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June Meeting....Guest Night

INTERNORTH

Presents

Maximilian's Journey

1832-1834

Explore the wild Missouri River with
Prince Maximilian and Artist Karl Bodmer

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NEXT MEETING

WHEN: FRIDAY, June 11, 1982

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Internorth, Inc. Main Auditorium (East Annex)
2027 Dodge Street
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PROGRAM: **MAXIMILIAN'S JOURNEY (1832-1834)**

An exciting experience of exploration of the wild Missouri River with Prince Maximilian and artist Karl Bodmer.

This has been billed as Guest Night so COME ONE — COME ALL AND BRING YOUR SPOUSE OR NEIGHBORS WITH YOU.

Lots of hospitality and hot coffee with refreshments afterwards!

THE PREZ SEZ

Many, many thanks to the Civil Air Patrol, (expecially Colonel Woodruff, Lt. Col. Munday and Capt. Gann) for the very fine program given at our May meeting. It was very enlightening and informative on the CAP structure and responsibilities. While I am passing out thank you's, I don't want to forget all those Club members and other Hams in the area who have given many hours of their time during the recent rash of severe thunderstorm watches. I'm sure I only echo what all of the metropolitan Omaha area residents would say if they were asked.

Another of our group will be leaving the city soon for the great state of Texas, but before he goes I want to pass out a "Sincere Thank You" from the Club for all the hard work and many hours spent working out the Membership Roster. So Mr. Jon Penner - WBØGQT, remember us wherever you go and Godspeed! This is what we are all about—many different endeavors by many different individuals.

Field Day (June 26-27) is rapidly approaching, all is in order (see article in this issue) and if you want to brush up on your operating skills under a "simulated emergency" condition, come on out. You may even like it!

Lurking in the not-too-distant future is the National Convention at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This takes place on July 23, 24 & 25. If you haven't made your reservations yet, do so today.

As Chef Tell says, "I'll see you!"

73's

de Walt KAØDMB

WHISPERINGS: You can't change the past, but you can ruin a perfectly good present by worrying over the future.

FIELD DAY

Time sure flies, folks, when you're having fun, 'cuz it's time to head for the Boys Town fields and set up the Field Day site. The exact dates are June 26 and 27. We will be setting up on Friday afternoon and evening, June 25.

The shacks this year will be the same as in previous years. We will be setting up:

10-75 Fone

15-40 Fone

20- Fone

Highspeed CW

VHF

And, of course, the novices and tech's will be setting up their CW shack (with a little help from their friends.)

The Club will provide chow of one sort or another, but don't look to get fat.

It is suggested if you plan to operate, you should also be prepared to help set up and take down all the equipment we will be using.

The Field Day site is located on 144th Street, just south of Dodge St. We hope to see you there on Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday.

73

NØAIH - NØAZF

Field Day Co-Chairmen

NOTES FROM THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Held May 14, 1982, at the American Red Cross Building, 38 & Dewey, Omaha, Nebraska

President Walt Brown, KAØDMB, called the meeting to order at 19:30 hours. Walt led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present with over 25 years in ham radio were recognized as was the newest ham present, Kevin Beam, KAØMWY.

The minutes of the last General meeting were approved as printed in Ham Hum.

Moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Treasurer Dick, KAØAAB.

It was announced with sadness that Past President (1947) Art Gaeth, WØFQB, became a Silent Key.

Larry Cocco, WØNMN, was presented his 35 year Club Membership Certificate.

Auction Appreciation Certificates were presented by Jim, NØAIH.

Committee Reports: Field Day, Mitch, NØAZF; Courtesy, Charles, KØQVL.

New members accepted: David Glover, AJØR, Extra Class; Terry Wilwerding, NØBNC, Technician Class; Mary Goetz, XYL of WBØHEU.

Door prize numbers were drawn by Kevin, KAØMWY, who did not manage to draw his own number. Prizes were won by Larry Cocco, WØNMN; Steve Budzinski, KØHRF; Steve Claasen, KAØGKT.

The May program was given by the C.A.P.

Meeting adjourned at 21:15 after which the group partook of coffee and doughnuts and eyeballs.

Respectfully submitted,
Lysle Renne, NØCKH
Secretary

DONATIONS

34/94 REPEATER

Robert Arant, Sr., WØGOT
Gary Berneske, WØRHU
Floyd Schadendorf, WBØLXP

40/00 REPEATER

Robert Arant, Sr., WØGOT
Gary Berneske, WØRHU
Floyd Schadendorf, WBØLXP

22/82 REPEATER

Robert Arant, Sr., WØGOT
Gary Berneske, WØRHU

Change of Call

Steve Matthews, from WBØBVS
to KCØAN

Kevin Clatanoff, from WAØYCC/5
to KC5NX

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING held on May 4th, 1982, at the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Building Omaha, Nebraska, at 19:30 hours.

Present were: President Walt Brown, KAØDMB; Bill Martin, NØANQ; Jim Wilson, WBØJPN; Dick Fehrman, KAØAAB; Mitch Gagne, NØAZF; Chuck Hoffman, WBØNVL; Lysle Renne, NØCKH; Frank Bruner, KØSST; Fred Genovesi, KAØKDJ.

Minutes of the April 6, 1982 Board Meeting were corrected to show that Bill, NØANQ, voted "no" on the motion concerning the ARRL-LRPC rejection. Minutes were also corrected to show that the Board came out of Executive Session after which it was moved and seconded and unanimously passed that Charles and Alma Rodgers be presented Life Memberships in the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc. It was then moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected.

A report on Field Day preparations was given by Mitch, NØAZF, after which it was moved and seconded that food for the Field Day participants be handled in a similar manner as last year.

Moved and seconded that up to \$75.00 be allocated for a June 25th Friday Nite Cracker Barrel at the Field Day site.

Moved and seconded that the President and Treasurer are authorized to renew Club insurance coverage at an increase in rates of up to 20%. It was also moved and seconded that insurance coverage be dropped on any item valued at less than \$150.00 at current market prices.

Moved and seconded to withdraw the raffle action taken at the April Board meeting. There was one abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:30 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Lysle Renne, NØCKH
Secretary

Note: Unless otherwise stated, all motions carried.

Special Board Meeting, May 14, 1982

Moved and seconded that the American Red Cross request for use of the emergency generating unit be approved, said unit to be returned in the same condition as received. There was one abstention.

SILENT KEY

WØFQB, Art Gaeth
Charter Member
Past President (1947)
Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club

SILENT KEY

WØNJL, Tom Neumann

DX ANYONE?

Anxious to get that DX you just worked, confirmed? Yes? Then don't QSL via bureau. True, the bureau is the least expensive way to QSL, however, it's also the slowest, two years on some of my cards.

QSLing direct, although faster than the bureau, is the most expensive route and, unfortunately, may not assure you of receiving a QSL card. It's sad to say but some foreign amateurs get fat pockets from all those long green stamps. When QSLing direct, I refer to the axiom: You pay your money and you take your chances.

QSL managers are either stateside or foreign and, needless to say, QSLing via a foreign manager will be just as costly as QSLing direct. The following pertains generally to the stateside QSL manager.

QSLing via a manager 1) is faster than the bureau, 2) is cheaper than direct (2-20¢ stamps for SASE) and 3) gives the highest percentage of return as compared to direct or bureau. A QSL manager basically is a person that relieves the DX of the task of QSLing, which, if the DX is fairly rare and active on the bands, can be quite a job, requiring considerable time devoted to opening envelopes, checking logs, filling out QSL cards and mailing them back to you and me. (How would you have liked to be the manager for the Navassa Island DXpedition of a couple of months ago? Not !!)

QSL managers, and for that matter, those that work in the QSL bureau, are a special breed. They provide the DXer a valuable service voluntarily and ask for nothing in return. The next time you send your SASE to a DX QSL manager (or pick up your cards from your bureau sorter) send along a "Thank You," a little appreciation will go a long way.

A few helpful hints for QSLing via a statement manager:

1. Don't get impatient if you do not get a return in a few weeks. While a QSL manager is faster than the bureau, remember, the manager must have the log book of the DX before he can send out cards. Also, some managers have more than one DX amateur he manages and the service he provides us is on a time-permitting basis. I've had cards from some DXpeditions take six months through a stateside manager. **Be patient!**
2. Send "SASE" (Self-Addressed-Stamped-Envelope). Don't expect the manager to pay your return postage. I wouldn't. It's hard to believe but I've talked to managers who receive SAE only.
3. On the back of your envelope, print the call of the DX, the time and date you worked the DX. This gives the manager all the information he needs without opening your envelope (and possibly losing your card.)

And for the foreign manager:

As with QSLing direct, you will need IRC's, a greenie or appropriate return postage. **Most important, make absolutely no**

reference to amateur radio. Some foreign postal authorities have no qualms about slitting open your envelope and pocketing your hard-earned bucks.

DXing is big bucks!

73's es Gud DXing
de KCØDB

THE INDISPENSABLE MAN

Sometime when you are feeling important,
Sometime when your ego is in bloom,
Sometime when you take it for granted
You're the best qualified in the room.

Sometime when you feel that your going
Would leave an unfillable hole—
Just follow these simple instructions
And see how it humbles your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water,
Put your hand in it up to the wrist,
Pull it out and the hole that's remaining
Is the measure of how you'll be missed.

You may splash all you please when you enter,
You can stir up the water galore;
But stop and you'll find in a minute
That it looks quite the same as before.

The moral in this quaint example
Is—Do the best you can,
Be proud of yourself, but remember:
There is no indispensable man.

— (Author Unknown)

FORGET ABOUT METRIC MEASUREMENTS — (if you ever knew)

The Ground Wave — Out of the goodness of her heart, the XYL bought me a new Azden PCS-3000 2-meter FM rig for my birthday and it's a great machine on all counts.

But—the touchtone pad came as a kit and the directions said to cut a 37 by 45 mm hole in the back of the microphone case to mount it. Not having a metric rule around the cellar, I went to 3 different hardware stores and then to a 10,000 Auto Parts Store; only to be told by each, "We don't get no calls for metric rules." I was beginning to wonder how this country is supposed to be adopting the metric measurement system when you can't even buy a metric ruler to measure with. Anyway, I finally found a 19¢ plastic job in a St. Paul Book & Stationery Store which served the purpose.

Just by coincidence, that very day a piece in the Wall Street Journal said the National Metric Board had become a casualty of Reagan economics and that it's imminent demise would presumably spell the end of the sporadic attempts to convert the country to metric measurements.

Now I hope the ARRL gets the news and forgets about all that baloney of printing all dimensions first in inches and then again in millimeters!

Bob Kuehn, WØHKF



WHITE CANE WALK-A-THON May 15, 1982

Left to right: Ellen, WBØHWF; Scot, WBØWOT; Ley, WDØENB; Marty, WBØWTV. Not pictured: Don, WBØVGB.

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Banquet Saturday Night, June 19, 1982

Motel Activities

Swimming Steam Room
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Miniature Golf Tennis UNDER THE DOME
Shuffle Board

Holiday Inn has reserved 40 rooms for this convention.
Reservations for room must be made personally by you by June 1, 1982. Accommodations paid by you at time of convention.

Meeting Room is large enough to handle Flea Market, if enough people are interested.

CAMP SITE NEARBY: New City Camp Ground, 4095 So 84 St, Omaha, NE
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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

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ADDRESS _____

Thoughts — de W5KR

Monday is an awful way to spend one-seventh of your life.

All that is necessary to grow fine, vigorous grass is a crack in your sidewalk.

A pedestrian is a man who has two cars, a wife, and one or more teen-age children.

Tact is the art of making a point without making an enemy.

HAM HUM SWAP

NO CHARGE FOR ADS (NON-COMMERCIAL) SUBJECT TO SPACE LIMITATION. MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO P.O. BOX 291. SEE COPY DEADLINE PAGE 2.

- FOR SALE: Collins 75S-3 RCVR, 32S-3 XMTR, very clean. WBØEYT, Bernie, 731-0128.
- FOR SALE: One Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club jacket, size Small. Everything but your nametag. Contact Charlie, KØQVL, 391-3782, anytime.
- FOR SALE: 20 ft. homebrew tower. \$40. WBØTTL, Day B. Davis, Jr., 339-2998.
- WANTED: Tower and rotor. Brian Zdan, KMØY, 553-2610, evenings.
- WANTED: Someone to share room expenses for three nights, ARRL National Convention, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 22, 23, & 24. I have confirmation for a room with 2 beds and previous room-y had to cancel. I smoke and, more than likely, imbibe in strong drink. NØAZF says I snore but what does he know?
If interested, call me at 347-6945. I'm generally at home after 6:00 p.m. Chuck Peaker, KCØDB.

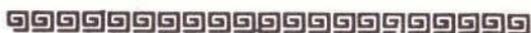




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