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## MAY MEETING

- WHEN: FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1968 - 8:00 P. M.
- WHERE: RANCH BOWL, 1600 South 72nd Street,  
Omaha. (Use east entrance.)
- PROGRAM: Talk and demonstration by Cecil D. DeWitt,  
WØRMB, (assisted by daughter Kathy) on  
how fuses protect your home and equip-  
ment; the different types of fuses and how  
they work; and the functions of different  
types of circuit breakers.

OPEN BOWLING AFTER THE MEETING.  
BRING YOUR BOWLING BALL AND SHOES.

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### NOTES FROM THE BOARD By Bob Lockwood, WAØDHU

The Board of Directors of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc. met at the home of Chuck Michel, KØQVL, at 8:00 P.M. on April 23rd. Following is a brief report on business conducted.

No doubt many of you have projects such as that little transistorized 40 meter QRP peanut whistle, that SSB exciter you just completed, or other projects you feel would be of general interest to the Club. If you have such a project and would like to show it at a regular monthly meeting, please get in touch with Chuck Michel, your Program Chairman, or any member of the Board.

The final draft on the rules for our best three-out-of-five year Field Day competition was completed and ratified by the Bellevue Radio Club. The rules are published elsewhere in this issue.

The theme of our June meeting is "What part can I play in Field Day 1968." We hope everyone who possibly can will attend this meet-

ing. More about the June meeting in the next issue.

As you know, we lost the Beaverbrook Farm site for our annual hamfest. We are checking the availability of other good sites. If you know of a good location for our hamfest, please inform me or any other member of the Board.

Your Board is working for you; but it is your ideas and participation in Club activities that makes your Club what it is. We welcome your suggestions and comments.

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### FOR SALE

1 Heath Apache Transmitter  
1 SB-10 SSB Exciter  
Both in excellent condition - \$160

Len Clark, WØFSX  
8610 Decatur St., Omaha  
Phone: 391-7072  
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## ANNUAL AUCTION

By Erv Heinz, WAQEEM

The annual auction of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc. was held April 19th at the Ranch Bowl. As you can see by the following

pictures, the Hams did a good job of cleaning out their shacks and brought their surplus gear to the auction.



Your auctioneer leading the chorus and your beaming Board members working hard coordinating the business activities.

Cecil DeWitt, WORMB, gave the technical descriptions and helped auction throughout the entire evening.





Many thanks to Leonard Harkins who helped deliver the goodies to the buyers.







"I got \$4; now who will give me \$5," went the chant.

"El Castro and Trigger Happy Jim keep their fingers in the till while "Loudmouth," one of the Bad Guys, bends the ear of Radio's Midget Brain.



A little conspiring in the spirited bidding makes for the purchase of an 807.





Jim Droege, WQYCP, Club Treasurer, second from right, reported the Club's auction profit at \$25.00 plus \$2.25 profit on the Collins Goodie boxes.



A pair of happy Auction Lovers deliver de goods.

Now "bow your heads" says the preacher as he gives his blessing and forgives all the thieves who stole away.



Photos by Mike Harkins, the Auction's Greatest Photographer.

(Editor's Note: Sincere thanks to Auctioneer Erv Heinz, WAØEEM, for a job well done.)

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The third person to shake the hand of Mr. Ak-Sar-Ben, Lynn Blesh, WAØODH, was Jim Anderson, KØ-DNE, who won the prize at the April meeting.

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Said the cigar smoking housewife: "I got started with the habit one night when my husband came home and found one burning in the ashtray." .....

The Tennessee Ham

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## PINE RIDGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB HAMFEST/PICNIC

The Pine Ridge Amateur Radio Club of Chadron, Nebraska will hold their Annual Hamfest/Picnic on Sunday, June 2 at Chadron State Park (9 miles south of Chadron on Highway 385). Registrations will start at 9 A.M. MDST and each family attending is requested to bring a covered dish and their own eating utensils. The lunch will be served at 12 noon. The Radio Club will furnish coffee and soft drinks.

There will be drawings for prizes and one or two hidden transmitter hunts, code contests, etc.

Lynn Bilyeu, KØØDF

Pine Ridge Amateur Radio Club

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## 1968 ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTION SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS JUNE 7, 8 and 9, 1968

The San Antonio Radio Club invites you to attend the 1968 ARRL National Convention on June 7, 8 and 9.

Theme for the Convention will be "The World of Communications."

There will be exhibits and demonstrations, technical talks and entertainment.

Site of the Convention is the Municipal Auditorium - just six blocks from Hemisfair '68.

Cost: Registration . . . . .	\$4.00
Pre-Convention Party (Friday night) . . .	4.00
Dance (Saturday night) . . . . .	5.00
Banquet (Barbeque-Sunday) . . . . .	4.00
Total . . . . .	\$17.00

Send your registration along with check or money order payable to San Antonio Radio Club to: ARRL National Convention, 100 N. Winston Lane, San Antonio, Texas

78213 (c/o Gene Jank, W6EJT).

For further information write to Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc., P. O. Box 291, Omaha, Nebraska 68101.

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## FIELD DAY RULES

The Bellevue Amateur Radio Club has accepted the challenge of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc. to compete for a best three-out-of-five year trophy for Field Day. The following terms of this competition have been agreed upon by both clubs.

1. The Bellevue and Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Clubs will share equally the cost of the trophy.
2. This competition will be set up on a best three-out-of-five year term; during this five-year period, from Field Day 1968 through Field Day 1972, the Club that wins the competition for three years will keep the trophy.
3. The winning club for any given year during this five-year period will hold the trophy for that year.
4. If the club holding the trophy loses in competition, that club will send representatives to present the trophy to the winning club at its regular meeting as soon as possible after the scores have been tabulated, preferably within one month after tabulations have been completed.
5. If a club cannot compete for a given Field Day during this five-year period, the same club will forfeit the trophy for that year.
6. Competing clubs shall have at least two rigs in operation to qualify.
7. Scoring will be based on total points for the two highest scoring rigs for each club.
8. Scoring shall be according to the ARRL Field Day rules for each year of competition.
9. The Field Day logs of each club shall be open for inspection by the other club.
10. A club automatically forfeits for a given year if any of the above rules are violated during competition.

We are reminded that the main purpose of Field Day is to exercise our combined ability as amateurs to supply reliable nationwide communications under emergency conditions. This annual exercise proves beyond a doubt that if a time of national emergency should arise, amateurs from all over the nation would respond to the call. It is with this in mind that the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc. has challenged the Bellevue Amateur Radio Club for Field Day competition. The main purpose of this challenge is to stimulate more interest in Field Day activity in both clubs, thus strengthening both clubs.

We might compete during Field Day exercises, but both clubs will be working side by side in case of an emergency. This is the real purpose of Field Day.

Good luck to both WØEQU and to WØWYV.

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All that is necessary for the forces of evil to win in the world is for enough good men to do nothing.

--Edmund Burke

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 161  
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS  
NEWINGTON CONN MARCH 28 1968  
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

Field Day 1968, June 22 and 23, will incorporate a number of new features. Suggestions from the field should make this annual test of emergency gear particularly challenging this year. Significant changes include combining Class D and E home stations into one category eligible for the d.c. input and emergency power multipliers. The Field Day period will be limited to 27 hours, including set-up time. Power multipliers have been re-arranged to break at 10, 50 and 200 watts. Increased points for traffic and 100% emergency power will be offered. In addition, the 1.5 battery multiplier will apply to the under 10 watt Class A as well as Class B and C stations. Full rules will appear in May QST AR

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March 29, 1968

Ham Hum  
Omaha, Nebr.

Hi:  
It is the little things that count: Take for instance on 10 and 15 cw, I got T3 reports, some worse, some better; check out all the tubes, try some different ones, sometimes it's there, sometimes T9. Filter capacitors are eight years old, maybe one of them. \$10 bucks and half a day's work, it is still there. Rig got OK reports on phone and 80 cw. Try 40, ruff tone report. Get

WQKXD on landline, check and double check, OK with the key plug out, bad with key plug in. But it would key! Figure that one out.

Examination showed the shield of the key-lead disconnected at the plug, so that was the trouble? Fixed that, and still had T3! Ruff AC note. Must be in the keyer, lifted it out and the shield lead was disconnected at the keyer. Fixed that, T9 now, all the way.

But how did the darn thing key with the ground return open at both ends? Conclusion--there must be enough ground return between the keyer, transmitter, to key the rig and pick up a lot of AC hum. May all your troubles be little ones.

Did you ever think it would happen? March QST published an article about the Army Communications Loop, admitted they built it like a ham does. "Just like instructions, but--," and that it did not work? Just like a ham does.

73,

Dayton L. Phifer, WQVEA  
East Tryon Route  
North Platte, Neb. 69101

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Annual Central Nebraska Amateur  
Radio Club

STEAK FRY

Victoria Springs State Park  
Sunday - July 28, 1968

For further details contact Club  
Secretary,

Paul Hartman, WAQIXD  
Arnold, Nebraska 69120

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## ADDITIONS TO ROSTER

Joe E. Chastain  
5832 Frederick Street  
Omaha, Nebraska 68106  
Phone: 553-2855

Donald D. McIntyre, WAQLQP  
6420 Sprague Street  
Omaha, Nebraska 68104  
Phone: 556-5519

Laird E. Simpson, W7AWB  
1003 Birchcrest Road  
Bellevue, Nebraska 68005  
Phone: 291-5324

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April 15, 1968

Dear Dick:

Just received ur last issue of Ham Hum! Even though most names are now strangers, I do enjoy hearing about all the activities of the Best Ham Club! Latest news from here is that I am now the owner of a new call: W3NV. Just received same after months of waiting. Since I have my Extra and over 35 years as a Ham, thought I should accept a new two letter call. I also finally received my card from JT1 land so now have my WAZ 2xSSB and CW! Little else here, except I will attend the Dayton Hamvention and hope to see some of the Omaha Hams there. Should any of you be driving through Pittsburgh this summer, please accept my invite to stop in for an eye-ball QSO.

73 es luck  
de W3NV  
Frank W. Cooper  
EX-K3MVP WQIOS

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## OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 162 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON CONN APRIL 4, 1968 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

Attention VHFers. The first edition of the ARRL directory of stations active on 220 Mc. and higher is now available. The comprehensive information includes station, location and bands as well as operator interests in meteor scatter, moonbounce and Oscar work. Further details on antenna information also appear. United States and Canadian amateurs may obtain a copy without charge by sending a large self-addressed envelope, with 12 cents U.S. postage, to ARRL 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111 AR

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## OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 165 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON CONN APRIL 19 1968 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

FCC has amended the amateur rules effective July one providing additional privileges in 1800-2000 kHz. The new arrangement results from the work of a special study group in Washington during the past year headed by the Coast Guard and with participation by ARRL representatives. This FCC action grants substantial increases in available frequency segments as well as power in most areas of the U.S. June QST will have the full details. Please note the effective date is not until July one AR

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## FOR SALE

Good DX-100 Transmitter  
BC 458 Transmitter with Power  
Supply  
Miscellaneous tubes, parts and coax.

Bill Batchelor, KØKQQ  
Phone: 553-7612

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 163 FROM  
ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON  
CONN APRIL 11, 1968 TO ALL RADIO  
AMATEURS BT

May first is the pre-registration deadline for the 1968 ARRL National Convention to be held in Texas June 7-9. The San Antonio Radio Club is host for the affair which has as its theme "The World of Communication." Three full days of meetings plus the attractions of the Hemisfair 1968 will make San Antonio the place to be June 7-9. Information has previously appeared in March and April QST and the May issue will feature full details AR

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**FOR SALE**

- 1 - Viking Ranger II in excellent condition.....\$150.00
- 1 - Viking 6 n 2 Transmitter with new final tube.....\$ 85.00

Bob Lockwood, WAØDHU  
3711 N. 56th St.  
Phone: 451-7233

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**FOR SALE**

- 50' Rohn communications tower and base.
- AR-22 Rotor with cable (100')
- 3 - 50' lengths of RG8U 52-ohm coax.
- 20'-1 1/2" dia. mast (aluminum)
- Assorted lengths of lightweight aluminum tubing and conduit.

Michael Wagner, KØTCD  
4216 Pratt Street  
Omaha, Nebraska  
Phone: 453-1431

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 164 FROM  
ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON  
CONN APRIL 18 1968 TO ALL RADIO  
AMATEURS BT

Attention Canadian Amateurs. ARRL, the Radio Society of Ontario and Radio Amateur du Quebec, Incorporated, met with Canadian Department of Transport officials last week to protest the increase in Canadian license fees from two dollars fifty cents to ten dollars a year, with an additional fee of six dollars for amendments such as change of address. The amendment in fees, approved by the cabinet, will require further cabinet approval for any possible change. Briefs are being sent by the above groups and should also be sent by local Canadian clubs to the Minister of Transport, Ottawa, with a copy to the local member of parliament. ARRL Director VE3CJ would also appreciate copies AR

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 166 FROM  
ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON  
CONN APRIL 25 1968 TO ALL RADIO  
AMATEURS BT

Many parts of the United States will shift to Daylight Saving Time effective April 28. At this time, all WIAW operation will change to Eastern Daylight Saving Time. Amateurs in areas remaining on Standard Time are reminded that WIAW Official and Special Bulletins, twice weekly code practice transmissions, propagation forecasts and any other announced ARRL Headquarters Station operating activities will have to be tuned in one hour earlier than usual. May QST will carry the full WIAW summer schedule. Newly revised copies of the schedule are available without charge from the ARRL Communications Department, 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope AR

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The fella who is gonna do it is  
is always some distance behind the  
one who did. WØVLI

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