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E.O.C. VOLUNTEERS

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NEXT MEETING
(Please note change)

WHEN: Friday, July 13, 1984

TIME: 7:30 P.M. SHARP

WHERE: E.O.C. UNDERGROUND CENTER
Omaha/Douglas County Civic Center

PROGRAM: TOUR OF 911 Emergency Communications Center
and the E.O.C. Underground Center

PREZ SEZ

Well folks, this has been a real busy month for the A.R.E.S. bunch, with all the flooding and severe weather that has plagued our state. Amateur radio operators again played a vital role providing communications for several flood stricken communities. Our club should be very proud of the great number of volunteers who came forward from our ranks and gave of their time and skills.

This month's meeting program is going to be outstanding. We will be going on a tour of the 911 Emergency Communications Center and also getting a look at the new E.O.C. amateur radio communications room. This new station is fully equipped with all the latest in radio technology, from HF and VHF stations to a computer RTTY station complete with twin disk drives and dot matrix printer. You don't want to miss this tour! Meeting time will be at 7:30 p.m. sharp in the E.O.C. underground center located in the Omaha/Douglas County Civic Center. To get to the E.O.C. level go to the parking entrance on the southeast corner of the building and Harney Street. Enter on the left side of ramp marked "Public Parking." There will be members of the Club at the entrance to guide you to the E.O.C. level.

Plans for the River Boat Cruise are now complete. We will be leaving from Hayworth Park in Bellevue at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 31. The cost is \$6.50 per person. The cruise will be for three hours of fun on the Missouri with a buffet-type pot luck dinner and cash bar. To make sure everyone doesn't bring the same dish, we've worked out the following plan:

A-F bring a meat dish
G-L bring a potato dish
M-R bring a salad dish
S-Z bring a desert dish

The club will provide the paper plates, silverware, napkins etc. and the crew of the boat will clean up afterwards.

There is a limited capacity for this cruise so call us as soon as possible to reserve your captain's chair. Call Sandy at 493-1390. And don't forget to bring your handhelds or boat anchors and operate maritime mobile. This is a great opportunity to bring your friends along and introduce them to the Club and Amateur Radio.

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

Dave — NØCLW

SECTION BULLETIN

VERN WIRKA, WBØGQM, has been appointed to fulfill the unexpired term of KØGND as Nebraska Section Manager. The appointment is effective July 15, 1984. Congratulations, Vern! You can count on our support.

de NØAIH

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING June 8, 1984, American Red Cross Building 3838 Dewey Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska

The meeting was called to order by Virgil Wamsat, KBØBW, Secretary in the absence of President David Hamilton, NØCLW, at 7:40 p.m., with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motions were made and seconded to approve the minutes as written in the Ham Hum.

Treasurer's report was read and motion made and seconded to be approved as read.

Committee report by Jay Nichols, KB8TR, Chairman of the Education Committee, that the Novice class is holding at nine students and things are going along fine.

Business meeting for the evening was over at 9:15 p.m. The program for the evening was presented by Messrs. Mel Bauer and Mike Ahern on the "Railroad Communications Today." The slides and narration gave all a very interesting view of the railroad communication network.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Morrissey, WBØHWF
Executive Secretary
for Virgil Wamsat, KBØBW who
was Acting President

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE OPEN HOUSE June 3, 1984 — Omaha, Nebraska

Various aircrafts were displayed and drill teams performed at the annual event. A parachute team performed and there was an aerial demonstration of an F-15 fighter plane.

Ham radio operators who helped with the communications were:

Paul C. Blain, WBØGXD, 1824 So. 8th St., Co. Bluffs, IA 51501
Becky Bowers, KAØOCB, 4 Second Ave.,
Wooded Lake, Co. Bluffs, IA 51501
Walter J. Brown, Jr., KAØDMB, Club
Bob Frutchey, KL7XW
Mitchel H. Gagne, NØAZF, Club
Steve Hutchinson, KNØL, 11711 Raleigh Dr., Omaha, NE 68164
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Sidney J. Reade, WØWWH, Club
James E. Sanford, NØAIH, Club
Tony Schmidt, N3BHP, 1836 Preston Ave., Willow Grove, PA 19090
Bob Sieck, KØOCA, 2111 So. 8th St., Co. Bluffs, IA 51501
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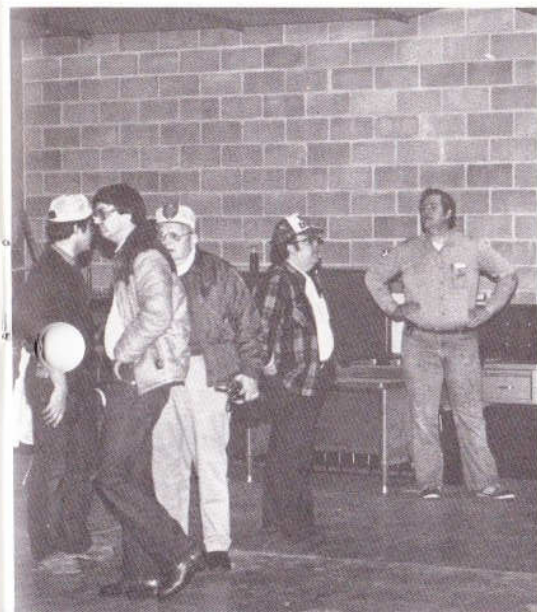
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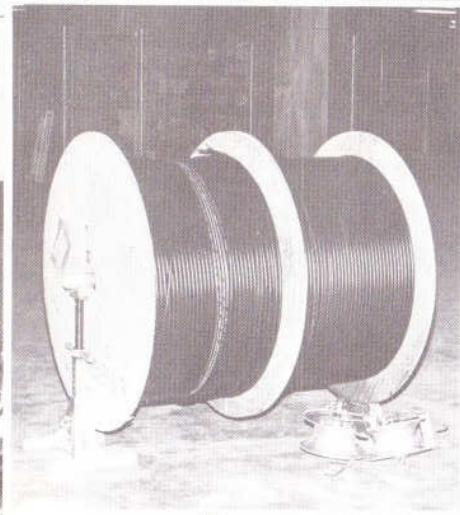
A large turnout of volunteers helped install the "hard line" and control cable for the new Communications Center located in the E.O.C. of the Omaha-Douglas County Building.

By the time you see these pictures about 90% of the work will have been completed on this project.

You are invited to attend the July Club meeting in the E.O.C. which will include a tour of the 911 Emergency Center and a peek at the new Ham station.

See Prez Sez column for more details.
Photos by Mitch NØAZF & Ellen WBØHWF





469 MILE BICYCLE RIDE ACROSS NEBRASKA TEKAMAH TO OMAHA ON JUNE 9, 1984

A seven-day Nebraska bicycle ride began with 560 registered riders starting at Fort Robinson State Park near Crawford and ended in Omaha at Dodge Park. On the last leg, several Tekamah organizations treated the riders with an outdoor picnic and street dance. Awards were given for such things as "worst road rash" (scraped knees) and "the most discomfort from a bicycle seat."

There were nine ham operators to help with the communications.

Larry T. Bock, KCØR; Walter J. Brown, Jr., KAØDMB; Bob Cotter; Mitchel H. Gagne, NØAZF; Paul H. May, WDØHRG; Lawrence R. Merriman, KVØG; Ellen Morrissey, WBØHWF; James E. Sanford, NØAIH; Dr. Thomas L. Williams, WAØHCJ.

Pictured by Red Cross Van in Dodge Park are: standing, Jim, NØAIH; Tom, WAØHCJ; Mitch, NØAZF; Ellen, WBØHWF, and in front row is Walt, KAØDMB and Paul, WDØHRG.

Reporting and photo by Ellen, WBØHWF



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**Need help?
Call us.**

**Want to help?
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Red Cross is counting on you.

M.S. BIKE-A-THON

Here are just four of the many Hams who helped with communications during last year's 150 mile **OVERNIGHT** Bike-a-thon for M.S.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP??

Watch Ham Hum for coming events or call Mitch, NØAZF, 633-5040 days; 451-3859 evenings.





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I N 1933, FDR WASN'T THE ONLY ONE MAKING RADIO HISTORY.

While the country gathered around the radio to listen to President Roosevelt's fireside chats, Jim Larsen was already working on a converter to pick up police calls on the family radio. When he found that he could pick up ham signals too, he was soon roaming the air waves as W7DZL, or "Dizzle," to his fellow hams.



A perfectionist even then, he kept taking his radios apart and rebuilding them, and designing antennas to go with them... each time making improvements and each time thinking of more improvements to make.

Now after 50 years as a ham operator, Jim keeps reaching out further — both as an antenna designer, and as an amateur. Because although his call sign has since changed to K7GE, and his QSL cards include nearly every country, he's still dreaming up more improvements... and putting his dreams to work.



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