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**NEXT MEETING**

**CO-SPONSOR:** LINCOLN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

**DATE:** Tuesday, September 11th, 1979

**TIME:** 8:00 P.M. (Note: ½ hour later than usual.)

**PLACE:** THE VILLAGER MOTEL — Convention Center Meeting Hall  
 52nd and "O" Streets  
 Lincoln, Nebraska

**PROGRAM:** WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE (WARC)  
 Mr. A. James Abel, President and General Manager of Television Stations KOLN in Lincoln and KGIN in Grand Island, who has been selected by the State Department to be an official delegate at WARC, will address the joint meeting.

**TRAVEL:** We have received permission from the Jewish Community Center, 333 South 132nd Street, Omaha, to use their parking lot for the evening. Those members wishing to carpool should meet at the JCC between 6:30 and 6:45 P.M.

Refreshments will be served. 73's and hope to see everyone in Lincoln for this extraordinary meeting.

Tom, KØPQR

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HAM HUM

## THE PREZ SEZ

I am especially pleased to announce the September meeting. Our good fortune in being able to obtain Mr. A. James Ebel as a speaker was almost pure luck. Not only are we catching him just a few days before he leaves for Geneva, his personal schedule is almost incredible. In between shuttling back and forth to Washington D.C. for WARC preparation meetings, he has had to sift through over 7,000 pages of proposals made by the 154 nations who will participate in WARC. Mr. Ebel was named to the U.S. Delegation because of his expertise in satellite communications. He is Chairman of the Satellite Transmission Committee for the ABC, CBS, and NBC Network Affiliates Association. As such, he has considerable knowledge of foreign positions and political pressures and ploys that may emerge at the Conference. His comments concerning WARC should be of interest to all members.

Due to the subject matter and potential magnitude of the September meeting, all Clubs and licensed Amateurs in eastern Nebraska are being invited to attend. The Convention Hall at the Lincoln Villager Motel is capable of comfortably seating 500. We expect a good turnout from the Grand Island, Hastings, and Beatrice areas also.

I had wanted all year to work with the Lincoln Club on some kind of joint Club meeting. All the hours of planning, long distance phone calls, and driving back and forth to Lincoln, I believe will pay off with one of the largest and most informative meetings to be held in some time. I would also

like to state that it was certainly my pleasure to work with Roger Cox, WBØDGF, the President of the Lincoln Club, and the Lincoln Board of Trustees, in the preparation of this meeting. The spirit of cooperation between the two Club Boards has just been fantastic, and I hope it continues far into the future.

We did look into the possibility of providing bus transportation for the September meeting. The idea was rejected because of cost. The cheapest price we came up with for a 47 passenger coach was \$203.00, and that breaks down to \$4.32 per person, if the bus is filled. We felt that in a carpool situation the cost per person would be much lower. Several members have already volunteered to drive. If you are planning on going by yourself, please consider coming to the JCC parking lot and taking some riders along, or riding along with someone else. The cost of this thing will certainly be cut for all concerned.

By now, I'm sure almost everyone is aware of the radical improvement in the 34-94 repeater system. Thanks are due Wayne Goetz, WBØHEU, of WOWT, Bob Brenne-man, WØUQJ, of General Communications Inc., and the Club Repeater Committee for their many hours of work in getting the change made. I have heard nothing but praise for the system performance. To all who are involved, thanks again for solving what had become a real problem.

On behalf of the entire membership, I wish to thank the anonymous donor of the new battery and hydraulic jack for the Club antenna trailer. I wish I knew who you

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were so I could thank you personally.

Last but certainly not least, let us not forget that we have another big event during September. The annual Club Picnic and Flea Market is scheduled for the 30th. This year we will again hold the Picnic at the Missouri Valley, Iowa City Park. As usual, the Club will provide the hot dogs and condiments, something cold to drink, and a few other goodies. Also as usual, we ask everyone attending to bring along potato chips, cracker snacks, baked beans, potato salad, or whatever suits your fancy to help make the picnic a big success. It had been suggested that we move the picnic back into Omaha this year due to the cost of gas. A quick check of available facilities revealed that nothing could be had at a reasonable price. The City Parks Department does not allow any activity where money exchanges hands. This would rule out the Flea Market, and as this has always been a part of the annual picnic, the Board of Trustees voted to keep the picnic at Missouri Valley. Maybe with a little more time to search, next year something closer to home can be found.

I will close this month with an examination of Churchill's Commentary on Man which states, "Man will occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of the time he will pick himself up and continue on."

73's. Hope to see everyone in Lincoln, and Missouri Valley.

Tom, KOPQR  
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## NEWS FROM FORMER MEMBER

Greetings Fellow Hams and especially YZV and WRT:

I sure can put things off. Now that I am closing my P. O. Box and do want to continue to receive H HUM, I have to do something.

First, we sent postage money and a Christmas card to John, WØWRT. Our check has not come back and we did not hear from the Snyders so must assume our postal service lost my letter. Of course being a true procrastinator, I had to wait to be sure.

Second, here is another check toward postage and an address change to my home QTH.

While all true hams are friends, only the elder more mature members would remember me as I have been gone since 1961.

Third, Louise and I are well. I am back to work full time almost 2 years now. Most activity for me is 2 meter FM. Field Day was fun but our small club just enjoyed more than serious competition.

Best regards to all, new and old. Our club repeater, WR6AKP, is in Fremont, CA across the bay on 147.15 MHz. So give a call if you come to the bay area.

73s,  
Edgie, WA6VZZ  
Millard J. Edgerton  
49 Showers Dr. #458  
Mountain View, CA 94040

(Ed. Note: In talking with WØWRT he has no recollection of a card postage money last Christmas which explains why your check has not been returned. Sorry, Edgie!)

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## OMAHA MARATHON, 1979

On August 5, 14 area Hams fell out of the sack around 4:30 AM to provide communications for the 1979 Marathon. The race started promptly at 6:00 AM and wound its way through 14th and Capitol up through Hummel Park and back to the finish line at 13th and Capitol, a distance of 26 miles. WØHBY set up net control in front of Huffs Sporting Goods Store at 13th and Capitol. Ed is to be congratulated on a very fine job at the helm for his first active net. The following additional people are also to be congratulated for a fine job; WØHWF, WØQPP, WAØZUR, WØPPF, WØTUE, WØWOT, NØAON, WØBLR, WØWQH, WØYVF, KØBW and WØWGN.



Ellen displays her T-Shirt

A special thanks goes to WØCMC and WØ5MAP for working rough the night to get the 34-94 repeater back on the air for this event.

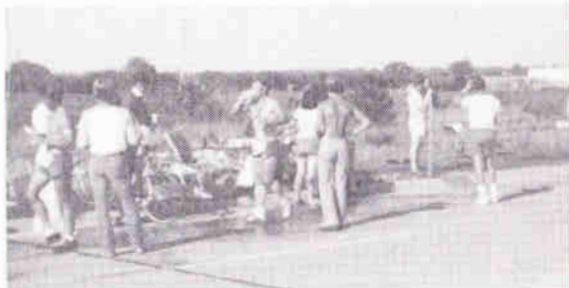
Jim Sanford, NØAIH

Photos by WØHWF

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Omaha Marathon, August 5, 1979



21-mile checkpoint



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**BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES MEETING  
August 7, 1979**

Present were Tom, PQR; Dick, KØGD; Mack, BMJ; Bob, TVP; Jim, QGV; Jerry, PPF.

Treasurer's report by Mac, BJM. Motion made by Jim, QGV to accept as read, seconded by Tom, PQR and approved by the Board.

The antenna trailer was discussed and a motion made by Jerry, PPF, to pay Tom, PQR, \$38.00 for new padlocks to secure the antenna trailer, seconded by Dick, KØGD and approved by the Board. The Board also approved \$11.00 spent by Jerry, PPF, for postage.

The Board approved the purchase of a Dentron Doublet for the antenna trailer, to be purchased by Jerry, PPF.

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**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
August 21, 1979**

Present were Tom, PQR; Bob, TVP; Frank, IWF; Dave, DLN; Wayne, HEU; Bob, UQJ; Jerry, PPF.

A discussion on the Lincoln Radio Club and Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club holding common General Membership meetings in Lincoln instead of our regular September meeting here in Omaha. Motion made by Jerry, PPF, to allocate \$300.00 towards the rental of a hall and for refreshments. Seconded by Frank, IWF and approved by the Board. The Lincoln Radio Club will also allocate an equal amount of cash. In other words, both Clubs will host the meeting. Please read President Tom's column for further details. Thank you.

Robert R. Chereck, Sr., WBØTVP  
Club Secretary

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**THANKS, WA6SIX (EX-WØRYG)!**

Gentlemen;

For about 18 years you have been sending the Ham Hum to me without ever asking for some kind of remuneration. I really appreciate receiving the paper as it sort of helps me keep track of some of my old friends back in the Omaha/Lincoln area.

Enclosed is a check as a partial payment for the pleasure it has brought. An additional check will follow soon. You may use it for whatever useful fund you wish.

Postage nowadays is not cheap, so since I wish to keep on receiving the paper it is only right that I help out.

Thanks again,

73's

Bert E. Newkirk

WA6SIX - Ex-WØRYG

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**MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGE**

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**1979 M.S. BIKE-A-THON**

The 1979 M.S. Bike-A-Thon will be held on September 30, 1979. It will start in front of the Visitors Center at Boys Town, and go to Gretna and back. We will need about 15 operators with 2-Meter capabilities for the event. Persons interested in participating please contact Scot, WBØWOT, or me before September 23.

Jim Sanford, NØAIH

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QSL CORNER  
By Charlie—W0QQN

TOO BIG TOO LITTLE TOO  
LATE

The Bureau has received from time to time envelopes which are almost unusable. Namely from persons who unthinkingly have sent a small thank you type envelope with 56¢ postage affixed, which would not fit any size cards. Then on the other hand there is the other guy who sends the oversized 10 x 12 envelope with 15¢ affixed, which when weighed would take 28¢ to

mail the envelope empty. The Bureau prefers an envelope of approximately 5x7½" size which will accommodate the oversized foreign QSL cards without folding and will hold several ounces when necessary. For a multitude of reasons unclaimed cards do accumulate in our files. The ARRL directs cards be held for at least one year; then they must be destroyed if not claimed by the addressee.

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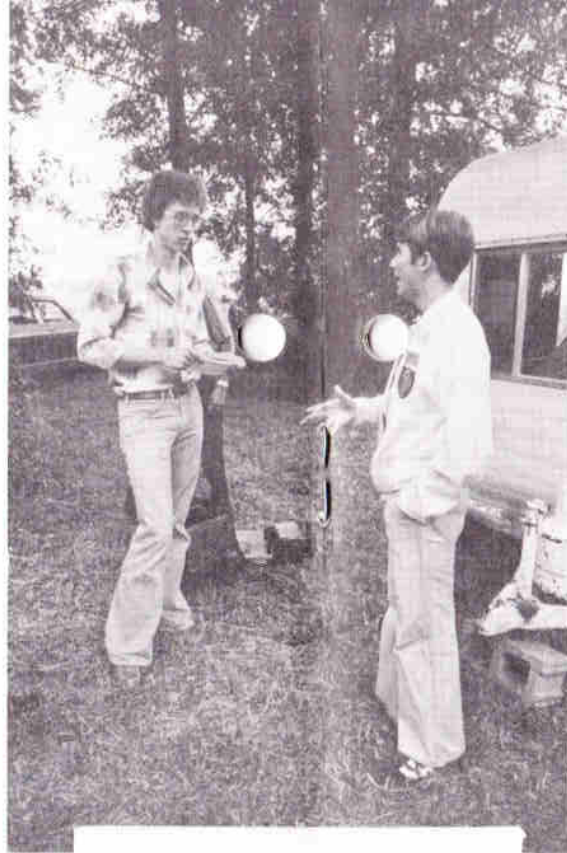
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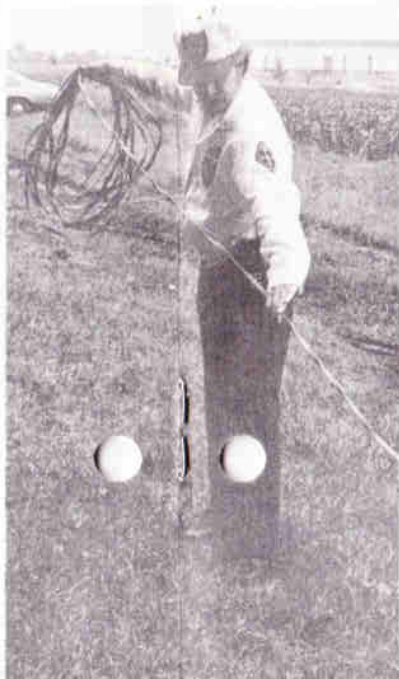
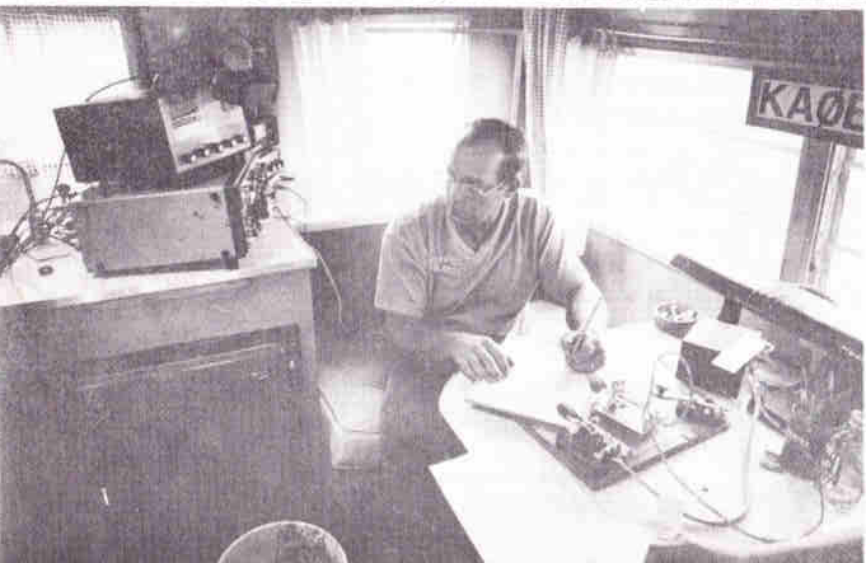
ALL AMATEURS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

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**MORE FIELD DAY PHOTOS**

By Jon Penner, WBØGQT





## ANTENNA COMPONENTS

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Antenna Wire, stranded #15 copperweld .....	.055 ft.
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Unadilla/Reyco, W2AU center insulators .....	9.75 ea.
Ceramic "Dogbone" end insulators, pair .....	.98
Unadilla/Reyco plastic end insulators, pair .....	3.50
Nylon guy rope, 450 lb. test, 100' roll .....	3.49
Poly guy rope, 275 lb. test, 100' roll.....	3.00
Unadilla/Reyco W2VS Traps, KW-10 thru KW-40 .....	21.95 pr.
Belden 8214 RG-8U type foam coax.....	.28 ft.
Belden 8219 RG-58 A/U foam coax. ....	.11 ft.
Berk-Tex 6211 RG-8X foam coax., Ultraflexible.....	.15 ft.
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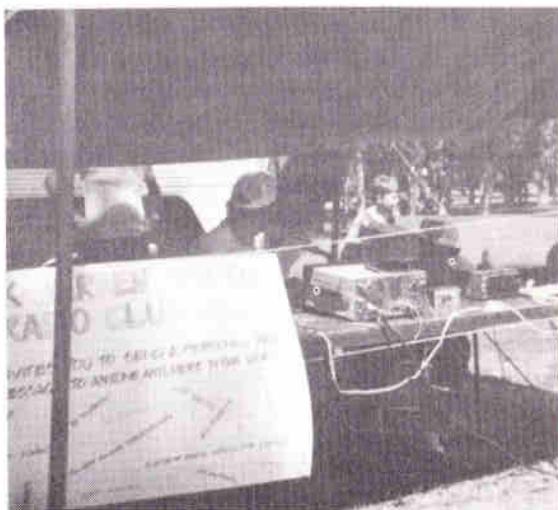
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## MILLER PARK SUMMERFEST

August 4 found several Hams operating the twenty, forty, and two meter bands from the first tee at Miller Park golf course. The antenna trailer was set up the night before by HBY, WOT, AAB, QPP and AIH. We started operating at 9:00 the next morning, handling messages for the Summerfest crowd. By early afternoon we had about 75 written messages for all over the World, several going to our sister city in Japan. Several people were interested in our operations and expressed their desire to attend the upcoming Novice classes. Many thanks to WBØHWF, WBØQPP, WBØWOT, WDØHBY, KAØAAB and others for their effort in making this outing lots of fun.

Jim Sanford, NØAIH

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Miller Park Summerfest, August 4, 1979

Photo by WBØHWF

# STOP! LOOK UP! AVOID POWER LINES.

Serious and even fatal accidents can occur when an antenna or any metal object contacts overhead power lines. If you are putting up a tower or antenna, observe these rules:

1. Check for overhead power lines. Every wire should be considered dangerous. Remember, they are not insulated.
2. Make sure there's more than enough clearance for carrying, raising or lowering the tower. It's easy to misjudge this clearance.
3. Erect the antenna or tower far enough away so that it will not hit any power line if it falls.

If power lines are a possible hazard, call OPPD. We are interested in your safety.

**OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT**

## NOTES FROM TABLE 8

It seems like only yesterday that my first ticket came by way of the notoriously slow U.S. mail. Cloud nine seemed quite a nice place to hover for a while. Little did I know what strange and erie events were to befall me in my future career as an avid ham operator.

Naturally, since parents being as they are quite uninterested in electronics past being able to change from channel three to channel seven, only I knew of the operation and purpose of the "junk" I was carrying into my shack.

By this time I had quite a bit of wiring strung about carrying from audio to plate voltage. Of course, in

the interest of safety, wires carrying high voltage were clearly marked merely by being the most harmless looking ones.

Mother didn't seem overenthused with my hobby, after nearly having a massive coronary by mistaking a few feet of coax for an obviously dead snake.

So I sit down and start my first contact. What a thrill — not the first contact, but rather the feeling one gets when he realizes he caused a power outage over half of Douglas County.

"But I thought the harmless looking little wire over here was..."

"(click)"

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The Electric Company clearly did not share my emotions.

I think that if it were up to parents, great advances in ham radio, like keying a transmitter by shorting the plate supply to the 220 volt line, would never have taken place. So okay, I didn't quite get it right; but it's the principle of the thing, right?

Mother decided to impose her own quiet hours on me - 24 of them. You know the old saying that mother is the prevention of necessity.

Geeee, it seems so long ago that I got my first ticket.

de WBØQPP  
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## RECENT CONTRIBUTORS

### Ham Hum Postage

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### Repeater 22/82

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Scott E. Persson, WBØQPP

### Repeater 40/00

Edward J. Hofmann, WDØHBY

Scott E. Persson, WBØQPP

Many thanks to you all!

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September 1979

First farmer: "Don't think much of that weather prophet the government's got on the radio."

Second farmer: "Well, let's don't do any complainin' about it. Just think how bad it would be if the government started regulatin' the weather instead of predictin' it!"

*The Bagpipe*

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Interviewing an applicant for a chauffeur's job, a man said: "Now I want a very careful driver, one who doesn't take the slightest risk."

The applicant responded: "I'm your man, sir. Can I have my salary in advance?"

*Sunshine Magazine*

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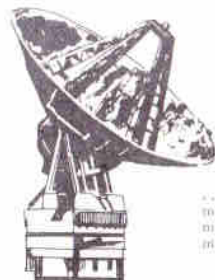
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## EDITOR'S INCH

by Dwight Hill, K2KWK

A quote from HR REPORT #175 of November 11, 1977 wherein Mr. Charles Higgenbotham, Chief Special Services for the F.C.C. (and an active ham) advised "Autopatch abuses, Charley warned, continue to jeopardize interconnects for the Amateur Service. 'It's your decision!' he said, and if we don't clean up our act we'll end up with formal Commission proceedings that will severely curtail, if not eliminate, Amateur ability to tie into the phone system."

It is a tall order to ask you not to call some business acquaintance to arrange a lunch, or to not call that radio store to discuss the dealers

quotation. Review our rules such as 97.3b, 97.3c, 97.112a, 97.114b and 97.114c. We know you can handle it.

Secondly - many of us are aware that our local companies bring personnel from overseas for training programs, why, - the Rochester community exports more products than any other city in our state.

These visitors are eager to sample our lifestyle and gather souvenirs for themselves and those at home. As technicians they are naturally attracted to many electronic delights. Happily some visitors are fellow hams and we get a real chance to show

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hospitality and develop a friend. However not only the radio ham visitor will purchase radio equipment to tune from BCB to UHF.

What will be heard as they tune in your signal? Will they truly understand certain comments special to our American language. Why should you care what they think - when you are having fun?

Suppose they must get a gift for some official back home. Further suppose the official faces dealing with some technical conference two years away. Suppose he asks our recent visitor how the vhf frequencies are used in the U. S. and Canada; and,

what are these bands marked "amateur" and "citizen"? What does a U. S. citizen do with his own radio station?

Whether or not our visitor is a ham he will answer. Will he define amateur and citizen in radio terms or some other terms? What kind of impression did your transmissions make when he listened? How will the official advise his diplomat to the 1979 W.A.R.C.?

Is it so far-fetched that our "privileges" could be altered because of something said in Rochester, so far from Tim-buk-too? It's a small world. Who is willing to say for sure?

de RaRa Rag

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