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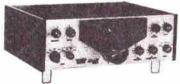


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### **NEXT MEETING**

WHEN: TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1978

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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WHERE: JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

333 South 132nd Street Omaha, Nebraska 68154

PROGRAM: WEATHER - With possible severe storm season

approaching we should all be prepared to serve our

community if the need arises.

Mr. James Zoller of the National Weather Service and Major Don Bahr of Offutt Air Force Base and Bob Neben, K9BL, E.C. of the A.R.E.S., will be our speakers.

Learn how you can help.

73s WB**Ø**PHP

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### THE PREZ SEZ

You have undoubtedly spotted the format change in the layout of Ham Hum; be sure to also notice our ADIES ONLY" column written now by Jill, WBØNYH. Thanks to Irene, WBØMPC, for the column in the past, and her service and devotion to amateur radio.

John, WBØCMC, provided a fine program on repeaters to a very attentive and hearty group that braved the ten inches of snow that had fallen the day prior to our meeting. John and the Repeater Committee have recently re-installed the tape system and completed some routine maintenance on the current site.

I foresee the need of a central clearing house for our repeater move later this year and therefore have appointed Bob, WØUQJ, as coordinator. All aspects of the change of site will clear through him. As you might suspect, we will not just pick the repeater up and move it; involved are manufacture and mounting of hardware and coax, insurance, and installation on the tower.

Well it happened. The "Great Plains Small Computer Fair" had its dates changed because of a conflict in scheduling on the U.N.O. Campus. It is now set for June 9, 10, and 11. We can be proud that Art, WBOMUL, is the head man for this show. It appears that more and more amateurs in this are getting involved with incrocomputers.

Speaking of getting involved, how about volunteering your help to deserving people trying to get their amateur licenses. Bill, WBØRVU, is March 1978 our new Big Brother/Big Sister coordinator.

Much of the success of the program is due to Tom, WBØTMI and Irene, WBØMPC, who have turned the reins over to Bill. Potential, hard-trying amateurs may need your help over the humps — please share your skills and knowledge.

Our auction has now been finalized and details appear in this issue. It is expected that transactions will go as smoothly as last year. Bring your equipment and money — here we go again.

Bob, WBØYRD has accepted a new job in California. Good luck Bob, and thanks, especially for your work at the J.C.C.

Additional checkout times are now being set up using volunteer instructors at our Club station. Franz, WØQFY, did a great job, not only in checkouts during February, but also with his condensed operations manual soon to be in place.

Spring should arrive soon after our March meeting; with its arrival a different concern will affect our area. Learn first hand from the men we are working for during severe weather watches.

73's Jim, WBØQGV

### SILENT KEY

Paul Holliway, WØJHT 1525 North 10th St. Nebraska City, NE. 68410 February 9, 1978

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING February 21, 1978

Present were: Jim, WBØQGV; Tom, KØPQR; Jim, WBØJPN; Bob, WBØTVP: Bob, WBØLYU; Butch, WBØNGD; Jon, WBØGQT; Bob, WØUQJ; Ken, WBØTXV; Jerry, WBØPPF.

President Peterson called the meeting to order, Jim Wilson read the Treasurer's report.

Bob, LYU, made the motion to accept the report as read. Tom, PQR, seconded the motion; the Board accepted the report.

There was a long discussion on needs in the form of donations for equipment for ARES. Butch, NGD and Bob, TVP, will collect and solicit funds from local businesses for this project.

The Board welcomed Jerry, PPF, to the Board of Trustees. Jerry has a lot of talent and will be very helpful to the Club.

The Auction was discussed at length and details will appear in Ham Hum.

Tom PQR, has secured some ads for Ham Hum but we could use more. If anyone can help Tom secure ads, please contact him.

It was decided to update the list of Club equipment, so if you have any items at your QTH, please call Bob, TVP-731-9925. Ted, UEB, is Equipment Chairman and will be repairing the antenna trailer, building racks to hold each antenna in separate compartments. Anyone who can help with a donation of angle iron, sheet metal, welding rods, hinges for doors or wiring for taillights, please call Bob, TVP, 731-9925. I will pick it up at Page 4

your convenience. Thanks.

Motion made by Bob, TVP, to adjourn and seconded by Jim, JPN. The meeting was then adjourned.

Robert R. Chereck, Sr., WBØTVP Club Secretary

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### LADIES ONLY

Since Irene was forced to resign as "author" of this column, I was "encouraged to consider doing it"..... translated, my arm was twisted. It will a hard act to follow, but I'll conscientiously try to have something

interesting in here each month.

After the Open House at the Jewish Community Center, there has been popular demand for the three recipes below. Many thanks to the J.C.C. for sharing them with us.

#### CRUMB CAKE

Yield: 40

Bake 40-45 Min. — 350 Greased pan 12" x 20 x 2"

3 sticks oleo 3-1/3 c. sugar

6 eggs---Add one at a time

5 3/4 c. flour

2 tsp. cinnamon

2 tablespoons baking powder 1-1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. soda 1 tsp. nutmeg Add alternately with water.

Beat on low speed.

2 c. water----Add alternately with dry ingredients above.

Add 2 c. applesauce

Optional: add 2-1/2 c. raisins and/or 2 c. chopped nuts

### PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

Yield: 5 doz.

Bake 7-8 min, at 350

2 sticks oleo

1 c. sugar

Cream

2/3 c. brown sugar

2 eggs

1 tsp. vanilla

. peanut butter

c. flour

1 tsp. soda 1/2 tsp. salt Mix into above ingredients. Refrigerate one hour, Roll into balls, Press with fork,

### ZUCCHINI BREAD

Yield: 1 - 9 x 13 cake pan

Bake 1 hr, at 350

3 eggs, well beaten

2 c. sugar

1 c. oil

2-1/2 c. grated zucchini (rind & all)

2 tablespoons vanilla

3 c. flour

1/2 tsp, salt

1 tsp. soda

1/2 tsp. baking powder

3 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 tsp. nutmeg

Mix. Bake.

Congratulations to the gals who are currently working hard at code and theory classes. According to the instructor's lists, Dick Jugel's novice class includes his daughters, Lisa and Lynn, Sandy Hamilton, Connie Beauchamp, Faye Osborne, Debbie Murray and Amanda Blecha. Bob Lockwood has Pauline Davis, Frances Baker and Glenda Mortenson working for General privileges. The Advanced

and Extra class under Bob Neben's tutelage includes Irene Mulick and Connie Bowen, If any of you have inadvertently been missed, please check with your instructor to be sure you are on his class list, It's encouraging to know that so many gals are working toward upgrading their privileges. Keep it up.

33s Jill Ramsey, WBØNYH

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"To grow is to change, and to have changed often is to have grown much."

- John Newman

## ANNUAL AUCTION

The annual Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club auction will be held at the 'oliday Inn, 72nd and Grover on anday, April 2nd. The auction will take place in the Exhibition Hall. Check-ins will start at 9:00 a.m. and the auction at 11:00 a.m. The rules are the same as last year. Please read them carefully and understand them; the auction will run according to them without exception. Remember the minimum bid is \$2.50. Please group your equipment so it is worth that much or more. Sellers please read the

buy-back rules; there is no such thing as "no sale."

We will also have a raffle for a Bird model 43 wattmeter. Tickets will be available for a one dollar donation. The drawing will be held at 2:00 p.m., during the auction. You must be present to win; we will draw until a winner is announced. Again read the rules and see you in the Exhibition Hall at the Holiday Inn on April 2nd.

73s, Bob Neben, K9BL

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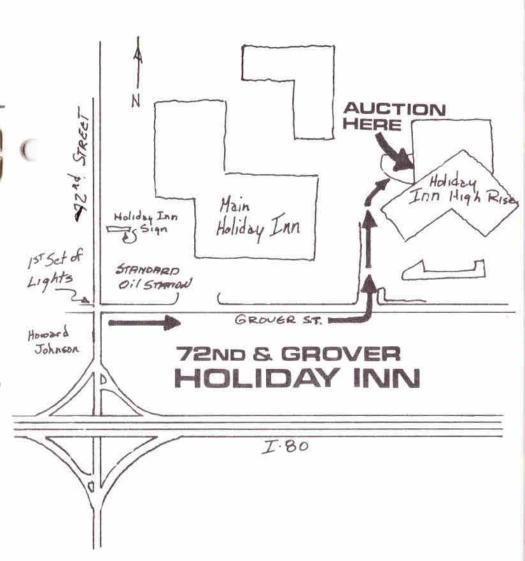
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AUCTION 11:00 AM

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- The auction will start promptly at 11:00 a.m. and will continue until the last item is sold or until called off by the combined ruling of the President of AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc. and the Auction Chairman
- All items will be auctioned off and sold to the highest bidder.
- All items will be auctioned off in numerical order according to check-in order without exception.
- In financial matters, the ruling of the Treasurer will be final. His record of sales will be considered true and final.
- The AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc. and the Auction Committee are not responsible for any loss or damage to items held for sale.
- There will be a minimum bid of \$2.50 on any item for sale. Any item not meeting this bid will be passed off the sales block and returned to the seller.
- Sellers may not be paid for items until they are paid for by the buyer.

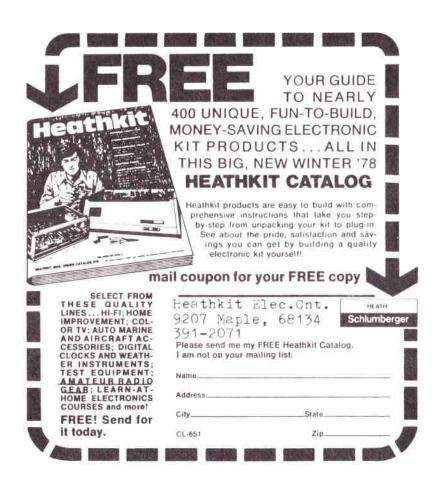
Once an item has been registered, it may not be sold by any other means than through the auctioneer.

### BUYER RULES:

- All persons must register an receive a "Buyer Card and Number" prior to bidding on any item.
- All items will be paid for immediately after the buyer receives his card with the item number and amount of sale.
- The Treasurer must mark this card PAID before the buyer may take possession of the equipment.
- The high bidder must show his "Buyer Card" to make the sale official.

### SELLER RULES:

- All items must be registered in advance and will be auctioned off in order of check-in.
- A commission of 10% (ten percent) will be charged on the first two hundred dollars of any single sale. Any sale over \$200.00 will be charged a maximum of \$20.00.
- All items will have a minimum bid of \$2.50. If the item is not worth more, put it with something that is!! No other minimum bids will be allowed.
- 4. In order to buy back an item, the seller must be the high bidder. Terms such as "No Sald will not be allowed under any condition. A fee of \$1.00 will be charged the seller for all "Buy Backs."



The following article is taken from Collector and Emitter, bulletin of the Central Oklahoma Radio Amateurs in Oklahoma City, OK. It is offered for the enefit of the several newly licensed Amateurs in our midst and for those who are now students in our classes. It is an excellent article which shows

why Amateur Radio Operators follow certain traditions.

# AMATEUR RADIO OPERATING TRADITIONS

By Carl Drumeller, W5JJ

From the very start of amateur radio operating, amateurs have prided themselves on initiating and maintaining a high standard of operation. Such standards never have been



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established on some arbitrary or artificial basis. Always the consideration has been clean, ethical operation, operation that permits the maximum transmittal of intelligence at maximum clarity in minimum time and with maximum courtesy toward other amateur radio operators.

A tradition of high standard in courteous practice has been followed by the vast majority of thoughtful operators. There have been exceptions, of course. Sometimes these exceptions have been the result of deliberate rudeness, purposeful departure from polite behavior. More often, though, they have been unintentional acts committed because the operator had not made himself informed about accepted practices.

Not too often is it necessary to deliberately seek out instruction on what constitutes "good" operation. Just following the norms of polite, civilized behavior automatically guides one into the proper procedures!

Let's take an example. Suppose you approach a group of acquaintances who are chatting among themselves. You'd like to say a bit, yourself. Would you, as a civilized human being, barge into that group yelling "Break! Break!"? Of course not! You'd be cut dead for the crude lout you'd just shown yourself to be! You'd actually say something like, "Hello," "Good morning," "Good evening," or some other polite word of greeting. Then you'd ask if you could join their conversation.

Once admitted into the conversational group, would you, as a polite person, take over and monopolize, demanding that others keep silent solely because they'd permitted you to join their conclave? Of course not!

Another example...Presume you're in a crowded drawing room. People are chatting in little groups. Would you, as a polite individual, start shouting loudly so as to drown out all oth conversations just so you could voice your ideas to the persons immediately around you? Not if you're a well-mannered person.

Another example...You're talking to a chap; there's nothing to make your words difficult to hear and comprehend. Would you, as a cultured person, say everything over and over again, implying your listener to be so devoid of intelligence he has to have every statement drummed home with repetition before he can grasp it? Not if you want to keep friends!

The possible examples are endless. There's no need to trot them out for your inspection. You, as an amateur of radio communication and technology, have demonstrated that you're a cut above the average individual by your having the tenacity and determination required to master the requirements for passing the FCC examination. (Many have the required intellect; few have the determination!) Therefore you have the ability to analyze a situation, to arrive at logical conclusions, to take measures to put your conclusions into practice.

Just a bit of reflection will show the astute individual there's nothing strange about "good" amateur radio operating practices. They're just the actions that fall naturally to wellmannered persons!

de OFF RESONANCE

### NIGHT OWL DOUGHNUT NET

By-John Gebuhr, WBØCMC

Once upon a time long ago on a late Saturday night, I had the 2M radio in corner turned on softly. At the scoke of about 11:30 (that's 2330 scientific), Bob, WAØABT, quoth, "I'm eatin' a fresh chocolate chip cookie." John, WBØMTS, queried, "Aaay, yum, wherdja get that?"

WAØABT: "My wife just baked

a whole batch of

them."

WBØMTS: "Can I help you

eat them?"

WAØABT: "Yeah, c'mon over."

WBØMTS: "Oh, boy!"

Pat, WBØEGR: "Can I come too?"

WAØABT: "Yeah."

Gary, WØOXT: "Can I come too?"

Tom, KØPQR: "Can I come too?"

Butch, WBØNGD: "Can I come too?"

WAØABT: "Yeah,.....c'mon!"
John WBØCMC: "Can I too?"

John, WBØCMC: "Can I too?"
WAØABT: "Yeah."

As it turned out, EGR picked up MTS, WØOXT picked up PQR, NGD and CMC, and by 2400 the Douglas/Sarpy County cookie net was born. Within half an hour we had all descended on and into Bob's basement and wiped out his entire supply of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies and several glasses of assorted drinks.

All was quiet for several Saturday evenings after that. No one dared to intion fresh chocolate chip cookies for fear of being suddenly descended upon until one evening during the course of conversation, someone said they were going after a couple of doughnuts and a cup of coffee at

Winchell's. He found himself with three others to keep him company. "Much better than in my basement," someone was heard to say.

The following Saturday night Winchell's again found themselves with a few more customers than usual. It wasn't long till a concensus was drawn that a doughnut shop was a good place to spend some time on Saturday night. And, almost without fail, from that humble but insane beginning over two years ago, there have been at least three or four hams getting together for an eyeball ragchew every week. In the last six or seven months the number has grown to usually six to twelve and as many as 21. The place has changed from the shop on South 84th Street to the one on North 60th Street and in the last two months to Polley's Restaurant on North 72nd Street as they have been by far the most gracious hosts.

Anyone who wishes to join is welcome. The show generally gets on the road between 10:30 and 11:30 (2230 and 2330 for you scientists) with talk-in on the Benson repeater (40-00). It may not be the biggest but it certainly is the most frequent "ham" social activity around Omaha and seems to be growing all the time. The only thing I can see as a disadvantage at Polley's is that it closes at 0100 but that is usually late enough for most.

Perhaps the most appealing aspect of these Saturday night get-togethers is the opportunity to sit around and discuss one's hobby with others of similar interest. Ham radio and electronics, although the most common, is not the only topic of conversation. Subjects cover almost



anything and while "chewing the rag," the food isn't bad either.

In closing, I'll take this opportunity to extend an invitation to any who would care to join us any Saturday night.

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### MEMBER NEWS

Eric C. Juhre' has a change in call from WBØARZ to KØJK, and his XYL Kanza has a new call, WBØZKJ. John M. Crawford has a change in call from WBØSHQ to KØGH.

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## GUEST EDITORIAL By Bill Willmot, K4TF

Hams, as a group, have not generally been complimentary to CB'ers. One of the major reasons cited is the CB'ers disregard for existing regulations. Maybe it's time Amateurs stopped and took stock of their own operating procedures and the many FCC rules that they violate every day. A few minutes listening on any of the ham bands will produce a number of good examples.

For example, tuning up "on-theair" with full power on, causes all kinds of interference, especially with QSO's in progress. While this has always been a source of irritation, in recent years there has been a tremendous increase in the frequency of occurrences of this type of indifference.

Another area of concern is the failure of stations to identify. The most obvious violation by hams in this respect occurs during contests. Frequently, a CQ is made with proper ID. However, from that point on, the calling station will work numerous stations in succession, never giving an ID, but merely adding QRZ at the effect of each contact.

Any amateur who listens to 20-meter phone can come up with a long list of questionable practices involving phone patches and 3rd party traffic.

All of the violations on the ham bands don't occur in the phone bands either. How many times do we hear someone adjusting his bug or paddle on-the-air with full power on and never an ID.

One regulation that seems to be ignored by all too many hams these days is the use of minimum power required to establish and maintain contact. The number of stations using linears to talk "across town" is legion. This is not only a violation of the regulations, but shows a total disregard for the rights of fellow amateurs who have to contend with and endure the excessive and unnecessary interference.

If the amateur fraternity hopes to enhance its image and not be classed in with CB'ers, it's high time they started acting like responsible amateurs. Amateur radio is one of the really great hobbies. Let us all strive to keep it that way.

de Florida Skip

A man can't make a place for himself in the sun if he keeps taking refuge under the family tree. —Service

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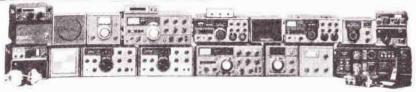


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