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NEXT MEETING

WHEN: FRIDAY, MAY 9, 1980

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: DOUGLAS SARPY COUNTY CHAPTER
AMERICAN RED CROSS
38th and Dewey Avenue
Omaha, Nebraska 68105

PROGRAM: CONTESTING - Mike Bruening, NØAON, Dave Hamilton, WDØDLN, and Frank Wolczak, WAØIWF, will discuss Contesting and Field Day operations.

VISITORS WELCOME-REFRESHMENTS-EYEBALL QSO's

REMINDER

The 1980 Kansas State Convention and CKARC Hamfest, sponsored by the Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club, will be held May 31 and June 1. The place - Red Coach West, 2110 W.

Crawford, Salina, Kansas. Contact Convention Chairman John Shoultys, WDØBNC, 2157 Edward, Salina, Kansas 67401, for further information.

THE PREZ SEZ

The past month was full of ham happenings, even though spring decided to hold off a while longer before moving into the Midlands.

ASCII was legal on the ham bands starting March 17. I have not heard much ASCII on the bands yet, but maybe soon. Bill Martin, NØANQ, and I did manage a few ASCII exchanges at 75 baud on 20 meters one evening, but only in an experimental mode. We will be continuing these experiments, and encourage anyone who wants to join in to do so. We will be operating initially from 75 to 110 baud using standard baudot 170 Hz shift frequencies of 2125 Hz for mark and 2295 Hz for space. We will be operating between 14.110 to 14.120 MHz.

The April meeting, held at the Holiday Inn at 72nd and Grover, featured State Senator Dave Newell, who gave a very informative talk about special interest lobbying and legislative procedure. In addition, Dick Eilers, WØYZV, was honored for 35 years of continuous, active public service as a member of the Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club, Inc. A "special" cake was served in Dick's honor, and the new club generator, handcrafted by NØAIH, was dedicated in Dick's name. Congratulations, Dick, and I hope you keep it up for another 35!

The auction was the smoothest ever this year, under the able guidance of NØAIH and company for the second year in a row! Due to excellent attendance and participation by many club members, there was no shortage of able manpower, and the whole

operation was super! Thanks, Jim, and did you know that *three* years in a row would be a Guinness World's record?

Looking ahead, it's just about Field Day time again! WDØDLN and WAØIWF, repeating Field Day chairmen, say that it's going to be bigger and better than ever! They have even signed WDØHBY up as cook tent chairman again (hope the treasury can stand another year of this crew!)

The May meeting program, by self-proclaimed super contester NØAON, should get everyone sharpened up for contest operation, and especially Field Day.

See you there, 73,

De KØDG

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Sincere thanks to all!



DE NØAON

It's been a busy month!.....

The Holiday Inn at Kearney will never be the same! This year's Midway Hamfest was held on March 29 and 30, and despite the somewhat ominous weather, a good sized crowd from Omaha and Lincoln was on hand to make sure things didn't get boring! Even Marty, WAØGEH and his XYL Sharon stopped in.....And as you might imagine, when all of those people get together in one spot, very crazy things begin to happen.

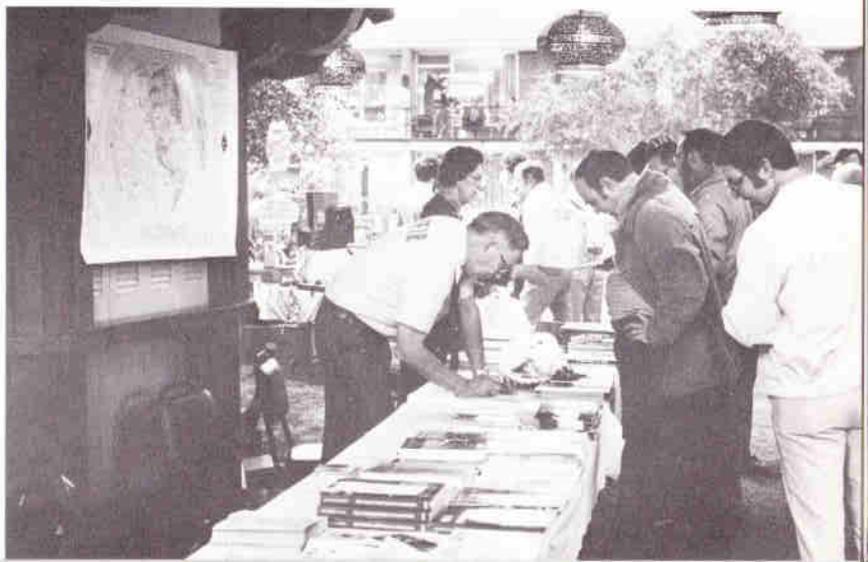
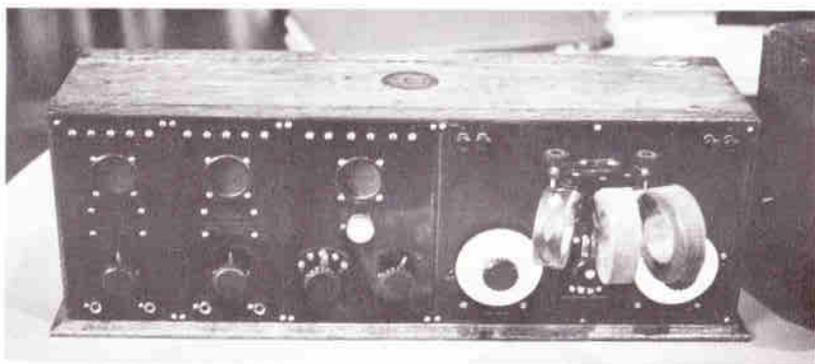
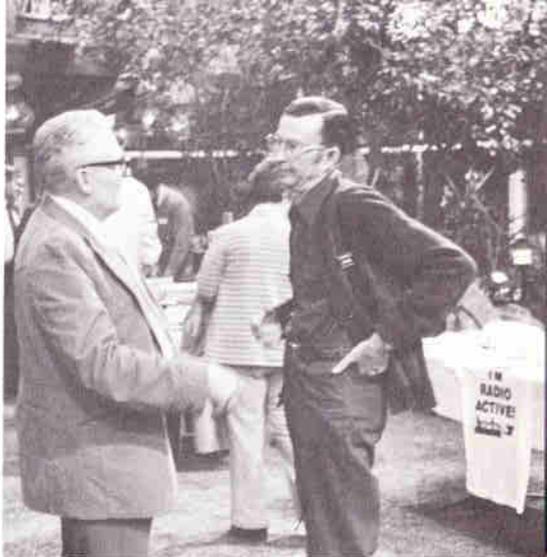
As if the "two-fers" in the bar on Friday night weren't enough, Saturday everybody picked up where they left off the night before!.....There are unconfirmed reports that Frank "Pina Colada" Wolczak, WAØIWF, may not be invited back next year due to his merciless assault on the hotel patrons from his perch in the Pagoda Lounge (heads up!.....)There were at least two little old ladies who were very impressed with Dick, KØDG's prowess on the RTTY keyboard.....It is still

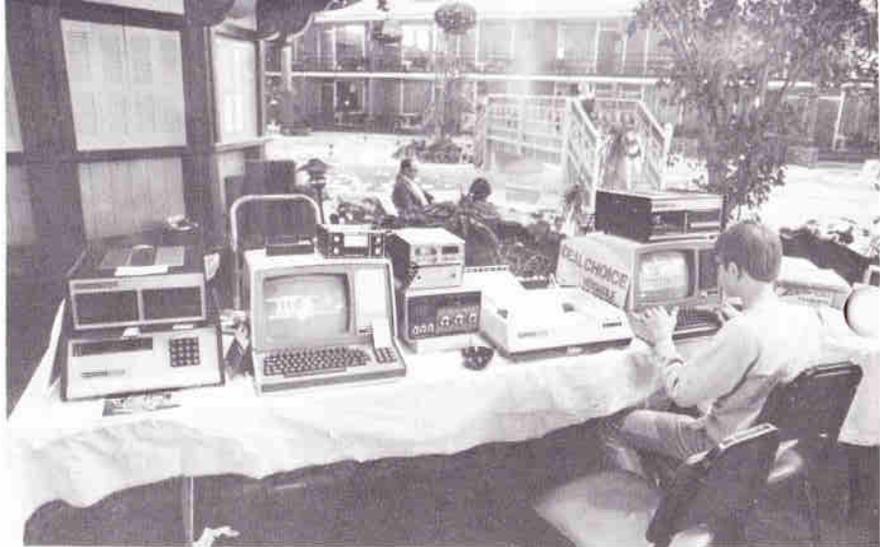
not known if Marty, WAØGEH and Reynolds, KØGND ever completed their "census." But I do know they obtained an accurate count of the



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hotel patrons in the indoor swimming pool.....A gang of amateur Juvenile Delinquents, with the aid of a nameless mentor, spent Saturday night terrorizing a ladies bowling league..... When all else failed, there was always the Lincoln club's hospitality room – which by Sunday morning looked like the city morgue!.....Tom, KØPQR, is definitely *not* a candidate, no matter what he said Friday night.....And Marty, WAØGEH's nomination as "Safe Driver of the Year" has been nixed by the Kearney Chamber of Commerce! All in all – a great time was had by all! (even though there was no elevator!)







FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MISSED THE APRIL MEETING

De NØAON

Omaha Senator Dave Newell was the featured guest, and he provided some interesting insights as to how the legislature functions, and how to get your opinions heard on matters. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a 35-year membership certificate to Dick Eilers, WØYZV, who in his three and a half decades with the Ak-Sar-Ben Club, has served in so many capacities and organized so many projects, one easily loses count! As a fitting tribute to Dick's work, the Club's new mobile power system, designed and built by Jim, NØAIH, was officially unveiled and dedicated in Dick's honor. There were beautiful cakes on hand, appropriately decorated, and by the end of the evening Dick must have felt like he was running for a political office – considering all the hands he shook!!

Also at the April meeting – Dick, WØYZV, Coordinator of the Zero District DX QSL Bureau, announced

that Charlie Rodgers, WØQQN, has been appointed as Manager of the Zero District Bureau. He will be assisted by his XYL Alma as Secretary. Charlie and Alma have done tremendous work on the Zero Bureau and we currently have very few complaints but very many compliments. In fact, the Sorters all deserve a pat on the back as doing a real job. WØYZV will continue to serve as Coordinator of the Bureau.

AT THE MAY MEETING.....Field Day and Contests will be the subject of discussion. Join Dave, WDØDLN, Frank, WAØIWF and me as we investigate contests – how they're run, why they're run and how to get involved in a contest – and have fun doing it!! May 9th, 7:30 P.M.!

PLAN AHEAD.....This year's Midwest ARRL Convention will be held at the Lincoln Hilton on October 10, 11 and 12. Exhibitors, flea markets and forums, plus much more are in the works, so plan now to attend! For





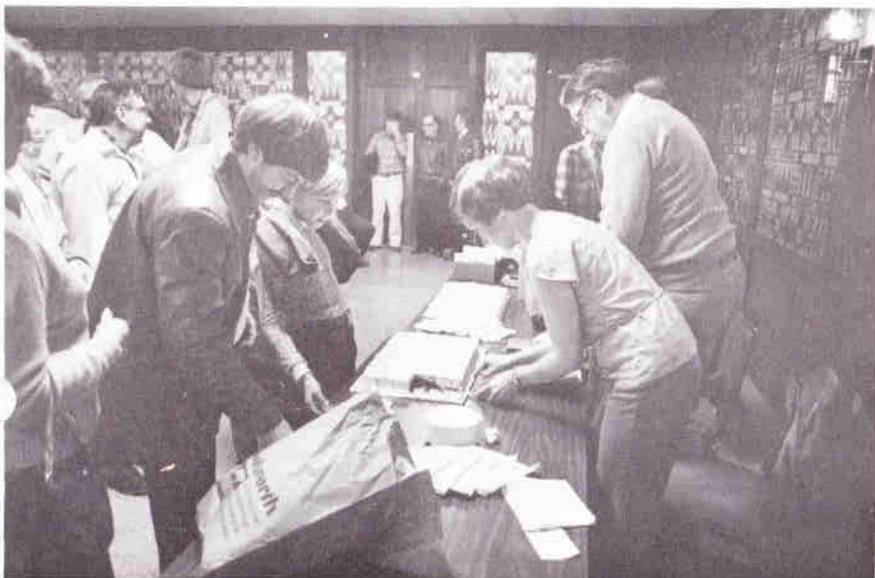
more details, contact the Lincoln Club at P.O. Box 5006, Lincoln, 68505.

And finally for this month.....I have to air my personal opinion on what I consider a questionable practice — Club officers accepting door prizes at Conventions. For example, at a recent convention I attended, the president of the host club did win and accepted the grand prize. Even though I am sure the drawing was fair and legit, I just don't think it is right for the officers

PHOTOS by WDØDLN

of the host organization to accept prizes! I feel the guests are more deserving than the club president and feel he should have suggested they pull another ticket. Something to think about.....

(Editor's Note: The ground rules for any convention are made by the host club. These ground rules should be publicly announced, preferably in



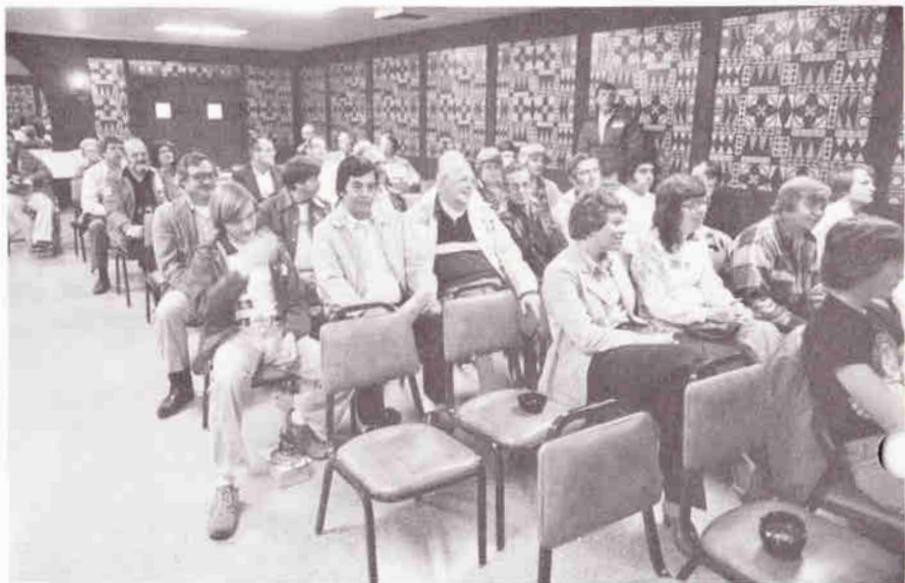


print, prior to the convention and at the convention so that the members and guests will know in advance whether or not officers and committees are entitled to prizes should their numbers be drawn. In other words, they bought and paid for a ticket in the same manner as any other attendee and the price of the ticket includes the chance of winning.

If the ground rules were that the president and/or officers and/or committees should not win a prize, their tickets would not be placed in the drawing so as to avoid any possibility of winning.)

Till next month (See some of you at Dayton!) –

73! Mike, NØAON



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
HELD APRIL 11, 1980, AT THE HOLIDAY INN
72nd & GROVER, EMPIRE ROOM D, OMAHA, NEBRASKA

The meeting was called to order at 19:30 hours by President Dick Jugel, KØDG. Meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

One new member, Edward W. Brandt, KAØHIY, has a Novice License. Motion by Bob, WAØDHU, and seconded by Jim, WBØQGV, that Edward Brandt be admitted to the Club. Motion carried unanimously.

We have two upgrades: Scott Bauer, KAØDXR, and Lawrence Merriman, KAØDKP, each went from Novice to General. Congratulations!

Membership Certificates were handed out by President Jugel to several members present.

Jim, NØAIH, gave a report on the new Club trailer and its capabilities.

Bob, WAØDHU, gave a report on how the Code and Theory classes are coming along. The Novice this time started out small and will finish small, while the General-Advanced and Extra started out with 30 and will have 20 to 25 upgrades. Bob, WAØDHU, thanked all the instructors and their helpers.

President Dick, KØDG, is requesting articles for our Ham Hum Club publication. Are you working on an interesting project or have you made some unusual contacts that are worth sharing? We would like to hear from you.

The Jacket Committee has a new chairman, Walter Brown, KAØDMB.

This was a special meeting. Dick Eilers, WØYZV, has been in amateur radio and the Club for 35 years. As you all know, Dick is the Editor and has been contributing to the printing of the Ham Hum and several other items. President Dick, KØDG, read

parts from a letter from Arnold Gamson, K6PXA, Vice President of Publications of Radio Amateur News Service, that the publication received the Annual Award for the advancement of radio journalism. "The Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club, Inc., Ham Hum, Edited by Dick L. Eilers, WØYZV, having been judged excellent is hereby awarded this testimonial in official recognition of the excellence of performance and outstanding contribution to Amateur Radio Journalism during 1979." Senator Dave Newell, who had the program for the evening, presented Mr. Eilers with the 35-year certificate. Jim Sanford, NØAIH, and all Club members put their coats on and went out into the parking lot at the Holiday Inn for the presentation of the Club power trailer to Dick Eilers. The trailer carries a plaque with Dick's name, call letters, and years of service with the Club. Upon returning to the meeting room we enjoyed two large specially decorated sheet cakes. Each cake had Dick's name, call letters, and an antenna in its center. The number of years was marked on each serving. Marge Dudley was the baker.

Business meeting adjourned, motion by Mitch, NØAZF, and seconded by Charlie, KAØEBD. Motion carried.

Program for the evening

Senator Dave Newell gave a talk concerning the legislative process and lobbying techniques by special interest groups. Several questions were asked.

Program concluded at 21:50 hours.

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"Smiles, everyone smiles." During the March mailing we sent out about two pounds of cards that came in from Mongolia (JT1) land. This should cause some eyebrows to rise on so many hams when they open their QSL Bureau mail. There appeared to be two different JT1 calls involved. It took about a year for these cards to reach the Zero Bureau. Every so often we receive some rare ones via the Bureau, so it might pay to keep up the envelope stock and extra postage with the Bureau. Also along these lines, nearly all USSR cards come via the ARRL Bureau to us, so your chances of getting these cards in any other way are practically nil.

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This year's auction was held on April 13, and was a resounding success! Although the exact figures are not available at press time, it would appear the Club netted over \$700! The unanimous opinion was that the auction ran much smoother this year, as evidenced by the fact that things wrapped up at about 4:00 P.M. Although there were fewer actual items up for auction this year, the

majority were better quality pieces of equipment. Jim Sanford, NØAIH, auction chairman, and I would like to thank the following members for their help in making it all possible: KØPQR, WAØBMJ, WDØHRG, WDØHBY, KAØDMB, WDØBVH, KAØAAA, KAØAAB, WAØIWF, WDØDLN, NØAZF, NØBNI, NØAZA, WDØGHA, WB9PII, WBØHWF, WBØQPP, WBØSJI, KAØBDM, WBØYVF, KAØEBD, and WDØGIL.

Please forgive me if I left anyone out! But a fine example of the great teamwork that Ak-Sar-Ben is noted for! And of course, extra special thanks to the three guys from out near Norfolk that made it all possible: Bob, WØPPT; Bob, WBØQIX; and ZUT, WØZUT!

More details on the auction will probably be upcoming in next month's issue. Again, many thanks to all who took part in Auction '80.....Now if we could get Jim to volunteer for next year.....!!

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HAM HUM SWAP

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IN APPRECIATION!

To Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

On behalf of myself and the rest of those who used the fall-winter code and theory classes, I'd like to take this time to thank all of the instructors who have given of their time and knowledge to aid us in upgrading.

From all, we would like to say thanks again to Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club and to Bob Lockwood, Charlie Rodgers, Lloyd McElhaney and Jim Wilson for their efforts for a job well done.

De, Bob, WBØYOD

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