



Offutt Air Show 2009

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August 29th and 30th was the date, Saturday and Sunday. The place was Offutt Air Force Base. The event was the Defenders of Freedom Open House and Air Show.

The Bellevue Amateur Radio Club and the Strategic Air Command Memorial Amateur Radio Club operated a joint booth on the flight line. BARC provided information about ham radio in general as well as information about upcoming classes and testing sessions. We had a VHF station setup on the WBØEMU repeater for talk-in and demonstration.

SACMARC operated a special event station on 20 meters. Over the two days of the air show, the SE station made 162 voice contacts (33 different states and 2 Canadian contacts). Operators and loggers included Dennis Mitchell KCØYKN, Frank Taylor AAØZZP, Theresa Ratekin KDØHWG, Chuck Burmester KDØBWI, Ryan Jones KDØAVT, Mark Chastain NØWQK, and me.

For HF ops we used a Kenwood TS-440 on Saturday and a TS-2000 on Sunday with a 20m Buddipole antenna. For VHF ops we used a Kenwood TM-261 with a quarter wave ground plane antenna.

We had several people stop by the booth and ask questions about amateur radio. And we had the opportunity to explain the Curtis LeMay connection to ham radio and how SSB became a communications standard for the Air Force.

One of the highlights of the Air Show was talking to Alan Swinger K9MBQ of Charlottesville, VA. Alan,

as it turns out, is the father of the #4 Blue Angels pilot who performed both Saturday and Sunday.

It was a fun event to operate and to interact with the public.

Special thanks go to KDØAVT and NØWQK who stuck around Sunday afternoon and helped Dennis and me schlep the gear and equipment off the flight line so we could get out of there at a reasonable hour.



KDØHWG operating with KCØYKN looking on

Poser

Which of these mode/band combinations is illegal for an Extra class operator according to FCC rules?

CW signal on 7.2995 MHz

USB signal on 14.1498 MHz

USB signal on 146.520

USB signal on 5.3465 MHz

Answer appears on page 9.

Wednesday 2100 146.82 Pottawattamie County ARES
 Wednesday 2100 146.73 Nebraska City, NE ARES
 Thursday 1900 28.200 10M CW Net
 Thursday 2000 145.115 Handi-Hams Net
 Thursday 2100 434/421.25 ATV Net
 Saturday 0930 7.047 4 State QRP CW net
 Saturday 1000 145.115 FM CW Practice Net
 Saturday 1200 146.82 Swap Net.
 Sunday 0800 3.901 3900 Club Trader Net
 Sunday 0900 3.896 3900 Club Net
 Sunday 0930 3.955 QCWA Net
 Sunday 1900 28.125 Slow Speed CW Net
 Sunday 1900 28.400 10M Phone Net
 Sunday 2000 145.09 Packet Net on KE6DZD BBS
 Sunday 2000 145.235 Sarpy RACES Net.
 Sunday 2045 3.982.5 Midlands ARES HF Net (+/- 5 kc's) (Note Time Change)
 Sunday 2100 146.94 Midlands ARES Net
 Sunday 2100 434/421.25 ATV Net
 Sunday 2100 145.37/145.29 Heartland ARC Newslite
 Thursday 2000 147.36 HDXA Thursday night net

September BARC Presentation

Thanks to Mark Chastain, NØWQK, who discussed C.E.R.T. at the September 17 BARC meeting.



Monthly Birthday List

(no information provided)

Poser Mode/Band Combination Answer

All the mode/band combinations are legal.



Events

Editor-recommended events are **highlighted**.

Ham-Related Events

event type	date	event description
hamfest	Oct 10	ham radio tailgating , N4OWG's QTH - www.bellevuearc.org
service	Oct 10	Market to Market Relay Race - www.mdars.org/heroes/machform/view.php?id=8
contest	Oct 7	432 MHz Fall Sprint - www.svhfs.org
meeting	Oct 8	BARC board of directors - www.bellevuearc.org
contest	Oct 10-11, Nov 7-8	ARRL International EME Competition - www.arrl.org
club meeting	Oct 15	BARC membership meeting - dinner meeting, AA0ZP program - www.bellevuearc.org
training	Oct 17, 24	Amateur Radio Technician Class - education@bellevuearc.org
event stations	Oct 17	US Coast Guard Auxiliary stations - k1k.73@comcast.net (+others)
hamfest	Oct 17	Grandview - www.southsidearc.org
QSO party	Oct 17	Iowa QSO Party - www.contesting.com/articles/996
QSO party	Oct 18	Illinois QSO Party - www.w9awe.org
contest	Oct 24	50 MHz fall sprint - www.svhfs.org
training	Oct 29	FCC license testing, Lincoln, NE - K0IH@ARRL.NET
training	Oct 31	FCC license testing, Bellevue, NE - education@bellevuearc.org
training	Nov 7, 14, 21	Amateur Radio General Class - education@bellevuearc.org
contest	Nov 7	ARRL Sweepstakes CW - www.arrl.org
event stations	Nov 11	Veterans Day K0GRL, K0AIR - www.sacmarc.org
	Nov 21	ARRL Sweepstakes Phone - www.arrl.org

BARC October Meeting Program

Frank, AA0ZP, will talk about aspects of QSLing.

