Ron SRK said it was more like 15 years. Neither had to be reminded how to talk.

At the end of the net, Wayne said the Station would make another pass (does it every 95 minutes) to the North, low in the sky, maximum altitude 14 degrees at 2238L. I was in bed by then, scheduled for coffee before 9AM the next day.

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