



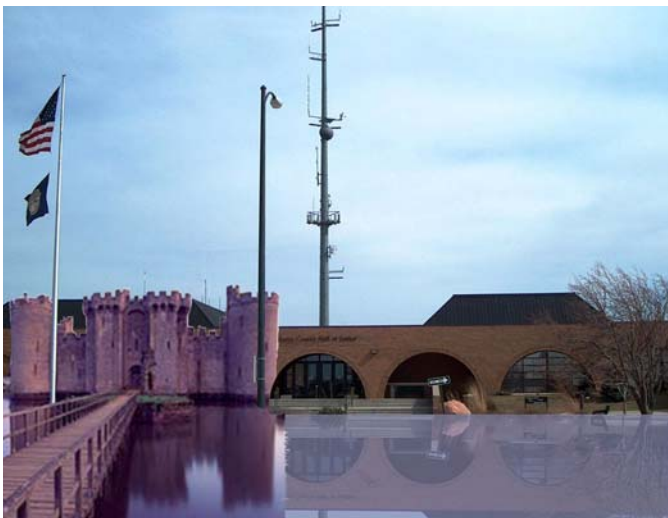
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## BARC January Meeting Instructions

The 7:30 p.m. meeting will be preceded by a 30-minute tour of the Sarpy County 911 Center and EOC. BARC members, please wear BARC hats, shirts, badges. Members who have the Sarpy County Emergency Volunteer Badges with picture should wear them.

Please plan to arrive at 1210 Golden Gate Blvd between 6:45 and 7:00. The EOC door will open at 7:00 PM and close at 7:05. Please do not be late. Look for WH6BUL at the ramped employee entrance to the Court House. Latecomers will not be able to cross the moat, as the drawbridge will be raised.

The EOC people will brew some coffee for us and sodas are available in the vending machines.



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## BARC Dues are Due

*by Ladonna, K80UD*

You need to pay one of the officers at the January meeting; they will need to drop off the checks and information to me after the meeting (or send with Ron if he is there), or you may mail it to the club address, and Tom will deposit the checks and via e-mail send me the information. To make it easier to keep track of the checks, please pull down the Information sheet from the website, and fill in your call sign, name, your e-mail address so we can verify we have your most current address, and your date of license expiration; and attach your payment to the form. Also please update any changes such as home phone, cell phone, address if you moved in the past year etc. It really helps to keep the database up to date if you supply the newest information. I have the new database set up and ready to go with the information from those of you who paid already, and those of you who have paid more than one year at a time.

If you don't know if you have paid, contact me, however it may be a week or two until I get back to you.

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## BARC Technician License Class Set

[repeated from December issue] Bellevue Amateur Radio Club will be holding a Technician Licensing Class in January of 2012. Please forward this announcement to any interested parties and local clubs in the area.

The Technician licensing class will be taught on three consecutive Saturdays, January 14th, 21st, and





FW0 – Wallis/Futuna Islands; This rare island group will be activated by **HA0NAR** and others from Jan 25th to Feb 23rd as TW0F. QSL route to be via **HA0NAR**.

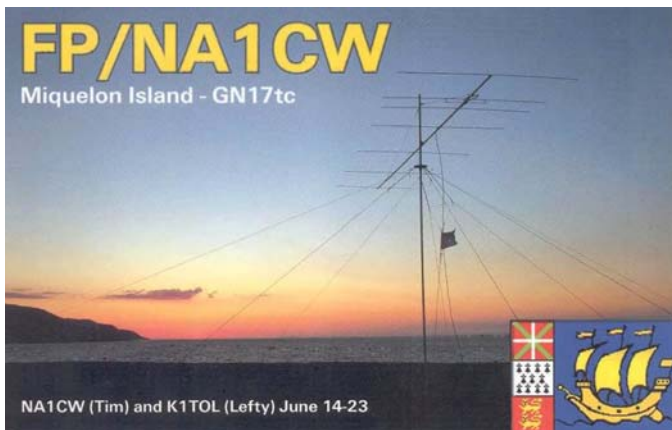
HK0 – Malpelo; This rare SA island will be activated by the Malpelo Island DXpedition Group for 17 days beginning Jan 21st. They will operate 160M to 6M, CW, SSB and digital. They hope to have 10 stations active at once using K3 radios, KPA500 amplifiers as well as Alpha 8410 amps. QSL via **N200** direct, bureau or OQRS.

KH3 – Johnston Island; Susan **W7KFI** will sail to this remote island alone and be active for 5-7 days beginning about Jan 22. She will use a vertical and a K3 from a dock on the island. QSL to **KH6CG**.

T8 – Palau; Several operations are planned for the rare one: **JH0IXE**, **JA0FKK** and **JL3TOG** are now active as **T8CW**, **T88XC** and **T88KI** until Jan 8th. Look on 180M to 6M, QSL to home calls. Also, **T88SM** will be on from there Jan 11 to 15th. QSL direct only to Hakata Radio, Box 232 Hakata 812-8799 Japan.

**TN2T** Congo; The **9Q50ON** from Belgium has now received permission to operate from the Congo from Jan 22 to 31. They will operate 160M to 10M with emphasis on 80M and 160M. QSL via the **M0URX** OQRS system. 6M activity is a slim possibility.

VK0 – MacQuarie Island; Trevor **VK0TH** remains active on all HF bands as time permits. He has been worked on SSB, HELL, PSK31 and RTTY, sorry no CW. He will leave the island at the end of April so everyone should have a chance to put this one in their log. QSL via **JE1LET**.



VP6 - Pitcairn Island; A five operator group plan to be active from this 'Mutiny on the Bounty Island'

from Jan 20th to Feb 4th. They plan to upload logs to LoTW near real time from the island. If this isn't possible, the upload will take place as soon as they return to Europe. QSL manager will be **G3TXF** if you want the actual card. Three stations with 9 operators will be on the air round the clock, 160M through 10M CW, SSB, and digital.

There are the highlights for the DX news for January. As usual, thanks to the ARRL DX Bulletin, the 425 DX Newsletter and the OPDX DX Bulletin for information contained in this column. See you in the Pile ups!

73, Mike **NA9Q**

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## Poser

Which antennas is named for its use on dirigibles?

- Zepp
- Bazooka
- Beverage
- Blimp doublet

The answer appears in "Poser Answer" on page 6.

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## Tom's New Radio Digs

by Tom, **WDOBFO**

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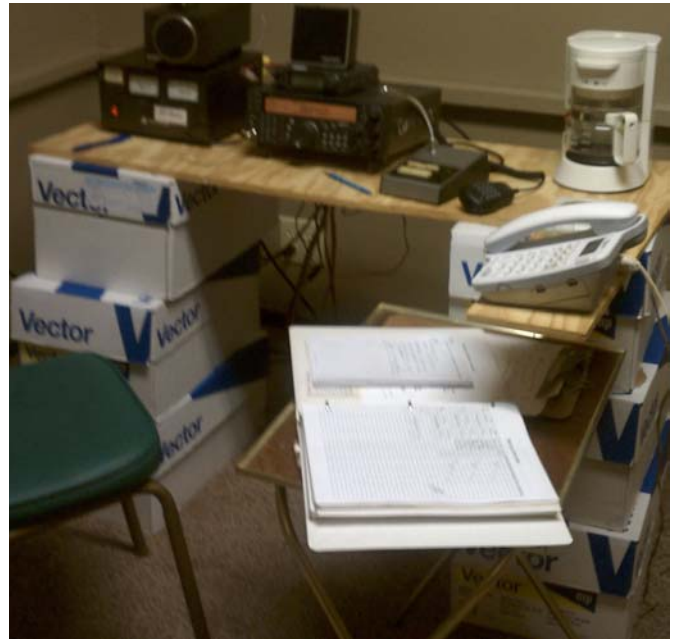


and the wife said you need to paint and get new carpet, and so I started by gutting the room and in the



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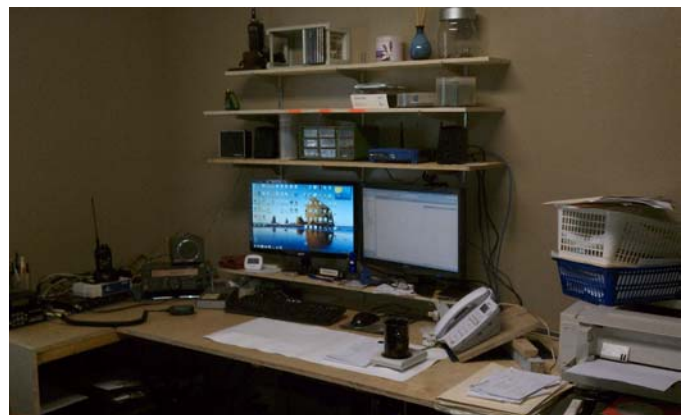
interim had for working conditions. Then I started



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rebuilding, and ended with



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and this. I am still going through shelf building and



cosmetics but the basics are done and I am on the air. I am working on a web page to show this all that way, too, so stay tuned.

## Poser Answer

The answer is a Zepp, short for Zeppelin, named after a German count.

## BARC Member Doings

If you participated in a ham-radio-related activity during the past month, drop a line to W0KT. This is your monthly opportunity to promote your favored activities or for a moment of fame.

## ARRL 10 Meter Contest

I was able to spend just a few hours in this contest, but it was lots of fun. The band was open to somewhere almost all the time. I was in the mixed mode

category (phone & CW). I made 10 phone QSOs and nearly 100 CW contacts.

--Rick, W0KT

## 2 Meter Digital Operation

There is some new blood doing 2 meter FSK441 operation. I worked MT and ND for states 31 and 32 on 2 meters. The only close-by states that I am missing on 2 are WY and KY; I have never heard of a KY station who operates 2 meter digital modes.

--Rick, W0KT

## Ham Events

If you have an event that you want to have listed, be sure to send an e-mail to the *Spark Gap*. Editor-recommended events are **highlighted**.

event type	start date	event description
contest	Jan 7	ARRL RTTY Roundup - <a href="http://www.arrl.org">www.arrl.org</a>
contest	Jan 8	Kids Day - <a href="http://www.arrl.org">www.arrl.org</a>
BARC Bd mtg	Jan 12	7:30 PM, - <a href="http://www.bellevuearc.org">www.bellevuearc.org</a>
education	Jan 14	Amateur radio Technician license class - (December 2011 <i>Spark Gap</i> ) - <a href="http://www.bellevuearc.org">www.bellevuearc.org</a>
contest	Jan 14	North American QSO Party CW - <a href="http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php">www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php</a>
special event	Jan 14	US Navy Seal Teams Established 1962, NI61W, - <a href="mailto:kk6fz@arrl.net">kk6fz@arrl.net</a>
BARC club mtg	Jan 19	7:30 PM <b>club meeting</b> - <a href="http://www.bellevuearc.org">www.bellevuearc.org</a> <b>Meeting is to be held at Sarpy County EOC this one time only. Check club website.</b>
contest	Jan 21	ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes - <a href="http://www.arrl.org">www.arrl.org</a>
contest	Jan 21	North American QSO Party phone - <a href="http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php">www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php</a>
hamfest	Jan 21	North KC Hamfest, Kansas City, MO - <a href="http://www.northkchamfest.com">www.northkchamfest.com</a>
contest	Jan 27	CQ WW 160 Meter Contest CW - <a href="http://www.cq160.com">www.cq160.com</a>
education	Jan 31	amateur license testing, Ak-Sar-Ben ARC - <a href="http://www.aksarbenarc.org">www.aksarbenarc.org</a>
special event	Feb 3	53rd Anniversary of the Death of Buddy Holly W5B - <a href="http://www.amcrc.com/w5b">www.amcrc.com/w5b</a>
contest	Feb 4	Ten-Ten Winter Phone QSO Party - <a href="http://www.ten-ten.org">www.ten-ten.org</a>
contest	Feb 4	Minnesota QSO Party Ph CW Dig - <a href="http://www.w0aa.org">www.w0aa.org</a>
special event	Feb 4	Groundhog Day at Punxsutawney Airport Punxsutawney Area Amateur Radio Club - <a href="http://sites.google.com/site/punxyhamclub">sites.google.com/site/punxyhamclub</a>
contest	Feb 5	North American Sprint CW - <a href="http://www.ncjweb.com">www.ncjweb.com</a>
contest	Feb 10	YL-OM Contest Ph CW Dig - <a href="http://www.ylrl.org">www.ylrl.org</a>
education	Feb 11	amateur license testing, Bellevue ARC - <a href="http://www.bellevuearc.org">www.bellevuearc.org</a>
special event	Feb 11	Thomas Edison Birthday Memorial, NI8G - <a href="mailto:NI8N1@yahoo.com">NI8N1@yahoo.com</a>

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special event	Feb 11	Thomas Edison Birthday. Thomas Edison Memorial Radio Club - NI8N1@yahoo.com
contest	Feb 11	CQ WW RTTY WPX Dig - www.cqwprrty.com
contest	Feb 12	North American Sprint Ph - www.ncjweb.com
BARC Bd mtg	Feb 16	7:30 PM, - www.bellevuearc.org
contest	Feb 18	<b>ARRL International DX Contest - CW</b> - www.arrl.org
special event	Feb 18	George Washington's 280th birthday - k4us@mvarc.com or www.mvarc.org
contest	Feb 20	North American Sprint Ph - www.ncjweb.com
BARC club mtg	Feb 23	7:30 PM <b>club meeting</b> - www.bellevuearc.org
contest	Feb 25	North American QSO Party Dig - www.ncjweb.com
special event	Feb 26	Johnny Cash 80th Birthday Celebration, K5NEA - nea-rc.org
contest	Mar 3	<b>ARRL International DX Contest - Phone</b> - www.arrl.org
BARC Bd mtg	Mar 8	7:30 PM, - www.bellevuearc.org
BARC club mtg	Mar 13	7:30 PM <b>club meeting</b> - www.bellevuearc.org
education	Mar 27	amateur license testing, Ak-Sar-Ben ARC - www.aksarbenarc.org
BARC Bd mtg	Apr 12	7:30 PM, - www.bellevuearc.org
contest	Apr 15	Rookie Roundup - SSB - www.arrl.org
BARC club mtg	Apr 19	7:30 PM <b>club meeting</b> - www.bellevuearc.org
BARC Bd mtg	May 10	7:30 PM, - www.bellevuearc.org
education	May 12	amateur license testing, Bellevue ARC - www.bellevuearc.org
BARC club mtg	May 17	7:30 PM <b>club meeting</b> - www.bellevuearc.org
education	May 29	amateur license testing, Ak-Sar-Ben ARC - www.aksarbenarc.org
contest	Jun 9	<b>ARRL June VHF QSO Party</b>
BARC Bd mtg	Jun 14	7:30 PM, - www.bellevuearc.org
contest	Jun 16	Kids Day - www.arrl.org
BARC club mtg	Jun 21	7:30 PM <b>club meeting</b> - www.bellevuearc.org
contest	Jun 23	<b>ARRL Field Day</b> - www.arrl.org
BARC Bd mtg	Jul 12	7:30 PM, - www.bellevuearc.org
BARC club mtg	Jul 19	7:30 PM <b>club meeting</b> - www.bellevuearc.org
education	Jul 31	amateur license testing, Ak-Sar-Ben ARC - www.aksarbenarc.org
BARC Bd mtg	Aug 9	7:30 PM, - www.bellevuearc.org
education	Aug 11	amateur license testing, Bellevue ARC - www.bellevuearc.org
BARC club mtg	Aug 16	7:30 PM <b>club meeting</b> - www.bellevuearc.org
contest	Aug 19	Rookie Roundup - RTTY - www.arrl.org
contest	Sep 8	ARRL September VHF QSO Party - www.arrl.org

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BARC Bd mtg	Sep 13	7:30 PM, - www.bellevuearc.org
BARC club mtg	Sep 20	7:30 PM <b>club meeting</b> - www.bellevuearc.org
education	Sep 25	amateur license testing, Ak-Sar-Ben ARC - www.aksarbenarc.org
BARC Bd mtg	Oct 11	7:30 PM, - www.bellevuearc.org
BARC club mtg	Oct 18	7:30 PM <b>club meeting</b> - www.bellevuearc.org
contest	Nov 3	ARRL November Sweepstakes, CW - www.arrl.org
education	Nov 10	amateur license testing, Bellevue ARC - www.bellevuearc.org
contest	Nov 17	ARRL November Sweepstakes, Phone - www.arrl.org
education	Nov 27	amateur license testing, Ak-Sar-Ben ARC - www.aksarbenarc.org
contest	Nov 30	ARRL 160 Meter Contest - www.arrl.org

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### January 2012 Program

Note that the January meeting is not scheduled for its usual location. The meeting and program will be held at the Sarpy County EOC in Papillion. Check page 1 and the club website for details.

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Location: Smith Suite, Midlands Hospital

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Test session starts at 1 PM

Location: McArdle Suite, Midlands Hospital

Testing is available for new licenses as well as upgrades.

Alegent Midlands Hospital  
11111 South 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Papillion, NE  
South of Highway 370 on 84<sup>th</sup>

Class size is limited, please make a reservation.

Contact: Mike Lewis WØMDL, [education@bellevuearc.org](mailto:education@bellevuearc.org)

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