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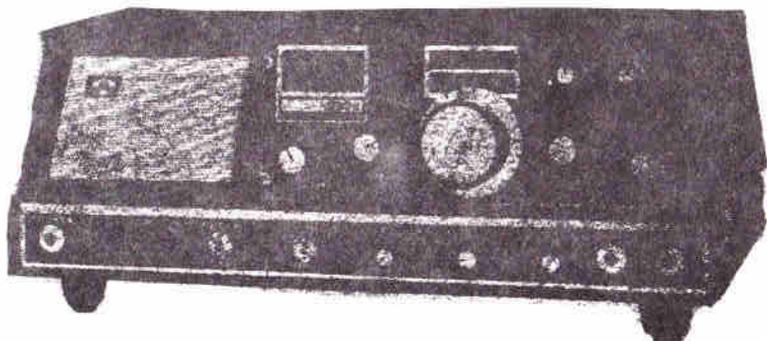
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**NEXT MEETING**

DATE: July 10, 1979

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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

PROGRAM: TO BE ANNOUNCED. Details not available at printing deadline.

73s and see you at the meeting.

Tom, KØPQR.

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## THE PREZ SEZ

First of all, I have to apologize for not having a program lined up for the July meeting in time for the Ham Hum printing deadline. With Field Day and heavy business pressures, I just haven't had the time to get it done.

This leads me to the next subject, which is the volunteer spirit that seems to exist within our Club. An adage was passed on to me when I became President, that 10% of the membership could be expected to step forward and help with the usual things that need to be done in the course of a year. Something must be wrong, because in our Club that would mean I should have about 35 people who volunteer to do some work. Need I tell you that not only do I not have the 35, I'm lucky if I've heard from 20. I requested help on several projects at the last meeting. One person came forward to volunteer, and he is already among the usual 20.

If 95% of the membership wants nothing more for their \$10 a year than to be entertained for a couple hours, 12 times a year, that's fine with me. But, please don't then criticize the Club for what it should be doing and isn't. It is rather disheartening for anyone to sit at the head of this, or any other, Club and have several members who present really good ideas for Club projects, and know that it's not going to happen because of no membership participation.

Please don't take this month's column wrong. If it sounds bitter, I don't mean it that way. I am simply venting my personal frustration at leading what I believe is the largest Club in the Midwest Division, and not being able to carry through with some of the great ideas presented by the members.

July 1979

If anyone feels moved enough to give a hand, let me list a few of the things I sure could use some help on.

1. Promotion, publicity and PR Chairman.
2. Chairman for this year's Club picnic.
3. Chairman for the Annual Christmas Party.
4. Some personal help with Ham Hum advertising sales and meeting program planning. That's a total of 4 or 5 people, or roughly 1.5% of the membership, required to complete this year's usual activities, and says nothing about any of the extra events that we would all like to see our Club get involved with.

Please think for a moment or two about what your contribution has been to the Club this year. If you can find the time to give some help on any of our projects, come up and see me at the next meeting, or call me at home. Your Club will be far more enjoyable for all.

I will comment briefly on Field Day. A full story and picture layout will follow, probably in next month's Ham Hum. For those who didn't make it out to the site, you missed one of the best events of the year. The shack Chairmen were loaded for bear this year. One shack alone almost beat the entire score posted last year. We easily doubled, and almost tripled last year's score. The new addition of a 20 meter CW only shack brought many welcome comments, and if anyone went away hungry this year it was their own fault. All in all, this Field Day was one of the best I can ever remember.

73s and hope to see you at the next meeting.

Tom, KØPQR  
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## SILENT KEY

Elmo W. Phillips, WØSX  
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Omaha, Nebraska 68111  
April 1979  
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William J. Mashek, WØCPM  
1729 South 86th Avenue  
Omaha, Nebraska 68124  
June 16, 1979  
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## NOTES FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING June 5, 1979

Motion made by Dave, DLN, to purchase a new tent for use as a cooks' tent and other special events. To be purchased by DLN before Field Day 1979, seconded by Jim, QGV and approved by the Board.

Motion made by Jim, QGV, to allocate \$500.00 for Field Day expenditures, seconded by Frank, IWF, and approved by the Board.

Frank, IWF, made motion to purchase a 450 MHz beam and 100 ft. of heliax and a 450 MHz receiver for a cost not to exceed \$300.00, to be purchased and installed by the repeater committee, seconded by Dave, DLN, and approved by the Board. There was one negative vote.

Treasurer's report read by Mac, BMJ, and accepted as read by all Board members.

A discussion was held on delinquent memberships. Motion by Mac, BMJ, to drop delinquent members from the Club Roster, seconded by

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Ken, TXV, and approved by the Board.

Jim, AIH, has donated a Motorola frequency modulation monitor. Thank you, Jim, from the Club.

Jim Sanford, Auction Chairman for 1979, has again volunteered to serve in 1980. A fine job in '79 Jim, and Go Luck in '80.

Russ Minks, WAØVEE, has repaired all the Club's rotors. They are ready for use at Field Day. Russ was to donate his labor but he also donated all of his expenditures. The Club sincerely thanks you, Russ!

Robert R. Chereck, Sr., WBØTVP  
Club Secretary

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Jay C. McAleer, WAØLLQ  
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3. Include the proper fee for the number of pounds of cards sent.

For more information contact Bobbie Chamalian, WBIADL, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111.

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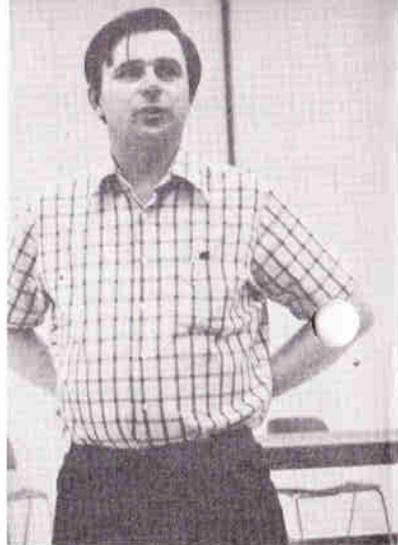
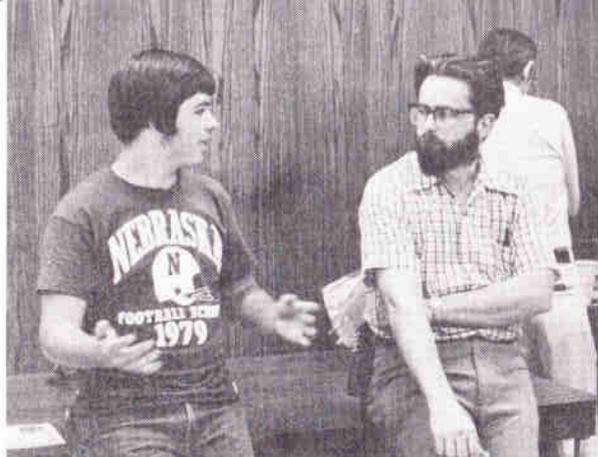
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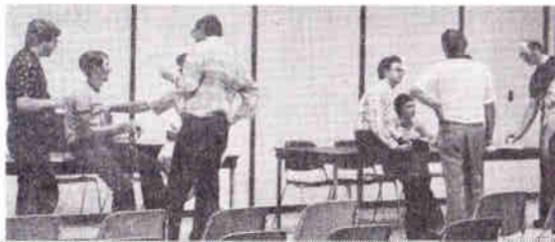
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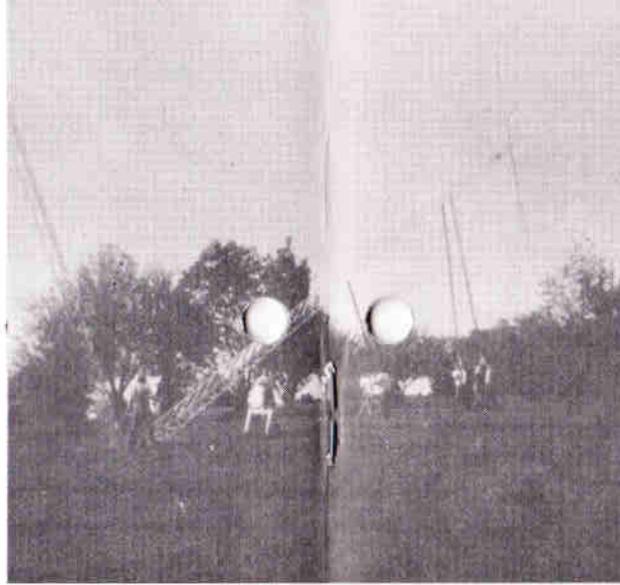
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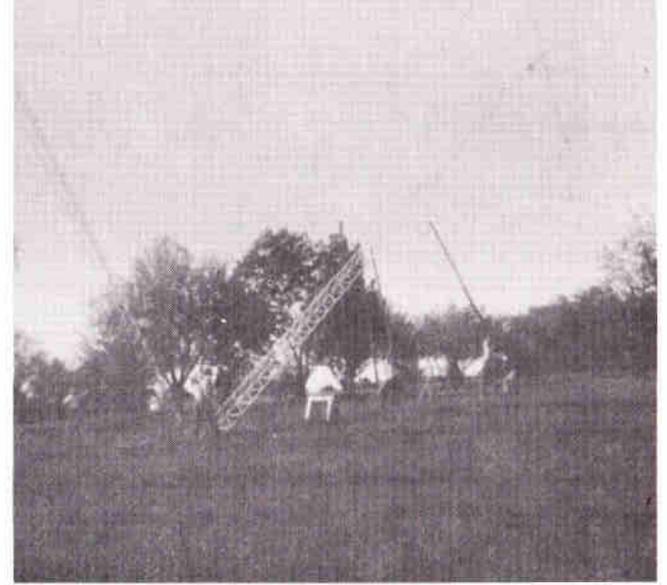




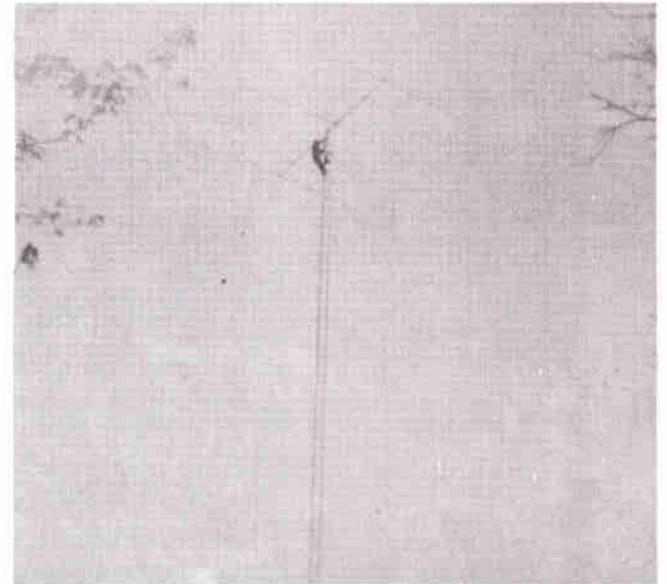
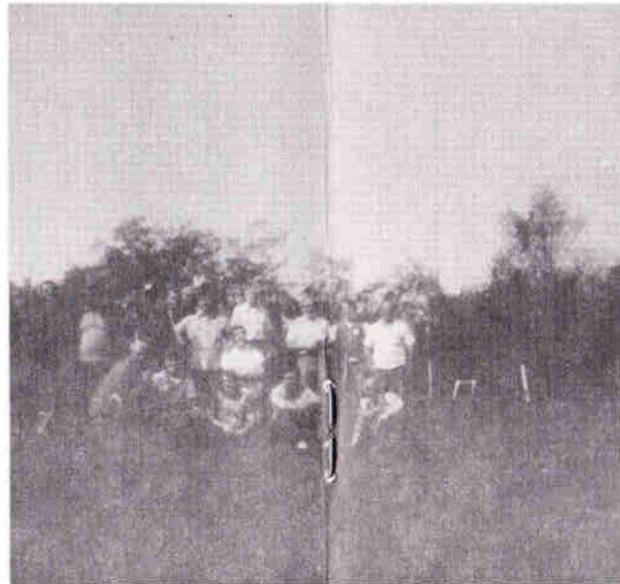
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-AND AWAY-



Orlie (W1QN's) Antenna Party

The group: WBØYZR, WØFHA, WBØYOD, WBØVLL, WBØTMI, WDØCFC, WDØEWH, KAØEAS, KAØEAD, KAØEBD, NØAZF, WBØYRK, WBØYRJ, WØUQJ, WØEN, KAØEMI, WBØTXV, WAØWOT, ROY, DARYL, HAAK, DAN. 22 guys, three minutes, and 50 cups of coffee, and up she went. THANKS!!

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## QSL CORNER

By — Charlie, W0QQN

### BEHIND THE SCENE

The QSL Bureau sorters themselves often wonder how some of the incoming cards finally arrived at the Bureau. If that card could only talk. However, there seems to be general pattern in most cases. Cards from USSR always come through the ARRL. The ARRL receives cards for the entire U.S.; then they are sorted by call district and forwarded to the ten district QSL Bureaus 1 through 0. Also some foreign QSL Bureaus and also some individuals send packages of cards direct to the various district Bureaus. It is interesting to note that sometimes in a package, say from England, there will be cards origi-

nating from South America and Africa. One can expect that the route some of these cards take could confound the wildest imagination. The recent band opening have left their mark on the QSL Bureaus as evidenced by the number of cards handled which has multiplied fourfold over the last year or two. In the Zero Bureau alone we have on occasion received a mail sack full or around 40 pounds of cards from Japan alone at one time. This makes for a lot of sorting to get these out to the suffix sorters and a lot more sorting to associate them with the individual's envelope.

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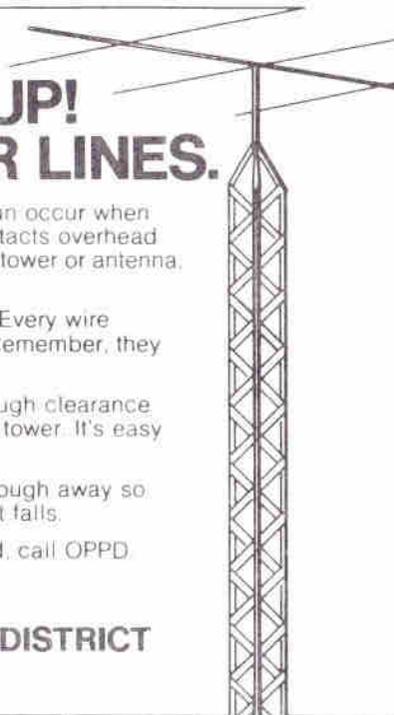
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## OPERATING ABUSES

Operating abuses by foreign-licensed U.S. Citizens operating from shipboard, particularly in the Caribbean, are causing concern in the Latin-American Amateur community. A net that meets daily on 7268 KHz from 11-13 Z, VP5SI (An American with a salvage tug business) NCS, is causing much of the concern. Non-Amateur yachters are counseled as to how and where to get a "quickie" Amateur license so they can join the group, whose operations seem to include a lot of business-type conversations and phone patches.

Though much of this activity is not only inappropriate to the Amateur bands but a violation of international regulations, not much can be done about it unless the governments of the offending licensees want to do it. In the meantime, however, U.S. Amateurs should be doubly cautious about the kind of traffic they accept from foreign-licensed maritime mobiles. Thanks NØVA. (HR REPORT 4/13).

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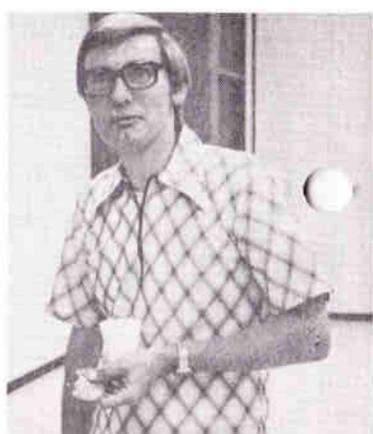
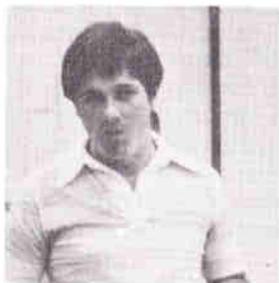
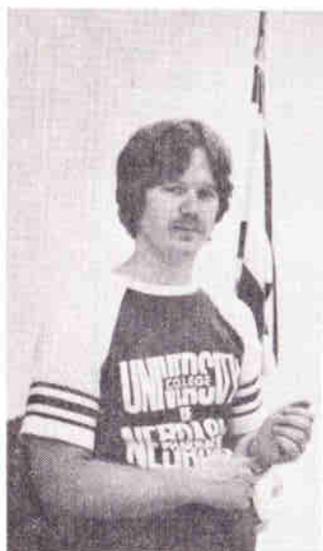
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