

HAM HUM

AK-SAR-BEN
RADIO CLUB

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F. D.-----1954, by Windy

A few bright eyed youngsters and oldsters mustered to the cause on the morning of June twentieth. The event? Why, field day of course. Field Day was talked about quite enthusiastically for sometime before hand and according to all indications, was going to be a huge success.

But, some participants, some of which were participants in name only, thought it was a worse flop than last year. One comment that I have heard carelessly thrown around of late is that our field day lacked organization. To anyone who might have shown up, it should have been obvious that other than the loss of our first site and its accompanying chow plans, the organization was more up to par than last year. The equipment was superb, the tents repaired, the site was one of the best, and the antenna possibilities unlimited.

What was lacking, was the thing necessary for any group venture such as field day. What is it? Ask the guys that sweated the tents and masts up and down. Ask the guys that brought their valuable Equipment and subjected it to the weather and possible human abuse. Ask the guys that operated so much they couldn't keep their eyes open. Ask our President who, not being a field day hound, was still there to do the work.

They will tell you that too few of those that signed the field day slips showed up. Too many people obligated themselves to the chairmen and then let them down. The attendance was so poor that it spoiled field day for the few that did show up. We must remember that a club activity has to have a club to be successful.

BEN FISHER WINS TRANSMITTER HUNT

The June meeting, an outdoor affair, was held at Hanscom park, in the center part of Omaha, and was well attended. After a short-short, business meeting--actual time about 15 minutes--the meeting was adjourned for the transmitter hunt which was a ten meter operation. The winner, Ben Fisher, ØPXR, of Blair, barely nosed out the other contenders and was declared the winner after a one hour search. Ben's reward was a year's subscription to QST.

Prior to the transmitter hunt, the whole gang, in numbers about forty strong, enjoyed an outdoor weiner roast.

After the mobile gang returned from the transmitter search, an assortment of ham radio parts and gear was given to lucky ticket holders. The club is very grateful to ØBIA, Ed Davis for his generous donation of those prizes. Chuc Lipari won the 1954 Radio Amateur's Handbook that was donated by Alco Radio Company.

JULY MEETING

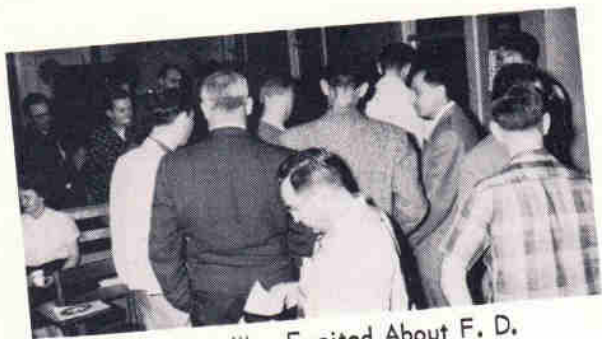
Our next meeting, the July conflag, will be held at the regular time and place--Florence Fire Barn, at 8 PM on Friday July 9.
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-----JULY 9-----
Friday 8:00 P.M.
Florence Fire Barn
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Video Page

FIELD DAY-----1954



Everyone Was Excited About F. D.



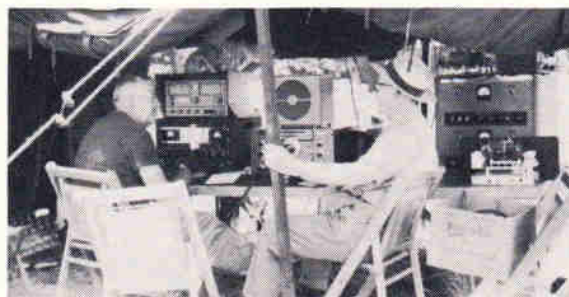
So We Put Up The Phone Tent And Masts



The Same For The C.W. And 10 Mtr. Tents



A Few Showed Up And Donated Gear



But, Fewer Operated

NOVICES NOTICES

WNLBOM writes that he just received his ticket and that he'd sure appreciate the WØ's giving a look for him on 3724 and 7187 KC. John, who received his copy of Ham Hum via ØIOS says he might have sum xystals for the AK club novice "bank" after he gets his code speed up for the general license.

NEWS FROM OUT OF TOWN

Willis Duncan, ØQBK, says keep the Ham Hum coming and that he sure hopes to work sum of the old gang on 40 fone one of these days. His new address is:

M/Sgt. Willis A. Duncan, WØQBK,
Headquarters, AACS,
Washington 25, D.C.

Timbercreek, Nebr, June 21. Rocky reports that he just got back from a two week trip to Marion, Indiana, where he looked over a station. He says he met a bunch of local hams in Marion and that a lot of them work at RCA's color TV tube plant there. Rocky, ØTIP, states that the Nebr. papers are not on the ball as compared to the one he read while on the trip. He said the paper out there had a big blurb about the local ham club complete with pictures and an article stating that "Eisenhower Proclaims National Amateur Radio Week"...says he's going to show his copy of the paper to the GI rag. Everything else out Rocky's way is about normal except that Cicero and Emily are expecting again--(well ain't that normal..ED)

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Joe, WØASI, says he's not guilty in regard the last blast about some SSB operations interffering with net roll call. Not guilty because his SSB KW hasn't been on for some time now. He also passes a-long best 73's to the SSB gang in Nebraska and says the people around KC are a litle slow in getting on with the latest in modulation methods.

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MERCHANDISE MART

WØWR has several pieces of equipment (SCR=183) for sale. These make excellent mobile equipment. An excellent buy. See Doug.

FOR SALE! New, panel mounted 600 volt DC, 250 ma. power supply, spare rectifier tubes, on sub-base and 19" panel - \$10.00. New 2 foot desk type relay rack, black wrinkle finish - \$3.00. Contact Clarence Draper, W8KLP/Ø, 6315 Poppleton Ave, Omaha.

BARGAIN! For Sale - Collins 75A1 and speaker. Globe King 400-C, modulator and power supply. 400-B RF section. Heath-kit scope. Grid dipper. Going cheap. Need the money for college. See Bill, WØEEF, 113 Angle, Council Bluffs or Call phone 8282.

GOSSIP

We are in receipt of a suggestion from WØMGC that the club have an anniversary date and proposes that we have a party on that date, or at least, a get-to-gether. Let's have a few more opinions.

HAM HUM is sweeping the country! Here are a few opinions received from enthusiastic readers. "We both enjoy Ham Hum, keep up the good work" signed XYL WØJJB
"I would be very interested in getting Ham Hum for the summer as I am sure many others would" signed WNØ---Dick Nolan. Dick knows he passed his novice exam, he is just waiting for that ticket from the FCC.

GRATIS! A terrific booklet of gadgets can be obtained by writing Eitel-McCulough, Attention: John Reinartz, K6BJ, San Bruno, California. Complete diagrams and information furnished free upon request. Get the cards in fellows!

***Apologies are in order - Correction to the video page in the last issue of Ham Hum. The president of the Lincoln Amateur Radio Club is George J. David, WØOHP. Never-the-less, we consider Tom Boydston, WØVYX, NCS of the 75=Meter Phone noon net an important man. The mistake was natural.

BEACH-COMBING - If you have any ash-trays that aren't serving the purpose, please bring them along to the next meeting.

LOST OR STRAYED=One large wooden box full of AC wiring, which was used at the Field Day site, 1954.

JULY MEETING (continued)

An effort to keep the business meeting as short as possible during the summer months will be in affect for the July meeting. However, the entertainment scheduled for that meeting will be probably one of the most interesting for a group like ours, that we have had all year.

Through the efforts of Leo Meyerson we will have a movie, as produced and supplied by the Eitel-McCullough Company. This picture will take you on a complete tour of the Eimac plant and show the production of one of that company's largertubes from start to finish. This film is so popular that we won't be able to get it again for another five years so you better not miss it this time.

In addition to the entertainment the club will furnish refreshments, so DONT MISS THE JULY MEETING!!!

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AK-SAR-BEN CLUB FIELD DAY MOTTOE
"KINDLY RESTRAIN YOUR ENTHUSIASM"

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THE RADAR MAN
by Dick Hunt

If you should see upon the street
A man who walks with dipole feet,
With a train of little pips behind
He's a radar man with a micro-mind.

With micro-seconds and micro-waves
And micro-volts he fills his days.
And thus in the course of time we find
His brain has shrunk to a micro-mind.

His eyes give out a neon gleam
His ears fan out like a radio beam
As he chews, his molars oscillate
And his heart pumps blood at a video rate.

This man obtains with passing years
Infinite impedance between his ears
And at last he succumbs to a heavy jolt
When he gets what he thinks is a micro-volt.

The doc looks up from his microscope
And says to his nurse, behold this dope.
Not trace of a brain cell, can I find
He's a Radar Man with a micro-mind!

IONOSPHERIC DISTURBANCES

Do you own a television set? Are "bars" ruining Arthur Godfrey's classic profile? Is the picture rolling? Did a superimposed ghost run through Lucy's living room? Don't badger the "ham operator" next door. It isn't his fault. The real culprit -- the ionosphere has dropped a little bit. Only temporarily, naturally. Television signals are hitting this low-down ionosphere and bouncing all over the map. The interference is literally coming from thousands of miles away and causing no end of trouble in certain points of the country. These bars and rolls seen in the past couple of weeks on channel two come from WMTV-TV, a CBS, affiliate station in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and the non-existent channel three is coming alive because of transmission from KMTV-TV, another CBS affiliate in Omaha, Nebraska. Incidentally, before we all get excited in this area, the complaint comes from the vicinity of Hicksville-Farmingdale-Bethpage in the New York City and Long Island Area. According to Harry Dannals, Assistant Communications Manager of the ARRL, the ionosphere is much closer than 65 miles at the moment. Once the ionosphere gets back in its proper place television transmission will become normal. Whatever you do, don't blame the ham operator unjustly. (reprint from a N.Y. Daily)

FESTIVITIES

Rumors of a picnic at the QTH of OM W/PPT and XYL WO/PQB at Pawnee City in the near future. Let's line something up fellows and make it a reality.

HEARSAY! Amendments to the Rules governing eligibility for Amateur Radio License has been proposed by the FCC. This would exclude members of the Communist Party or Communist Party Front Organizations, or anyone not of good character such as a person convicted of a felony. This would also provide for fingerprinting, proof of citizenship, and photo be furnished with applications. Another proposal has been made that all broadcasts, commercial and amateur would be recorded by the station making the broadcast.

MOTTOES! "If you think the weather is hot, you should see the boss."

"If you have a minute to spare, tell me all you know."

"Look busy, here comes the boss."

"When I'm oiled, you keep quiet".

OMAHA LISTENING POST

by Lawrence F. Caccamo
WØNMN

Well, the Field Day Activities were quite a success, after all. Altho the membership could have been better represented, there were sufficient personnel to man the putting up of tents and raising the antennas. The CW tent was first set up followed by the phone group. Last, the administration tent was set up. The CW boys made contacts on 40 and 20 meters. The phone boys made contacts on 75, 40 and 20 meters. The rig in the administration tent was set up for local contacts on 75 and 10 meters. A cool steady breeze provided sufficient air conditioning to make camping out a pleasure. Some precipitation during the night wetted the grass down a bit.

We missed OM WØQXR at the Field Day Activities. OM ØQXR left for Colorado on the same date to a nd wedding ceremonies of his nephew WØHZE Robert Stratbucker. Seems as how Little Cupid has been pretty busy lately, ØHZE followed pretty closely in the footsteps of ØNPA. Catching?

James Lipari and his two harmonics Chuck and Bernard came out to the field day site Saturday afternoon and remained with us until Sunday afternoon. Their assistance was appreciated. As yet they have no amateur calls, but come next exam day, they will go down for their novice ticket. Lots of luck to you, fellows.

OM WØØUKQ Dick Nystrom and his harmonic WØØUKE Frank visited at the field day site Saturday evening. They were accompanied by the XYL and three other little harmonics. They also brought their appetites.

OM WØJKE and XYL WØMJK also came out and gave us a little moral support.

OM WØLFM (Little Fat Mamma) gave support at operations while XYL snoozed the night out in t' mobile.

Field day activities were abruptly terminated Sunday afternoon at about 2 PM. Seems as how a few black clouds loomed up suddenly north of the site. All equipment was immediately taken down and packed in the truck. Wha Happ'N? It didn't rain after all.

CLUB FIELD DAY SCORES 1954

CW

Band	QSO's	Districts	States	Others
20 & 40	130	34	25	3 VE's 1 /MM

FONE

20	124	44	33	1 VE
40	151	39	29	1 VE