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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE

DECEMBER MEETING

The meeting went off with a bang. Prizes galore. Cost of the raffle booty ran into the fabulous sum of \$38.85. Distribution of the prizes to the lucky winners was as follows;

- WØEHF - Simpson volt-ohmeter
- WØJKE - Box of condensers and resistors
- ØLGN - Call book
- ØIOS - A crystal set
- WØJJK - A DX catcher
- WØSRR - An innumerable assortment of knobs, knobs, knobs and knobs.
- WØLFM - A few pounds of condensers
- WØDW - A pocket size signal slicer.

Johnny, PHW, the man with the glad hand, is proud of his firm grip. He received the high honor of being the first to shake the hand of "MR AK-SAR-BEN RADIO CLUB", who was none other than our distinguished member Frankie, BTE. John's hand was slightly worse from the wear and tear but he received a cigarette lighter as a consolation prize. It pays to extend the glad hand. John arrived early.

Santa Claus, portrayed by Jerry, NKG, visited the meeting and distributed the gifts. A fine job done in spite of whiskers and heavy clothing.

FCC Examinations in Omaha, one day only, Friday, Jan. 15th. What this means, we were not able to find out before press time.

NEW OFFICERS OF

THE AK-SAR-BEN RADIO CLUB

During a very successful and entertaining December meeting the following men were elected to office for the year of 1954 by the members.

Frank Cooper	WØIOS	President
Tom Fifer	WØAQJ	Vice-Pres.
Al McMillan	WØJJK	Secretary
Windy Larsen	WØNPA	Treasurer

The 1953 officers extend their best regards to the new officers.

The coming year promises the extension of the club's activities and advantages to many more of Omaha's hams. There is hope that as a organized group we may be able to expand amateur operations in the Omaha area by reviving many quiet rigs and providing new activities for those presently on the air.

Amid the many ideas now before the new president there is an open invite for more. The new board members will be announced in the next issue after a meeting of the old and new officers.

Let us all join hands and make 1954 the top year for the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, in both interest in amateur radio and in unification of the spirit of the fraternity of amateur radio.

NEXT MEETING

January 8, 1954

Friday 8:00 P.M.

Fontenelle Hotel

LISTENING POST

by Lawrence F. Caccomo
WØNMW

The item published on page 3 of the December 1953 issue of the Ham Hum, Listening Post was based on past experience and incidents: considered common knowledge and your reporter accepts no credit for intelligence or foresight. As a follow-up, attention is invited to the fact that at the time the paper went to press, the incidents mentioned below, were not forecasted nor predicted but never-the-less came to pass.

The latest snow-storm on the 3rd and 4th of December inflicted considerable damage and chaos to the town of Norfolk and neighboring vicinities. Thousands of trees and electric lines were loaded down with ice. Trees were damaged, electric service lines and telephone poles and lines were snapped. A number of homes were with out heat for several hours for lack of electricity to operate their furnaces. Communications were seriously impaired. The town was isolated from the rest of the world as far as telephone and telegraph service was concerned.

AMATEUR RADIO DOES IT AGAIN - Radio message traffic and phone-patch communications were maintained throughout the emergency. Thanks to WØYSK and several of the others in that locale. Thanks to WØEXJ, Atkinson Nebraska, for the splendid cooperation in the emergency. Continued communication service was maintained through-out the emergency in that area. Western Union thanks you and commends you in the efficient manner you handled the urgent messages when all other means were at a standstill. By no means do we ignore the fact that many others participated in the noble cause. Although no medals will be awarded, we all rest assured of the satisfaction of a job well done.

FROM KZ5 LAND

Leo Schmalenbach, WØJFM, now married and working for the government can be reached via; Post Office Box 3613 Balboa, Canal Zone.

LOCAL GOSSIP

Rolly, YMU, has been taking one of those undesirable rests on his back. We visited him the other day and he must be getting better as we found him amid pill bottles, microphone and speaker. Rolly has put to good use his voice controlled rig. Best to you Rolly, hope to be seeing you at the next meeting.

Garry, NRS, replaced his 807's with a pair of 6146's. The rig is getting out great guns on 75 but can be heard over the entire 40 meter band. Hi Garry is busy cleaning up the rig, see you on 40 soon Garry.

WANDERLUST

WØISV the "Buttermilk Boy" took off on a hibernation trip to Albuquerque and arrived safe and sound on November 23. He's all filled up on turkey and nice weather.

Fay's 75 and 40 meter operations will be slightly curtailed due to the lack of antenna space, but you will be hearing him on 20 meters.

FROM NORTH EAST NEBR. RADIO CLUB

Harlan, DHO, writes that 75% of NENRC members are now SSB. They are using 10A Multiphase exiters and there is a good chance that they will be 100% SSB by the end of 1954.

There about 25 SSB stations on now as compared with about two one year ago.

Our apologies to Dewitz for failing to get his last card in Ham Hum, guess we just missed it, cuz taint cuz we dislike SSB. HI

NENRC 1954 OFFICERS
President WØDHO
Secretary WØAPS
Treasurer WØZUT

NORTH POLE DX

The boys of Cub pack 36 at Winsor school and the children at St. James Orphanage were witness to some good DX and third party traffic handling.

Ed, CQX, George, AEM, Frank, IOS, Bob, EUT, and Johnny, PHW set up stations at the two QTH's and made the contacts. Ed in the first instance and Bob in the second instance portrayed St. Nick very well. There were the proper sound effects and much deep laughter from the north pole via ten meters.

The results were very gratifying. The children, when allowed to speak to the old boy direct by radio, really ate it up. A recording of their transmissions would have been worth listening to.

VIKING OWNERS TIP

If it's single Side Band ye are after and would like to utilize the rig as such, and believe me, distress, suffering resulting from oppression and persecution affliction are mere words when one delves into the deep mysteries of harnessing the rascal for SSB, your friend and my friend, WØNAA, would gladly explain the trials and tribulations associated with subduing the beast.

BEST WISHES

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Jack Mattern, WØEIH who is convalescing at home, 4301 Shirley St. Jack had a heart attack followed by paralysis of the right hand and leg. EIH was a captain with the fire department and is now retired due to his unfortunate disability. However you can't keep this OM down. He is learning to pound out the code with his left hand. Let's drop Jack a line, fellows. Incidentally Jack's transmitter has developed a short. Do we have any volunteers to help him put the rig back on the air.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome John Riley, WØJJB, a new member to our midst. John is a lighting engineer and is associated with TV station KMTV.

We also welcome WØPIT. Dick has been a stranger for quite some time. Let's see you around more often, Dick.

WØISV REPORTS FROM SOUTHWEST

Fay reports that he heard IOS on 20 the other day but could not raise Frank. Fay has worked WØDNZ but no other locals. IOS hears the net but as yet has no 75 meter antenna up.

NEBRASKA CALL BOOK

The Nebraska call book is rapidly approaching completion. A trial copy for proof reading and checking is already off the press. Final copies should be ready for distribution about the end of January. The proposed price of 50¢ still looks possible.

If you know of any new hams in your neighborhood, or any whose call you think we may not have on our list, please use the enclosed post card to let us know. We want our list to be as up to date and accurate as possible, though we realize that those will necessarily be some omissions, or discrepancies.

This call book has behind it a lot of work. It originally started with the mailing list necessary for use in connection with LB-29. The list was gotten from the then current call book. It has been checked by frequent mailings, names of those moving out of state being discarded, changes of address being noted. The list has been added to by reference to the latest call book and by chance references that have come to our attention. We have done our best to keep the list up to date and hope you will like the finished product.

FOR SALE

CW rig, 450 watts. In 5 sections on 72 inch telephone type rack. Ideal for someone located in the country away from TV. A bargain for \$250.00
T. W. Richardson WØYNA
1309 So. 3rd St.
Norfolk, Nebr.

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FOR SALE

BC 348 Q Receiver. Excellent condition. Completely converted, including NC 173 speaker. Price \$65.00
Ivan Cidlik WØWVE
3825 J St.
Lincoln, Nebr.

TRADE

Orville, FMW, would like to trade the following rocks with holders,
1 5.8 kc 200.0 kc 445.0 kc
2310.0 kc 465.0 kc
for a 3983 kc rock.
Orville Powell WØFMW
Ainsworth, Nebr.

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AIRPORT CONDITION CODE

The following code groups are made public in the interest of amateur radio regarding aircraft safety reporting. The code below is presently being used in South Dakota by amateurs when reporting to the CAA.

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| A-Wheels only | N-Open for light traffic only |
| B-Skiis only | O-Runway plowed with high wind-rows along runways |
| C-Wheels and Skiis | P-A&F rest of Field D |
| D-Closed | Q-A&F rest of Field B |
| E-Use caution | S-No report |
| F-Use runways only | T-Markers obscured |
| G-Field drifted | U-Airfield normal |
| H-Use caution | |
| I-Runways icy | |
| J-NS runway | |
| K-EW runway | |
| L-NW-SE runway | |
| M-NE-SW runway | |
| N-Runway length reduced, observe markers | |

OUT OF TOWN NEWS

North Platte:

Sounds like 2 meters is asserting it's self in NP. Red, CBH, reports that EWO is now set up on 2, UBN and CVC are constructing two meter receivers. FB on rewiring your Panadaptor Red.
Ord:

Emil, GAS, says that he has been active on 40 meter fone and cw. He also says that he did some work during the late big snow, when the lines went down. FB Emil and we'll be looking for you on 80 cw here in Omaha.

Wainsworth:

Orville, FMW, was off the air for two weeks due to a major overhaul on three rigs, 160, 80 and 40, but they are ready to go again on both fone and cw.

Orville wonders why the low number of stations reporting into the 3983 net on Mondays and Tuesdays? Hangovers?
Bloomfield:

Ed, KYM, advises that the Knox County Radio Club, THF and KYM, has gone to 20 meter with their mobiles. They find it works out FB in that area. Hope the back gets better Ed.

Alliance:

Charlie, HMN, is soon going on 2 and one and one quarter meters with 27 watts. Antenna will be a 40 foot pole with a 2 element folded dipole. Later will follow the Helical Beam designed by W8JK.

Wood River:

Rocky, TIP, seems a bit perplexed due to the lack of TVI in some towns. Buck up OM, it isn't easy.

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NOTE

Windy, NPA, reports: He's lovely, He uses soap, He's engaged.
Congrates Beth.

GOSSIP

The radio station KOWH has a new ham setup. It tried out it's wings on November 27 at 3 PM. It's a Globe Scout running 40 watts. The call and handle, WØDYG, Todd.