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LINCOLN CLUB MEMBERS VISIT OMAHA

For the express purpose of better Ham Club cooperation, two members of the LARC came to Omaha July 20 and visited the AK club executive board meeting that was held at Creighton University with Father Ray Strange, WØQHG, the host for the evening.

Fran Johnson, ØJDJ and Earl Harrison, ØVPR, Lincoln, Nebraska club officials were welcomed by the Ak-Sar-Ben exec gang and between inter-club discussions regarding club business much was accomplished along usual ham lines such as mobile antennae, operations, etc.

It sure was refreshing to hear from some of the club activities out of Omaha and we hope that the other clubs will continued to keep us informed--if not in person at least by mail.

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SEE THE LAST TWO PAGES FOR AN UP-TO-DATE CLUB ROSTER--Club Treasurer

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STRANGER STEP FORWARD

As an old member I am very pleased to note the new faces which appear at each meeting. Understand, I do miss some of the old timers, those who are no longer active and those who no longer attend our club functions.

Strangers please step forward and voice your opinion. You're a welcome member!! Through efforts of members like you that our club has
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LAST SUMMER MEETING OF 1954

The August club meeting, the last "summer" meeting of this year will be held at our usual location--the Florence Fire Barn--7500 North 30th St. This meeting will be a SPECIAL NOVICE MEETING and we urge every novice member to make a special effort to attend the August meeting.

In order to make the meeting a complete success we will need every old timer and especially those who are gifted with a technical and practical background in our hobby.

The meeting will be a strictly a short informal type gathering which will allow a lot of time for individual rag chewing and catching up on local gossip. Be sure to be there and live it up a little.

The usual refreshments will be supplied by the members on that committee.

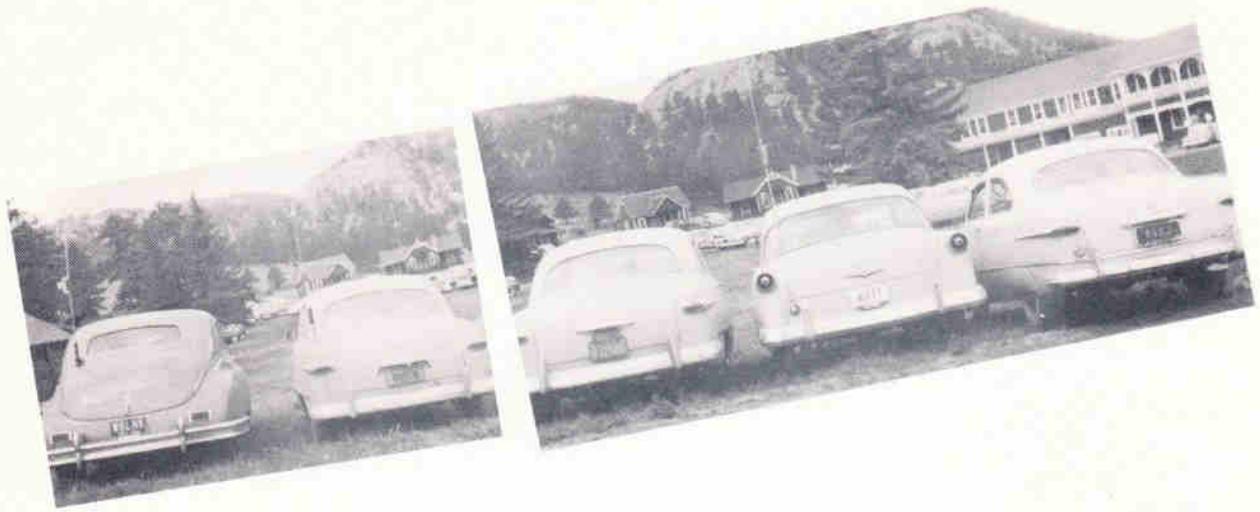
LICENSE PLATES AGAIN!!!!

The time has come again for all Nebraska Hams to start thinking and campaigning for our most important issue. Now is the time to quiz candidates as to their attitudes--or better yet--inform them of our feelings about individual license plates for Nebraska.

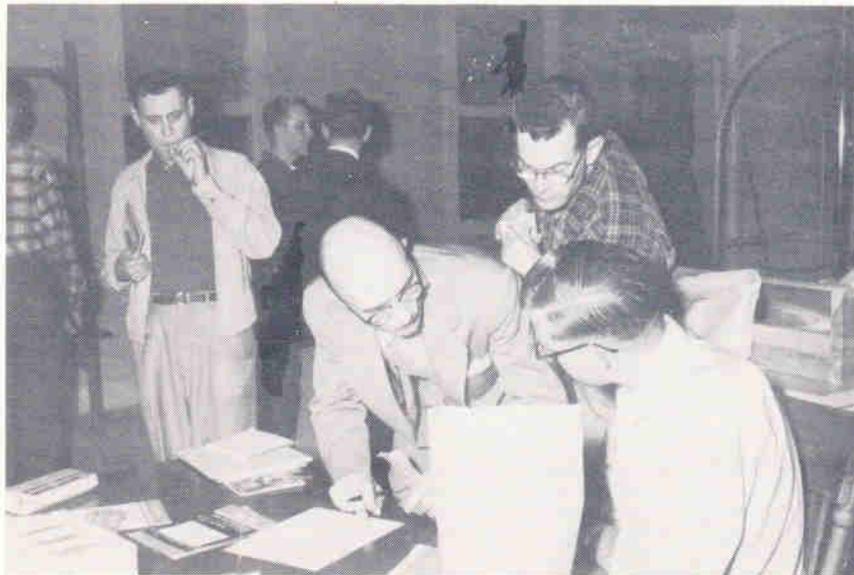
THE FLORENCE FIRE BARN IS LOCATED AT 7500 NORTH 30TH STREET

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| NEXT MEETING |
| <u>August 13, 1954</u> |
| Friday 8:00 P.M. |
| Fontana Hotel |

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Estes Park, Colo. of the six, "Call Letter License Plate" States, represented, here are five. Note: All are individual plates except Nebraska. They are Left to Right, Ohio, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas and California. Photo Courtesy Dave Ablowich, WØDW.



Membership Committee - - Hard at Work
Art "Curly" Stadler, WØQMD
Garry Greenwell, WØNRS
Windy Larson, WØNPA

CLASS!

by WØNMN

The lady of the house summoned a TV serviceman to fix the set. Spreading out his tools, the repairman inquired, "What seems to be the trouble?"

Replied the little woman, "Well, for one thing, all the programs are lousy."

If we had it all to do over again, we'd be too tired.

A doctor had an urgent call from an OM who reported that his junior operator had received a severe shock and blew out all the fuses in the transmitter while he was making an important DX QSO.

"All right, I'll come right over at once," replied the doctor. "What have you been doing in the meantime?" And the OM replied, "Using a standby rig."

A radio ham is a fellow who can smile, even when everything around him goes wrong.

Envious ham congratulating another who had just published a complicated book on radio, "I enjoyed it", he said, "Who wrote it for you?"

"Well, OM, hissed the other, "Who read it to you?"

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HOT STUFF:

Life is precarious, says K6BGD. We are living on one plate of condenser that is charged to a potential of at least 100,000 volts. This voltage is the difference between the earth and the upper stratosphere. This fact was established by the USAF in recent balloon measurements.

WØNMN answered the item published in the July HAM HUM issue regarding the booklet on gadgets from the Eitel-McCullough Company. The other day he received a large envelope filled with all sorts of goodies in the way of info and data on radio tubes and circuits. If you haven't already written in for your copy, do so today. This packet from the Mac Company is available free upon request.

ABOUT THE LOCAL YOKELS

Have you seen the flashy new yellow ties the club members are sporting? Your order can still be placed at the next meeting. Your call letters in Blue for only \$1.00. Last chance to get one, so don't pass this deal up.

Garry, WØNRS may have a new 3 element 10 meter spinner up shortly. Hope the band opens up so it won't be in vain.

Ferris, WØYZK has finally succumbed to the mobile bug. He still wants a rig. (Gonset)

IOS (our dear pres.) gave up mobile again. We are very sorry to hear of Franks untimely passing from the mobile ranks. (AGAIN?) Well next year maybe.

A deep dark secret has been uncovered! On a recent visit to the residence of WØAQJ we expected to see Tom sitting at the mike as usual, having a gab-fest. NO! Tom actually had one of those unmentionable things in his hand, using the ancient CW for communication. WAT NEXT! (P.S. he tried to bribe us with beer.)

Windy, NPA has successfully escaped from the clutches of his landlord who complained of TVI (the rig wasn't on) Windy now resides in North Omaha and is in the process of setting up shop.

We know that you all are not too ambitious but it sure would be nice to get a bunch of the boys on 10 meters again for mobile rag chews and then adjourn to a local refreshment emporium for a nice rag chew. How abt it?

WØQAB has a new house out west. Maybe we will hear Sam on the air regularly now?

WØVKI, a new novice and new club member has a 4D32 on the air at about 50 watts. Dick has been wearing out the postman at the rate of about 7 QSL's per day. Ah! The good old days are being revived.. We can remember distinctly when we sent someone a QSL. After all it was only a couple of years ago.

Wanted, Mobile rig, preferably Gonset Comander. If you have anything see WØYZK.

TRI-CITY RADIO AMATEUR CLUB RE-ORGANIZED!

Congratulations to the Tri-City Club which has just been reorganized as advised by Charles R. Irion, new secretary from Scottsbluff. Here is the dope.

The Tri-City Radio Amateur Club has recently been re-organized and has requested that all mail be sent via new secretary at 1701 2nd Ave., Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Field Day has come and gone. Some headaches, no doubt, weary operators, and a general worn-out feeling by most members of clubs. But I believe we all learned something on operating procedure, and what to do next time in getting ready for the big event.

Our club experienced difficulties in getting on the air, battling QRN and QRM. Perhaps next time we will be better organized. The real key-note of Field Day is to test out equipment, so in case of an emergency, we will have greater efficiency in getting on the air and making contacts.

We were better setup this year than last, and had the benefits of a building to operate in. Last year we used one of the better buildings to shelter us at the Wild Cat State Game Park, and so I have been told it was rugged, with high winds, dust and ice. We had the use of the CAP building at the airport this year. We had plenty of room, and facilities to cook our meals. We maintained two operating positions, using a Viking I, and a Heathkit rig. Contacts were made on 80, 40 both phone and CW. Saturday evening the QRN from a thunder-shower made rough going. During the early morning hours, conditions improved and we made contacts regularly. We made some 100 contacts. Perhaps next year we will have more operators available, and be set up ready to go when the gong sounds. Yes we had all kinds of trouble plus weather.

Our club has some 18 members from Scottsbluff, Gering and Minatare. Most of our members have a few years experience, while some are novices.

Good luck to TRI-City and lets hear from you again.

NORFOLK HAMS FORM NEW RADIO CLUB

A NOTE FROM WØYSK, newly elected President states that the Norfolk hams have formed a Club called the Norfolk Radio Club. Meetings are held at the administration building of the airport, second floor. The club station is WØVNI and it will be operated at the above location with donated equipment and a 260 ft. long wire antenna.

Meetings will be held the first and third Wednesdays of each month and any hams are invited to join or attend. NBO is SEC-Treas.

PROPOSED ARC EMERGENCY STATION

At the last regular meeting the membership gave it's approval to investigating a new emergency amateur radio station. The proposed station will be completely self sustained and ready to go at a moments notice with a minimum of labor. Basic plans and photos will be available at the August meeting for your further consideration.

The general plans thus far formulated are briefly as follows.

An all metal trailer in which will be mounted one of our 3000 watt a.c. generators. To the rear of the generator will be several wooden boxes enclosing a tent, tools, operating supplies, antennas and a transmitter and receiver. A hood enclosing the entire trailer which can be lifted for removing equipment and servicing the generator will be metal and water proof with louvers for operating the generator in bad weather.

The wooden boxes equipped with handles for easy transportation will be clamped to the trailer bed and to each other. Upon removing the boxes from the trailer they can be used as a operating table and chairs complete with cushions. Antenna masts will be carried under the frame of the trailer and will be so constructed that two men can erect them.

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EMERGENCY STATION (cont.)

The local civilian defense office has been contacted with favorable results. With their help we may be able to secure civil funds for part of the project.

Bring your ideas to the next meeting and the more the better. With your support our club can have one of the best emergency units in the midwest. We have a good start with our present set up but we are not able to carry any equipment on the present trailer other than the two generators. With enough support our future emergencies and field days will become much less of a chore.

by WØNMN

EDUCATIONAL MOVIES

To those of you who missed attending the last meeting held on 9 JULY, we can only say that you missed the thrill of a lifetime. A movie was shown on the construction of a vacuum tube. We all use vacuum tubes in our hobbies and work, but little do we realize the work and precision required on the construction of a vacuum tube. It was really very educational. Several shorts, comedies and cartoons were also shown. To those of you who witnessed the last movies and to those who missed the event, but would like to see more, write down your views and send them in with your next card. State your preference in types of movies and how often you would like to have them. This is the only way your board of directors can ascertain your likes and dislikes and I am sure their aim is the proper conduct of gatherings as you wish them to be.

PHONE PATCHES.

SH! This isn't supposed to leak out, and if the phone company should hear about it, to a dog it shouldn't happen, even! A certain prominent member of the Nebraska noon net has finally went and done it. He's been pondering over installation of a phone patch at his QTH for the past year. Believe me, when these ham characters put too many irons in the fire, just plain chatter, gab, talk, qrm, etc. is taken at face value only. If you're in the market for a good phone patch circuit using a minimum of parts, contact WØVYX for a schematic diagram.

LOOSE CHATTER:

by WØNMN

We wish to thank Bob, WØPKE and Ernie, WØLXM for their interest in the HAM HUM. These OM's are radio operators for the Corps of Engineers; Bob is stationed at Pierre, S. Dak. and Ernie is stationed at Pickstown, S. Dak. Their work is their hobby.

MOTTO FOR THE DAY:

Always select the right tool for the job-- and use it the right way, for the job it was intended to do.

Need we stress the necessity for Safety? Let's all cooperate 100% in the prevention of personal injury accidents.

Tom, WØVYX prominent Lincoln man-about-town currently noon net control has taken an extended tour of Colorado. Tom is mobiling. Of course by the time this goes to press, OM ØVYX will probably be back at the old grind, but let's hope that his mobile log grows to a fabulous figure.

KØWBF had a visitor at the shack on Monday 26 July. WØLXM from Pickstown paid a visit and was given a demonstration of an efficient phone patch by "phone patch Larry".

While WØVYX was taking his tour of Colorado he delegated several stations to take over calling the noon net, which are listed below:
WØMAO, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 23-25 July
KØWBF, MONDAY, Tuesday, 26, 27 JULY
WØORW, Wed., Thurs., Fri., 28-30 July
WØHTA, Sat., Sun., 31, July & August 1
WØEGQ, Mon., Tues., 2 & 3 August
Lets give these fellows a big hand for a job well done.

PROPOGATION!

Condx must be getting better. Former sigs from friend WØQOU, Snyder, Nebr have been only 2 by 2. However lately we are receiving him 40 dbs over 9 here. Reckon the Sporadic E & F is shifting a bit. Of course there are other ways of pulling Tony through. Even under lousy receiving conditions, we can get a 5-9 sig out of him by getting his dander up. Hi. PUTT-PUTT-PUTT!

STRANGER--(cont. from Page 1)

progressed to the organization we now have.

Never fear about voicing your opinion for you as a new member have the new ideas that are so necessary for the operation of a successful club.

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By Lawrence F. Caccamo
WØNMN

FIELD DAY, MODEL AIRPLANES

The AKSARBEN RADIO CLUB contributed its services to the Model Airplanes Field Day activities, sponsored by the Kiwanis of Omaha. Activities began at 8 a.m. July 18th and continued throughout the day until 5 P.M. The rites were held at a site just north of the Benson Park in Omaha, Nebraska. The needs and uses for amateur mobile radio was certainly exploited to the fullest extent. Many compliments were received through-out the day on the routine and the success with which our mobiles tracked down and recovered lost model aircraft.

Herb, WØQXR and Larry, WØNMN rose early to set up the public address and the 10-meter short wave base station equipment in the administrative tent. A Viking I transmitter and a Hallicrafter S-76 receiver were contributed through the courtesy of the Corps of Engineers station KØWBF. The Corps of Engineers also contributed an AC power supply and the public address system which consisted of an audio amplifier and three horn speakers mounted on top of WØQXR's station wagon. Second Harmonic and Jr Op WØQXR, Paul, also gave his able assistance.

Permit us to give a hearty handshake to the following OMs who acted as 10-meter mobile spotters thru-out the day: Windy, ØNPA; Garry, ØNRS; Frank, ØIOS; Bob, ØGNM; Tom, ØAQJ; Bill, ØIGL; Al, ØJJK; Damon, ØUIO; John, ØPHW; A special commendation goes to ØPHW who worked the night shift at his own occupation till 7 a.m. and then showed up for his mobile commitment at 8 a.m. He remained with us all day and then returned back to his job. "Greater love hath no man, etc." All we can say is "Thanks, John" and extend to you a double hearty handshake.

Frank, WØIOS suffered a batter failure during the morning and had to pull out.

Damon, WØUIO also fell out with a defect in his receiver or converter. With these two exceptions, everything seemed to be in perfect control.

I was hoping that more members of the club would show up for this activity, either to give material or moral support. We wish to thank WØDUKE and WØUKQ for showing up and contributing their moral support.

THANKLESS?

The club wishes to express its appreciation for receipt of the following letter from O. L. Olson, Jr. of the Olson & Clark Hobby Center: "On behalf of the sponsors and the participants in the model airplane contest of last Sunday, July 18th, I want to thank you and your organization for a wonderful job. The P.A. system and radio network left nothing to be desired. It was hot, hard, and I presume "thankless" job. But, believe me it was appreciated by all concerned."

(Note by ed.) Commendations such as this is sufficient thanks and it is gratifying to say that those whoserved, did so for a worthwhile cause.

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Here's a belated thank you for showing up at our field day activities which is extended to WØPZB. For reasons beyond our control, activities were curbed at 2 P.M. All explanations were made in July issue of HAM HUM.

Thanks to Raymond Hanson, for the interest in HAM HUM. Raymond is putting in a gruelling time at West Point. He will be putting out a half-gallon on CW soon.

Dick Nolan, WØVGK is building a rig with a pair of 807's in the final. His receiver is a S38B. Let's listen for him in the near future.

FOR SALE

Two Leece Niville alternaters with rectifiers and regulators contact Jerry Armstrong WØNKG.

AROUND THE 48 and ABROAD

Midwest Clix reminds us of the coming convention for the ARRL Midwest Division. It is to be held at Des Moines on October 16 and 17. Clix also mentioned the recent coast to coast 2 meter relay, which turned out to be a big success. As they also mentioned, Nebraska hams have been trying to further 2 meter activity and also set up a 2 meter RTTY circuit.

The Nebraska Utilities Section "News Letter" gave the AK club's Nebraska call book a boost and mentioned where commercial interests can obtain them--we hope they do.

The Tri-State Amateur Radio Society, of Evansville, Indiana wrote us a letter mentioning that our mutual friend, Narciso Pinto, of Portugal, thought that HAM HUM (blush) was vary fine. The TSARS is now exchanging papers with us and their paper will be available for those interested, at our club meetings.

K6BJ dropped us a line expressing his thanx for the HAM HUM. Many will remember K6BJ as John Reinartz who is associated with the Eitel McCullough company. We certainly want to pass along our thanks to John for providing all hams with very interesting information on tube operation and useful types of test equipment in the ham shack.

The Nebraska SCM, Red, ØCBH of North Platte wrote us a card, which we quote--"If you stop Ham Hum how u think I get news from Omaha." Come on, you guys, give red the dope out there, so the editors don't have to work so hard.

Don't forget the Grand Island picnic which will be held on August 15. Pop and coffee will be furnished. Bring your own chow. The location will be Lincoln Park. Also from Grand Island, Dave, ØDW sent us some dope and fotos of the Estes Park convention.

Our old buddy, John, ØJCK is now down in Albuquerque and says they have a FB club there.

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Wanted one S meter for NC57 state condition and price. Bruce Anderson WØIRN RFD#1, Holdridge, Nebr.

WANT AD

Complete mobile outfit
Tranciter AF67
Morrow 5BR Convter
Master mobile mount with coils
Palco 500v. vibrater supply
complete with cables, relays, mike
etc.
HR060 complete. Call Frank Copper
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