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RADIO CLUB

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GOODWILL AMBASSADORS STRIKE AGAIN!!!!

With an eye towards improving our Public Relations your club moved in with all antennas booming and presented two outstanding programs for following local organizations:

OMAHA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, TRIBE OF YESSIR! &
OMAHA CIVIL DEFENSE, KMTV PRESENTATION!

On March 23 our erstwhile Vip Tom, AQJ, presented a complete talk and demonstration on Amateur Radio to the Chamber. More than 100 of Omaha's prominent citizens were all but left spellbound by Tom's unprecedented presentation and show!

Mobile contacts were made with PHW, John, who had Mrs John Moates and family in car to surprise President Moates of Chamber; AEM, George, had Fire Commissioner Noyes in his car to speak to the group. Our thanks to all who assisted to make this program a success! To Tom, AQJ, a job well done....Alas! come to the next meeting and hear a tape recording of this wonderful presentation!

SPECIAL SPECIAL SPECIAL

Club receives three minutes FREE TV time on KMTV to demonstrate Emergency Station to Mobile Communications!

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APRIL CLUB ACTIVITIES

WHO? WHERE? WHAT? WHY?

If all goes well we will have a prominent Ham tell us all about the ONE-EYED MONSTER! In addition be present to hear a real honest-to-goodness surprise! AQJ has it ready for you...See you at The FIRE BARN APRIL 9...8:00 P. M.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We proudly list our NEW MEMBERS!

1. WØSPE Rudy Nabel
2. WØSQC J. P. Anderson
3. WØSJM Bill Hamrick

It is our sincere desire that you enjoy yourselves completely. Lets all try to make the above new members feel at home! Congratulations and good membership!

APRIL CLUB MEETING APRIL 9
HANOVER STREET FIRE BARN
7500 N. 30th Street 8:00 P. M.

FIELD DAY NEWS SEE PAGE 3
DON'T MISS THIS BANNER EVENT

NEXT MEETING

APRIL 9, 1954

Friday 8:00 P.M.

Fontanelle Hotel XXXXX



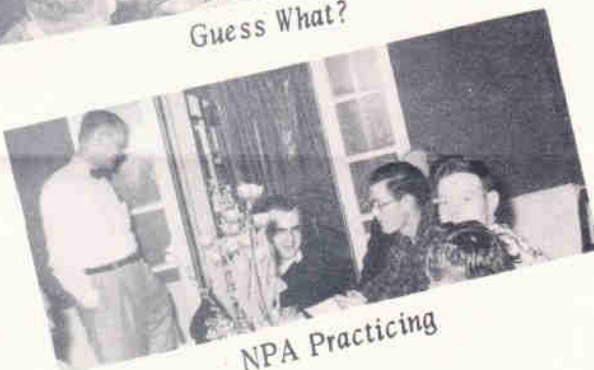
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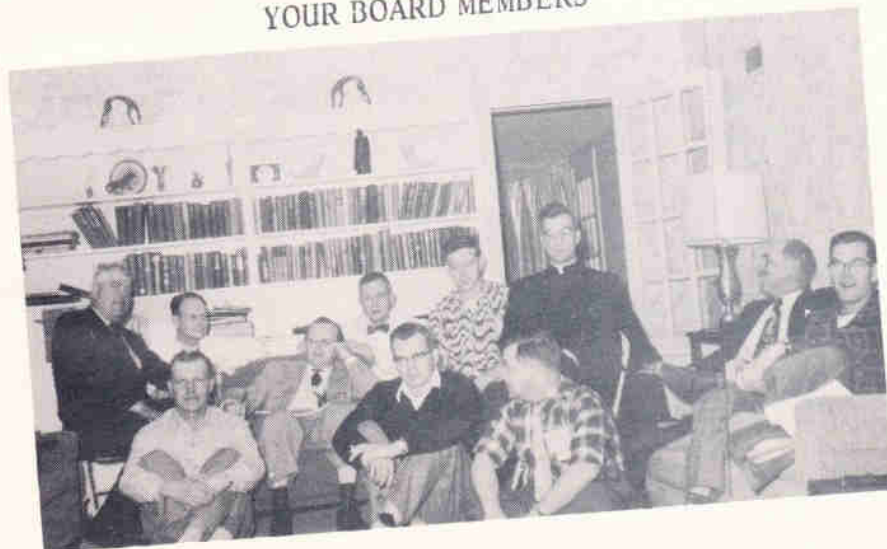


Guess What?



NPA Practicing

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS



- WQFQB
- DICK
- WQPXR
- WQIOS
- WQAQJ
- WQNPA
- WQJJK
- WQJHG
- WQAEM
- WQQXR
- WQNRS
- WQPHW
- Incognito

P.S. Johnny is There but where?



FIELD DAY 1954

This year Field Day will be held at the recreation grounds of the Masonic Boys Farm located on North 52nd. Street about one half mile south of the Bennington road on highway 36A. Detailed directions will follow later.

All facilities available in a public park are also available out there, including the mosquitoes.

The Field Day co-chairmen would like to have everyone who intends to participate in our Field Day activities make his or her intentions known, either by notifying us in person at the April club meeting or by dropping us a card to the P O Box 626.

We also need to know what equipment the various participants have to offer and what hours they intend to be present at the location. Active hours will be from noon of Saturday June 19 all the way thru to approximately ix PM Sunday evening of June 20.

Food will be cooked and served at the location supervised by Herb, QXR. Three meals will be dished out by the food committee, Saturday evening meal, Sunday morning meal and the big Sunday noon meal. Our food committee will have to definitely know how many of the three meals each and every Field Day participant will eat.

If any club member does not have a radio operators license, he or she is still very welcome to take a full part in the program by helping out with the food and keeping logs, etc.

So make up your minds and lets hear from all who are going out by not later than April 20 so our Field Day committee can start formulating their plans for the most enjoyable and successful event in the history of our club.

Co-chairmen are George Fox, AEM and Ed Gutmann, CQX. They are very glad to receive help and ideas. It is from your suggestions that they shape up the event.

We suggest members refer to QST, March 1954 page 58 for general info.

But by all means have fun and get in and join the throng.

CLUB MEMBER NEWS

Art Gaeth, ØFQB, reports the following items...According to a count taken December 31, 1953, full membership in ARRL reached a new all-time high of 41,949 which is an increase of 7.8% over the previous year. With 1,665 full members in Canada the League now has a total voting membership of 43,614. (Boy thats a lotta ham--ed.)

Art reports further that it appears that Herb, ØQXR is due for a dual personality role if a certain Colorado novice gets his General license as per the rules, since, according the March CQ magazine, on page 66, there is a novice listed whose call is WNØQXR. Attention FCC!!!!

ØCQX gave AEM and FQB a demonstration on how to navigate a pig pen. This became a necessity in order to approach a farmer about the Field Day site. (Sum mudders--or not all the mud is slung on the air) Hi!!

Art Gaeth, ØFQB

WØCQX, Ed Gutman, of the pig pen fame, says he has a new home brew receiver working now and that it is really hot. Talk about selectivity--he says he can separate the two commercial RTTY sigs with it and that they are supposed to be only 850 cycles apart.

Al Demorest, fresh out of the Army reports that he is now back in Omaha and, although, he is really busy he is going to try to get to a meeting real soon. Glad to see you back, Al.

Roy Foster, ØLRD, is now located at Camp Gordon, Ga., and is on the air occasionally on K4WAR--in fact he was patched thru to his folks by IOS last Sunday for a nice rag chew. Roy says he is going to get married and that his work in the army is on micro wave. Drop a note to us Roy and keep us posted on the latest happenings.

Late flash--Frank, ØIOS worked F08AJ/MM Frank was their 4th QSO and hooked them when they were 27 hours out of Acapulco. At that time they were still all full of enthusiasm and had no doubts about the ETA.

OUT OF TOWN NEWS

George Coddington, QPG, writes---hope to be able to attend one of your meetings in the future and certainly look forward to hooking one of you gentlemen on our old "10 meter" band.---have been doing some experienting up there---worked HQQ for my first QSO on 10 in four months. (Welcome to Omaha George)

Loren, RDN, relates---Nebr. CW net meets daily now at 1845 CST on 3520 kc. EUT and FQB are wonderful help as NCS and liason to TEN. The net can always handle any long haul tfc at anytime. New members are HTA, Ray at Orchard, PUT, Jay at Arnold, VQN, Aaron at Scottsbluff. Have missed LFM and NPA.

Mig Becker, W6TEK on a nice card says--we have a permanent QTH with an orchard behind us. New QTH--11960 Vallejo Dr. Saratoga, Calif.

The Tri-City Amateur Radio Club re-organized March 10.

We are proud to announce the new president is W0VQN. Vice-Pres. is W0VQR. The new secretary is W0CDL and the club historian is W0EWN. There are ten members at present. Plans call for an immediate affiliation with the ARRL. All suggestions will certainly be welcome. New members are welcomed, see W0VQN or write PO box 604, Scottsbluff, Nebr.

Red, CBH, from out North Platte way writes---sure like those pictures (tnx) There is an NCL73 in Laramie for \$75. RIG is rebuilding with a 4-65A in the final, NOT SSB either. Hi

The NP gang had a swell time at the Annual Banquet with 30 attending. The Barber Shoppers put on a nice program.

Sig Piotrowske, EWF, reports---I work for the CAA and was appointed Director Advisor for the southwestern Nebr. Civil Defense Section. Pse. pass along any related dope.

Al Wyland, INR, is building a new 500 watt rig which was described in Jan '54 QST, and he hopes to have it fired up and on the air by the last of Feb. Good luck Al.

DID YOU ORDER YOUR CALL
YET??? BOOK

SEND YOUR ORDER TO AK-SAR-BEN RADIO
BOX 626, OMAHA 1, NEBRASKA

Here is what some of the purchasers have to say about the call book---

... "wonderful piece of work--you are to be congratulated" Bob Rudd, ØEUT

"Thank the gang for the nice call book."---Bill Gettman ØYSK

"I sure got my moneys worth for the Nebraska Call Book. Thanks a lot--" Bill Schroeder, WØIGL.

ORDER NOW!!!! ONLY 75¢ PER COPY

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WRL TO HAVE GRAND OPENING

Leo Meyerson, president of World Radio Labs and active member of Ak-Sar-Ben RC announced the grand opening of the new WRL home for the week end of April 9. An open house for the general public, complete with conducted tours, is scheduled for Friday, April 9. This session will be on all day Friday and into the evening hours also.

On April 10th and 11th, Saturday and Sunday, the open house is set up for Hams, servicemen, technicians and all other customers and will be complete with an AUCTION, food and entertainment. Leo also has set a deal for the issuing of script money for any purchases prior to the auction and will honor the script on any purchases at the auction. Looks like a good deal--see you at WRL.

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Mottoes of the month--

"If you cant understand it--oppose it"

"If at first you don't succeed, quit being a sucker"

LISTENING POST

By Larry Caccamo
WØNMMN

Well, the big bonfire sale at WRL is over. Ears have been cast in the direction of the ham bands and according to all the gossip, local and DX, much of the smoky equipment has already been fired up and been on the air with pretty good results. Your reporter has been on the air with his new acquired smoked up Harvey Wells and the results were pretty good. It's not a block-buster, but it gets results. Another member of the HW frat is NPA. Windy did ok by himself too.

In response to many inquiries received in the past we note that all of the equipment left over from the fire sale in Council Bluffs was purchased by Frank Ladd, WØBPY, Frank has the equipment for sale at his home QTH.

Why is a radio like a doctor?

Because they both need ether to operate. Hi Hi

In the January issue an SOS was sent out for help, so far no calls. Jack, EIH, who is presently convalescing at home needs a little assistance in locating a short in his rig. The rig is a BC-459 and BC-696. Lets pitch in and give Jack a lift.

FOR SALE

TWO METER transmitter, Millen model 90810 with power supply. No modulator. Will sell without power supply. Make a bid. Doug. Burghardt, WØWR, 3207 No. 14 Ave. Omaha. At 2342

NATIONAL RECEIVER NCL73 (13 tubes)
Perfect condition \$145
Heathkit amplifier with power supply
(Williamson Amplifier) \$69.50
Preamplifier \$50.00
Millen Xtal tuner (broadcast) \$10.00
John Riley, WØJJB, RE5753, 4719 Wakely St.
Omaha, Nebraska

NOTES FROM AROUND TOWN

WØAVM, Elmer Stein, ex prexy of the AK club has returned to active ham radio with a brand new mobile set-up and will have it on the air very shortly--it's an all Gonset station--Commander and Super-Six.

Bob Scott, ØGNM and club president, Cooper had lunch the other day with Sheriff Collins, Douglas County Sheriff, and discussed the possibilities on a mobile net (amateur of course) to operate thru and for the sheriff's office.

The Rampacek's, ØQNC and ØRMC are now on the air working 40 meter fone.

MOBILERS ATTENTION !!!

By the time you are reading this a new 10 meter monitor station will be in operation here in Omaha. Thru the courtesy of the GATE CITY RADIO CO., the station will monitor 29,640 KC for 8 hours daily--from 8 AM til 5 PM, Monday thru Friday. The station call letters will be WØJCK/Ø and the chief operator's name is John.

This will give visiting and local 10 meter mobiles a connection at all times during working hours for the reporting of emergencies or for directions around the city. One thing to remember is that the monitor will not be able to hear stations that are off the frequency--so get your crystals checked and insure being heard.

Later on we hope to announce another 10 meter monitoring station that will take over after 5 PM to give us about twenty hours daily monitoring. Our thanx to the gang at Gate City for this fine move.

FOR SALE
Viking II with VFO \$275.00
RME50--\$125.00 also Misc. Parts
WØQUA, Stan Gerber

MOBILE HINT

In search of an easy method of mounting equipment in the family vehicle and at the same time keeping in mind the need of easily removing the gear we came up with this novel idea. For small gear such as a VFO or a converter acquire two, two inch hinges and in the comfort of the home shop mount the two hinges on opposite sides of a small piece of metal the width of the gear to be mounted. The free sides of the hinges should fold down and be flat against the sides of the gear. With sheet metal screws attach the free ends of the hinges to the sides of the gear. Pull the pins from the hinges and mount the metal plate, with half of the hinges attached, in place in the car. Then simply position the gear and insert the pins and you're in business. For more rigidity slip a small square of form rubber between the top of the gear and the metal plate.

For larger gear use two hinges on each side of the gear and replace the pins with a new pin long enough to reach both hinges on a side.

WE NOTE

In the Jan-Feb issue of the Ham News which is published by the General Electric Co. we note a reprint from our Ham Hum. Re-read Sweeping the Spectrum.

LOOK AT THIS--DEAN BARKER IS STILL ALIVE!

"I bow my head in shame for not filling out one of these postage free cards before but here goes. I like the Video section of HAM HUM--Keep it up. About myself--ØVOI hasn't been very active for 18 months now. I have a new car and have put in a new Elmac receiver and am working on the rig now--it is a Gonset commander. I visited the SENRC and got roped in on lecturing for the March meeting. Might add that I'm getting some 2 meter gear ready for late summer and early fall operation. The all channel "Finco" antenna works good for a 2 meter beam--I'll see you at the meeting if I can find it. Yours, Dean Barker, ØVOI (Thanks Dean--write again real soon--Ed.)

WANTED, SWAP AND SELL

PE103 dynamotors with or with out bases. 500 Ma swinging choke, good 813's. Will trade or sell a 12 volt dynamotor, 440v. at 220 ma. \$10. BC 696 partly modified for \$15---Heathkit scope #0-7 like new with low-cap probe and spare CRT for \$40 Bill Gettman WØYSK, Norfolk, Nebr.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 441 FROM ARRL HEAD-QUARTERS WEST HARTFORD CONN MARCH 25, 1954 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

Effective April 25, many sections of the United States will change to Daylight Saving Time. At that time, all WLAW operation will change to Eastern Daylight Saving Time. Those amateurs in areas remaining on Standard Time are reminded that that WLAW Official Bulletins, code practice transmissions, CRPL propagation forecasts and other announced ARRL Headquarters Station Operating activities will have to be tuned in one hour earlier than usual. Further details and a complete WLAW summer schedule will appear in May QST Operating News AR.

NEWS QUOTES FROM THE NORTH PLATTE HAM REVIEW AND PREVIEW

The North Platte radio amateurs volunteered their services to aiding the March-Of-Dimes Drive in this area. Radio Amateurs realize their responsibilities as part of the communities in which they live, and are happy to render such service as is possible to their communities.

What is hoped will be a more useable frequency, especially for out-of-town contacts, is the new frequency of 3948. Some 16 xtals were ordered for \$1 each and more can be ordered by the secretary if necessary.

MTV (Con't)

On Sunday March 28, our Civil Defense Radio Officer Rolly, YMU and others, AEM, FQB, NMN, NRS, IOS and Jr. OP, John, setup a complete emergency station at the studios of KMTV in connection with the Omaha Medical Disaster Units. For 3 full minutes a complete Ham set-up was on the cameras with capable YMU acting like a Hollywood Star!

Thanks to Herb Curry who gave us use of full station equipment and who also stated that same gear is available for future public and club activity! Leo Meyerson, please take note!

Cancellation of our demonstration at Council Bluffs was due to death of School Board Member's wife..... however new date has been set and it is April 14...we need volunteers, to put on this show...here is chance for all new members and old to take the bull by the horns and get in the ring.

For GOOD OF THE ORDER.....

TEN WAYS TO KILL OUR CLUB

1. Don't come to the meetings.
2. If you come, COME LATE.
3. If the weater doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.
4. If you attend a meeting, find fault with the work of officers and other members.
5. NEVER ACCEPT AN OFFICE, its easier to criticize than to do things.
6. Nevertheless, feel hurt if you are not appointed on the committee; but if you are, do not attend the committee meetings.
7. If asked by the chairman to give your opinion on some matter, tell him you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how things ought to be done. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but, when members roll up their sleeves and willingly, unselfishly use their ability to help matters along, say that the organization

is RUN BY A CLIQUE.

9. Hold back your dues as long as possible--OR DON'T PAY AT ALL.
10. Don't bother about getting new members. LET SOMEONE ELSE DO IT.

Frank, IOS gave two Amateur Radio Demonstrations last week to up and coming Ham prospects...At home he described Amateur Radio and operated station for the Blue Birds, 16 girls, and the CUB SCOUTS, Troop 356, DEN 1.

BOARD MEMBERS MEET AGAIN

March 22, board members were guests of our good member Dick Eilers.

YMU visited board meeting and described plans for KMTV program. All members discussed quite fully Bob Scott's, GNM, proposal for operation with Sheriff Collin's group. It was decided that we would turn this project over to YMU who is our RADIO OFFICER IN CHARGE OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS. This recommendation was made in view of our prior commitments with Civil Defense authorities.

April program was discussed, and Field Day was also brought into discussion. See other articles for full dope.

Dick served a wonderful feed and many other topics of interest and benefit to the club were on the key.

Any member may visit a board meeting, however prior permission must be obtained in view of the fact board meetings are held at homes of board members and we must respect this point. It would be most embarrassing for a board member to plan for ten people and find the entire membership show up at his house! So wat sa O.M.s.