

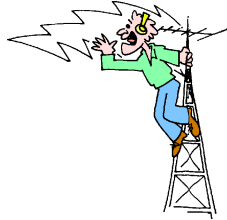
# HAM HUM

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## The Prez Sez

The first snow is upon us, hopefully everyone is not as far behind as I am this year. I had hoped to put the 2.4 GHz antenna up along with a couple of UHF and VHF beams, some hard line and an HF beam, but there is always spring. I was putting a shelf up in the ham shack to put the wireless router and cable modem up out of range of little hands this weekend when I caused the great ham shack blackout of 2004. I was putting a couple of heavy-duty brackets on the wall so I could support two small boxes and a UPS when, as I was running the wood lag into a wall stud, the lights went out. Yup I put a big screw right through a 12-gauge piece of romex. This was the only piece of wire that went through that stud, what are the odds? So, now all the radios are taken down, the wire is repaired, and I have wet mud on the wall where I had to patch. Hopefully by the end of the week, I will be putting everything back together.



Now on to real ham stuff. The 2.4 GHz antenna I was going to put up is a 12-dBi gain vertical that is going to hook to a Linksys WAP11 (I think) and about 40 feet. I plan on putting the access point in a WX resistant box up there to minimize feedline loss. I also have a POE kit (power over ethernet) that was modified to work with the WAP11. So anyone want to try long haul 2.4? I also have a 24 dB grid dish. Channel 1 on 802.11 is very quiet around here, most of the users have left their stuff in default mode.

Elections are coming. Please come to the December meeting and VOTE for whom ever you choose. As noted in the last issue, there are still some opportunities to serve your club in an elected



office. If you are interested, please come to the meeting and have someone nominate you. Proxies were sent out last month in the Hum. If you can't be at the meeting, please see that an interested member gets your proxy and knows your intent.

Election night food. As has been done in the past, food will be the pre-meeting event at the December meeting. We are planning on starting at 6:00 with meat and cheese trays, chips, salads and maybe cookies. This is reminiscent of the old days and is because we finished the year very favorably financially. I am soliciting cookie donations though.

73's  
Steve Schmitz  
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### Next Meeting Information

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 7:30 p.m.  
Red Cross at 82<sup>nd</sup> & Spring Streets.

## ELECTION NIGHT

*Be sure to come out and vote!*

*Also ... pre-election food! Meat & Cheese Trays, Chips, Salads, Cookies!*

## The Amateur's Code of Conduct Paul M. Segal, 1928.

The Radio Amateur is:

**CONSIDERATE?** never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

**LOYAL?** offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

**PROGRESSIVE?** with knowledge abreast of science, a well-built and efficient station and operation above reproach.

**FRIENDLY?** slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interest of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

**BALANCED?** radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school, or community.

**PATRIOTIC?** station and skill always ready for service to country and community

(Wolfgang et. al. 2-21).



### For Sale

Classified advertisements are free for all Ak Sar Ben ARC members.

Please send classified ad submissions to [hamhum@aksarbenarc.org](mailto:hamhum@aksarbenarc.org).



### Nebraska Section News

From the ARRL Website ...

Congratulations to Matt Anderson, KAØBOJ of Ashland. He will be your new Section Manager effective January 1, 2005. I wish him the best of luck in his position. I have offered to give him any assistance that I can to make the transition a smooth one. I have, for the most part enjoyed being your Section Manager for the last 10 years, but there comes a time to relinquish the reigns and let someone with fresh ideas take charge. I have known Matt for a number of years and I admire his enthusiasm. In 2003, the Nebraska Section went

through some rough times and hopefully things have calmed down to where the best interests of the Section can be dealt with.

-- Bill McCollum, KEØXQ

Additionally ... Thanks to Bill McCollum 'XQ for serving as section manager for TEN Years! If you see Bill, be sure to thank him for his years of service to Amateur Radio.



### DO-NETS

Do-Nets are unofficial, casual gatherings of Hams that occur between meetings. Everyone is invited to join in the fun, food, and camaraderie each week at any of these locations:

<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Talk-in</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tue 08:00	146.82-	Main St. Cafe, CB
Fri 20:00	146.39+	Wendy's Galvin Rd.
Sat 08:00	146.82-	HyVee, 16 <sup>th</sup> St. CB
1 <sup>st</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue 12:30	146.52	Brandies Food Ct.



### You Know You're a Ham If ...

- You buy electrical black tape in ten packs.
- You've stripped wire with your teeth.
- You've told your son that, "One day, all this will be yours", and he doesn't respond.
- You'd rather help a buddy put up a new tower than mow the lawn.
- You've grabbed the wrong end of a soldering iron.
- You start giving out RST reports when you are on the telephone.
- The propagation forecast means far more to you than the local weather forecast.
- The microphone or visual aids at a meeting don't work and you rush up to the front to fix it.
- You tell the XYL, when she notices a new rig in the shack, why that has been there for years.

Your watch is set only to UTC.

At night, when you pray, it starts off something like: CQ CQ CQ GOD DE (your callsign).

You ever had to patch your roof after an antenna project.

Ham radio magazines comprise more than 50% of your bathroom library.

You ever put a GPS tracker in the XYL's car, just so you could watch her on APRS.

You and the XYL took a cruise so you could visit the radio room.

You ever tapped out HI in Morse on your car horn to another ham.

You ever had an antenna fall down.

Your teenager refuses to ride in your car because it looks like a porcupine.

You know the Latitude and Longitude of your home QTH.

You go into the local Radio Shack store and the clerk asks you where something is.



### ARES Happenings

The 2004 SKYWARN recognition day will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2004, from 0000 - 2400 UTC. (Friday at 6:00 p.m. to Saturday at 6:00 p.m. local time) The NWS office in Valley Nebraska will be participating as it has since the first event.



**SKYWARN**

You can help by signing up to operate anytime on Friday or Saturday. Sign up by emailing skywarn@wxham.com. If you find you have some time, come out and operate. There is an HF beam and a folded dipole permanently installed at the facility, and a vertical has been added for the event. This is a great event so come on out and operate for a while.

SKYWARN Recognition Day was developed in

1999 by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League. It celebrates the contributions that volunteer SKYWARN radio operators make to the National Weather Service.



### Kids Day

Kid's Day is coming up on January 2 2005 (this is a Sunday) from 1800 to 2400 UTC

Suggested exchange is Name, age, location and favorite color. You are encouraged to work the same station again if an operator has changed. Call "CQ Kids Day"

Suggested frequencies are: 28,350 to 28,400 kHz. 21,380 to 21,400 14,270 to 14,300 and any and all 2 meter repeater frequencies. Be sure to observe all 3rd party traffic rules.

Awards: All participants are eligible to receive a colorful certificate and kids get to experience amateur radio!



### Upcoming Events

Southwest Iowa Amateur Radio Club  
Hamorama, March 5, 2005  
**Talk-In:** 146.82 MHz  
Valley View Community Center

Des Moines Radio Amateur Association  
2005 ARRL Hamfest, April 23, 2005  
**Talk-In:** 146.34/94 (PL 114.8)  
Contact: Tim Mulvin, WN0IFF  
PO Box 36602  
Des Moines, IA 50315  
Phone: 515-287-6658  
Email: [tmulvin@msn.com](mailto:tmulvin@msn.com)

Iowa State Fairgrounds Grandstand, East 30th & University Avenue, Des Moines, IA



**History Channel program to explore the annals, impact of radio** (Dec 4, 2004) -- On Friday, December 10, at 1 PM and 7 PM EST/PST, The History Channel will air a history of radio, "Radio: Out of Thin Air," as part of its "Modern Marvels" series. According to The History Channel, the hour long program will examine "the long life of the radio" and how its introduction "changed life in America nearly overnight."--submitted by John Dilks, K2TQN

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