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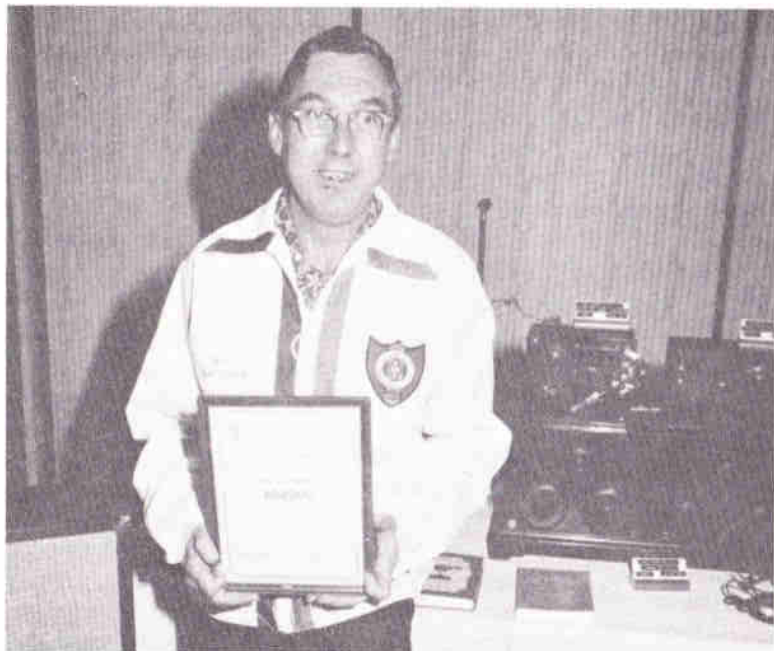
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## AWARD TO WAØDHU

Robert C. (Bob) Lockwood, WAØDHU, received the Amateur of the Year Award at the ARRL Midwest Division Convention, October 8, 1977, in Wichita, Kansas. Photo shows Midwest Director Paul Grauer, WØFIR, making the presentation. Our congratulations, Bob!

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(Meeting announcement on inside cover)

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**NEXT MEETING**

**WHEN:** TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1977

**TIME:** 7:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER  
 333 South 132nd Street  
 Omaha, Nebraska 68154

**PROGRAM:** Captain James Manley from the Space Environmental Support Branch, Global Weather Control, Offutt AFB, will present an overview of the ionospheric and weather systems, featuring how they affect R.F. propagation in the VHF and HF Bands.

Also, Rick Stansbury, WAØROP, will show a short film of a water skiing tournament illustrating how amateur radio filled their communication requirements.

VISITORS WELCOME – REFRESHMENTS – EYEBALL QSO  
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## THE PREZ SEZ

The first meeting at the JCC was fantastic to say the least. The program was one of the best to date. It gave a lot of the newer hams a brief lesson in history and also some very fine information on the early days of the Club. And when you listen to some of the Past Presidents make reference to limited number of members, it is indeed a pleasure to look among us now.

Plans are now underway for "Operation Santa Claus" when we will once again make the eyes of the youngsters confined to local hospitals gleam a bit when they get a chance to talk to Santa Claus via two meters around Christmas time. More on this as soon as it is firmed up.

The station at the JCC is nearly ready to be opened for use. Almost all of the antenna system has been completed, and now we move inside to get the shack ready. The station has been on the air and the antennas are doing just great. We hope to be able to show all of you a completed station by the next meeting.

The Code and Theory Classes are well underway, and at last count the student population for the novice class was 70 and 25 for the general class. This being the second session of classes held this year should show us all that people are interested in amateur radio. We have one of the finest education programs in the United States for new amateurs and the track record will certainly show it. And since we again plan to hold classes at Creighton Prep in January, we will be needing instructors for CW and theory. So think about it, give Bob, WAØDHU, a

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call and offer to help. It's a lot of fun to watch these students progress from novice up through the ranks.

An interesting note about license classes of our Club members. The new computerized list we have compiled indicates that the advanced class is the leader followed by general, technician, novice and then extra class. We do have a very respectable number of extra class licenses in our Club. If you have not as yet completed the new type form, please get one at the next meeting and fill it out.

The sunspots are being very good to the DXers at this time so you want to check all the higher bands for that rare one you need. Overheard Charlie, WØKH, with his high power "one watt" get a five by three from the New Zealand area. Not bad, Charlie! And a tip for you novices who need Wyoming, listen around 21.165 for WB7RUA; Lee will be working in that area to help you get a hard one stateside.

73 CU at the meeting.

Bob, WBØLYU  
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## THANKS, WBØQMU

Many thanks to Craig Holder, WBØQMU, of Hinton, Iowa, for his "suggestion" to have Sam W. Seldon, WBØVWM, give his program on antique radios. It was enjoyed by all.

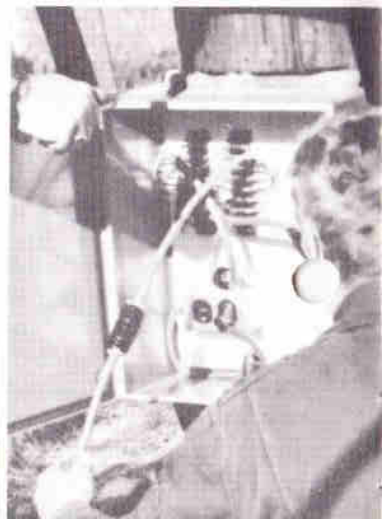
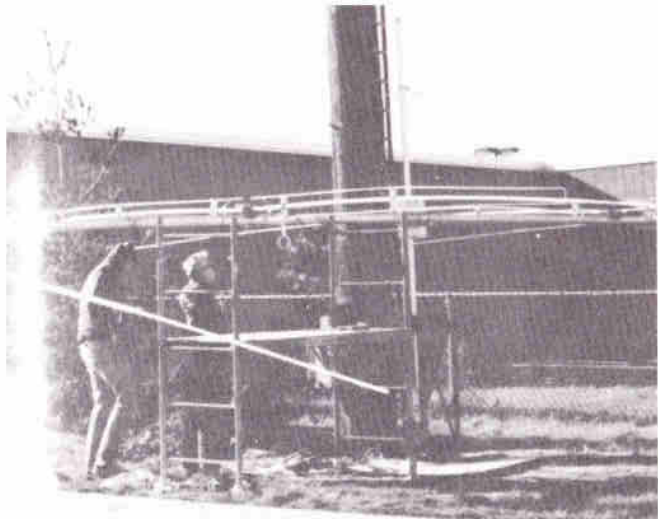
This month's program was volunteered by Dave Julian, WB9YIG/Ø and is much appreciated.

Any more possible programs that pertain to communication and amateur radio available?

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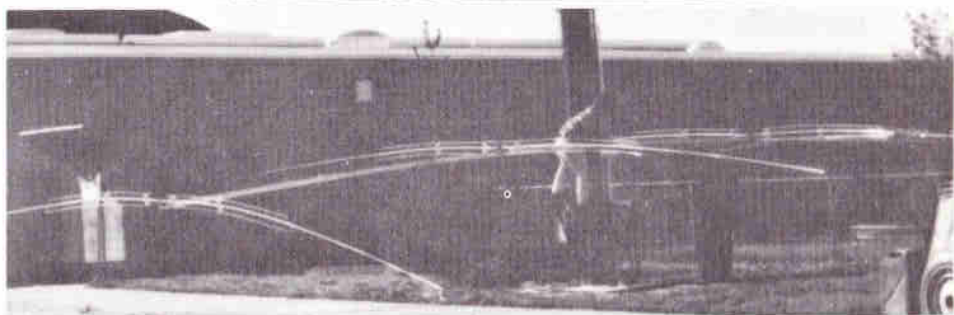
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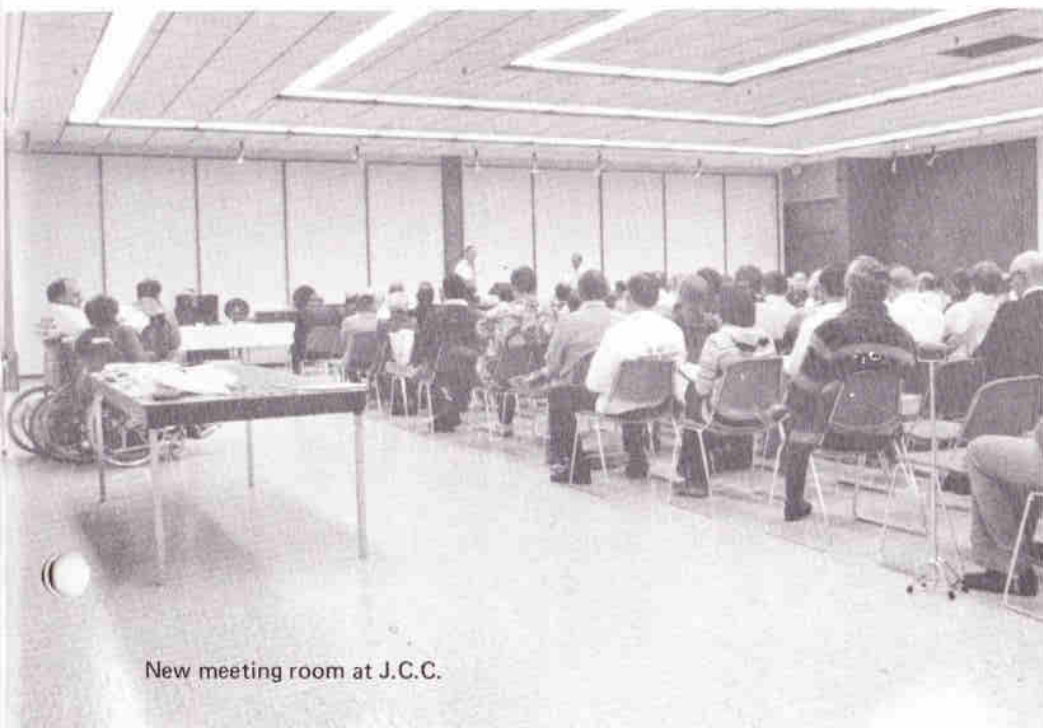
Photos taken at J.C.C. of 40 Meter Beam on Saturday, October 15, 1977, submitted by WBØQGV.







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New meeting room at J.C.C.

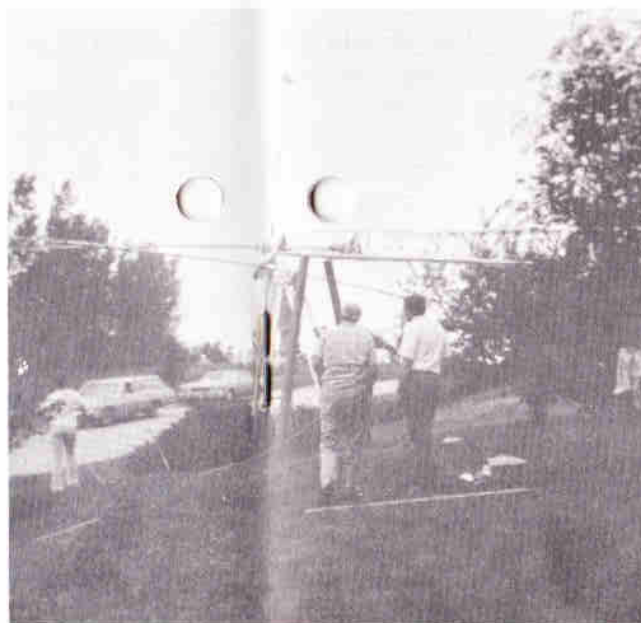


Gang making final adjustments on the elements

**ANTENNA RAISING PARTY**  
**QTH: IRENE, WBØMPC ·**  
**AUGUST 13, 1977**

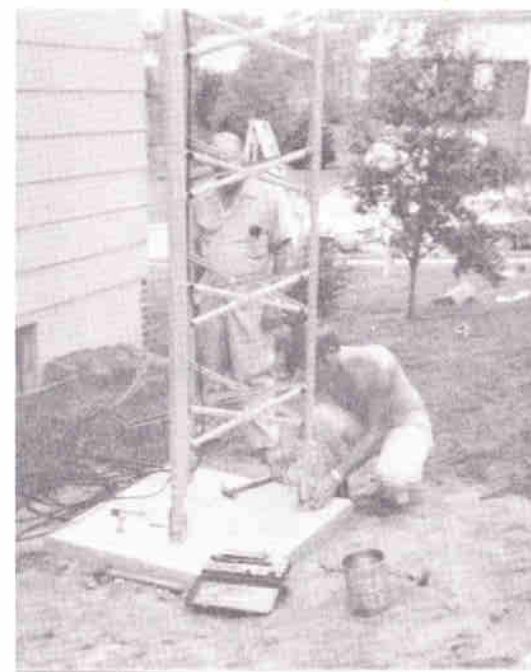
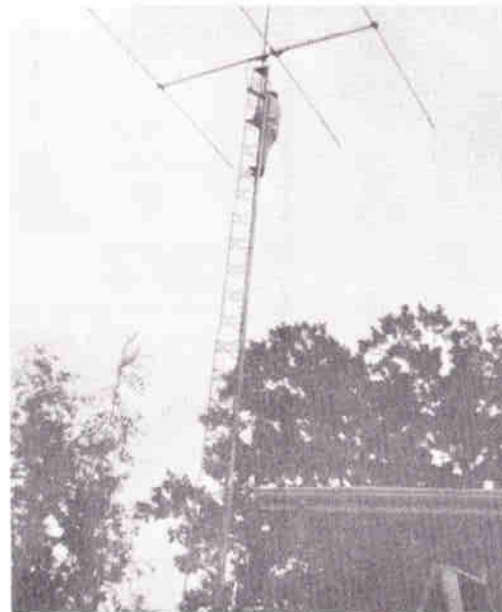
HELPERS: Charlie, WØQQN; Bob, WBØLYU; Bob, WBØYOD; Lloyd, KØDKM; Eldin, WBØKHR; Clifford, WBØYRJ; Bill, WBØYRK and Tom, WBØTMI.

Final Check on all elements



Slightly higher and adding 2 Meter Antenna

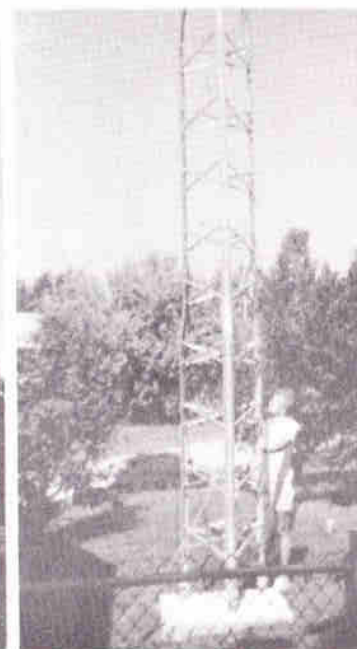
Heave Away! Going Up!



In place – secure them bolts!

That's our Prez – Bob, WBØLYU, for final check and to show he is above all others!!

WBØMPC admires installation!



**OCTOBER 18, 1977  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING**

The Board received an updated status report on the new Club jackets from Kevin Clatanoff, WAQYCC. A few jackets from the original order remain and an additional order has been placed. All future orders and business concerning the jackets will continue to be handled by Kevin and Carl Quijas, WBOTUE. The Board wishes especially to thank Carl's XYL Sandy, who has kept track of everyone's order and handled the financial records.

The monthly Treasurer's report was read and approved. The Board then allocated funds for this year's Christmas Party.

The Board received a report from Bob Chereck, WBOTVP, Chairman for the 1977 Club Christmas Party. Bob reports the party will be held on December 11th, at the South Omaha Boys Club, 22nd & P Streets, from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. All facilities of the Boys Club, except the swimming pool, will be available to our members and families. Brush up now on your bowling, table tennis, billiards, foosball, pinball, etc. Add to that a host of games for the children, and Santa! Our Club will provide refreshments; however, as in years past, we request that if the XYL has a dozen or so extra Christmas cookies, please bring them. Also as before, we encourage all members to participate in a gift exchange. The usual 2 or 3 dollar limit is sufficient. Let's see if this year we can all use our imaginations and come up with something other than a couple bucks in an envelope. As a suggestion,

there are many new books out this year that most don't have yet. Or, how about some parts or some small "goodie" from our local ham dealers?

Bob Conley and Joe Nanos volunteered to be the pin boys for the bowling alleys. A unanimous vote was taken that if they are hit with the ball, it will count as a strike! However, similar to baseball, three strikes in this manner, and they will throw you out of the game!

Santa surprised the Board with a visit. He told us the elves have been working overtime this year and he will have even more presents than ever for all good little hams to be! So plan now to attend with the whole family. That's Sunday, December 11th.

Tom Thiessen, KOPQR  
Club Secretary  
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How nice it is to meet at the Jewish Community Center!! The facilities are just beautiful - all surroundings are spotlessly clean and ready for use! How LUCKY WE ARE! We must always show our appreciation, and remember we are Guests.

There couldn't be too many who missed our last fine program and if by chance you were unable to attend - THIS WAS A HONEY! It was so interesting to hear the comments of all the Past Presidents, who took the time to come from all parts of the country. Mr. Seldon's "Golden Memories of Radio" certainly brought back fond remembrance to all of us youngsters. This capped by the fluent, witty, capable Mr. Meyerson, who was our MC, and then followed an appetizing display of several varieties of delicious cookies and coffee, courtesy of the JCC. All of this added up to one of my happiest evenings ever!

Our fall classes have started and I was so pleased to see so many YLs and XYLs attending this session. I have been working hard toward this accomplishment all this year and although I know that our goal is not reached - it is a rewarding start.

At this time I would like to ask each and every member of the AK-SAR-BEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC. for a favor. This is to line up one YL or XYL for our January Classes. Start laying your groundwork NOW! Don't let us down - I AM COUNTING ON YOU!

DXing during October was the best since the start of my few short years in radio (1974). The 10 and 15 Meter Bands were really busy - 4:00 A.M.

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on (so Prez. Bob says). Always steady 20 Meters provided a good back-up. It is always so thrilling to talk with HAMS all over the world and is the reason for my desire to interest more YLs and XYLs to share these happy experiences. Communications offer so many varieties and forms, but in my way of thinking HAM RADIO must be the most pleasureable! COME ON NOW GALS - THE TIME TO START IS NOW. Call me for any interest or HELP.

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Irene, WB0MPC

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## MEMBER NEWS

Hi, Gang,

Just a short note from the Far East - after a little time on the air from Yokosuka, I moved to Yokohama to be closer to work at Kamiseya (my new job). Don't expect to get on from Yokohama, though, since I'll be moving on to Atsugi, which is even closer to work. All this is within 30 miles of each other, but in this area those are big moves.

In any case, I'll be here till the Summer of 1979, and hopefully will have KA2DW active again within a few months.

It appears that the change of address card I sent awhile back went astray, since I haven't seen a HAM HUM for awhile. Please change it (address, that is) to:

LCDR D. A. Wells

POSIF WEST PAC Box 1376-68

FPO Seattle 98768

Best 73,

Dave Wells

K5QJG/KA2DW

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## LETTER OF APPRECIATION

13 October 1977

AKSARBEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
Attention: Mr. Bob Conley, President  
P.O. Box 291  
Omaha, NE 68101

1. Although the summer of 77 was relatively quiet from the standpoint of damaging storms we had more than our share of convective weather. I did not keep a record of the number of times you responded to our call for assistance but I do want you to know that it was appreciated.

2. It is especially comforting to know that you are available and if called, to know that you will provide complete,

accurate and timely information. As you know that information does not stop with us but is used by Offutt AFB Command/Control agencies to make critical decisions. The 3902ABW/CC is especially sensitive to your important role. He always knows when you are in the field and his confidence in our service is visibly enhanced by your presence.

3. I look forward to a continuing beneficial relationship. Thank you for your help this year. You have the right to be very proud of the part you play in keeping Offutt AFB informed about the potential occurrence of severe weather.

DONALD P. BAHR, Major, USAF  
Commander

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FOR SALE: Morse code to video converter from Oct. 1975 QST - fully operational in 19" rack cabinet.  
Contact: Tom Mikkelsen, WAØPOD; 323-8036.

FOR SALE: Regency HR-2B, reconditioned July 1977. Xtals for all 12 channels. Excellent shape - \$160.00.  
Marvin Pekny, WØCKE; phone 322-3148.

FOR SALE: Regency HRT-2 2 Meter Handie-talkie, 2W, 5 channel with crystals for 40/00, 34/94, 22/82, 52/52, 16/76. Includes battery charger, external power cord, remote Mic, rubber duck antenna, earphone, and leather case - \$250.00.  
See Lowell Jackson, WAØHKT; phone 493-3590.

FOR SALE: Drake TR 22C (2 meter xcver); AC10 Power Supply w/Power Cables; spare set Ni-Cad batteries; 6 each crystal sets; vinyl carrying case w/strap. All in new condition.  
Call Bob Broom, KØOGL, after 6 PM; 402/457-4237

FOR SALE: Almost new mini-quad with or without rotor. Now in use - going to tower.  
Harold Wetzel, WØFHA, phone 572-1337  
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## RECENT CONTRIBUTORS

### Ham Hum Postage

Steven P. Hutchinson, WØVLL

Harry A. Turner, W9YZE

David A. Hollander, W6COJ

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**Never miss an opportunity to make others happier—even if you have to leave them alone to do it.**

## *It Is Not Easy...*

to apologize, to begin over,  
to take advice, to admit error,  
to be unselfish,  
to be charitable,  
to be considerate,  
to keep on trying,  
to profit by mistakes,  
to forgive and forget,  
to think and then act,  
to shoulder a deserved blame . . .  
BUT—

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