



HAM HUM

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NEBRASKA LICENSE PLATES

How about automobile license plates for the Nebraska "Hams". Here's the dope on the present status.

The Nebraska SCM has asked the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club to get the ball rolling. The bill to provide the special plates will be introduced into the 1953 State Legislature by several Senators across the state.

The bill after it is introduced will receive a number and go to a committee. This committee will meet on the bill and then hold a public hearing. The bill if successful will continue to the floor of the house for vote.

Each member of the Legislature must be contacted and sold on "Ham" radio, it's usefulness, and the purpose of the bill.

The sooner he is contacted the better, and a personal call is better than one in writing. Each of the "Hams" of Nebraska will receive a letter giving details of what we hope he will do to bring this to a successful conclusion.

Statistics show that the major job will rest with the people living in the middle and western parts of the state for it is there that 75% of the hams reside and over 80% of the state representatives live in that area.

The expenses of this job must be defrayed among all of us. Already the Northeast Nebraska Radio Club has voted a donation of one dollar per member.

If these plates are worth having, they are worth working for. Fellows lets get together.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1953

PRESIDENT	WØQHG	Strange
VICE-PRES.	WØNKG	Armstrong
SECRETARY	WØAQJ	Fifer
TREASURER	WØJKE	Olson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

John Orr	WØPHW
John Leeder	WØUFD
George Fox	WØAEM
Ferris Kramer	WØYZK
Frank Cooper	WØIOS
Ed Gutmann	WØCQX
Dick Reimund	WØLFM

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THE MARVEL OF THE AGES

You would call this writer a FOOL were I to tell you the results of one of the latest developments to hit "Ham" radio without first explaining why. Call me a fool and I shall begin.

YOU can operate now without TVI.

YOU can carry on a six state round table on a sunday afternoon on 75 phone. And do this without QRM.

YOU and your closest neighbor could work opposite coasts at the same time on the SAME frequency.

Chinese Modulation, as it is some -
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NEXT MEETING

January 9, 1953

Friday 8:00 P.M.

Fontenelle Hotel

LOCAL NEWS AND VIEWS

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Zounds, for those who haven't realized it yet, inflation is here. Another example of it, Bob Rosenquist, EHF, bought an HQ 129 in April 1946 for \$129 and sold this same receiver last week for \$160. (Editors Note; Wonder what my 1929 Chevi will bring on that basis?)

Bob is now in the process of deciding whether to buy a 75A2 or a National HRO60.

A new beam is also being constructed at EHF for 20 meter phone. This is the ever increasingly popular 2 folded dipoles fed 135 degrees out of phase.

Roy Rydberg, LGN, is now being heard regularly on 10 meter phone.

Talk about a coincidence, Art Gaeth, FQB, was delivering some Western Union messages from snow-bound Hebron, Nebraska to the local Omaha office of Western Union when lo and behold the story of the first message by Morse was being put on his TV set which was located right near the phone.

Talk about revolting situations, Tom er, AQJ, claims there are 5 "Hams" in a two block radius of his house and 10 hams in a 10 block radius.

Its a good thing the local TV stations are increasing their radiating power.

Incidentally, Tom has taken all of his fixed antenna down in order to move to the new QTH at 6704 No. 31 Ave.

Tom Boydston, VYX, of Lincoln was a visitor at Father Strange's QTH the other day. Tom called in the 75 meter net from there. The QSO was continuously interrupted by a hammering and sawing background QRM. This was ably explained to the net by VYX.

Don Johnson, UUV, is sold 100% on SSB. Don is running 300 watts to an indoor folded dipole broadside, north and south. With that set up he has knocked off GM8MN, ZS6KD, KTLDD, OEL3HS, G2ALN and DL4PG. His sig was Q5 on 14299 kc. which we all know is Kilo-watt Alley.

This is a real boost for SSB.

We find that there are three operating YL's in the Omaha Area at Offut Field. They are Anne Memzick, W3UML,
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President Orr presided at the meeting. Visitors were Greenwell, Capt. Morris, WØ's MJK, AGE, and GPE. New members received into the club were Paul Nelson WØGPE, Larry Pyle WØAGE.

The treasurers report as of Oct. 31 was accepted as read. Fried gave an account of the convention in Topeka, stressing how impressed he was with the SSB demonstration. The Secretary reported that FCC Docket 10237 proposing exclusive calling frequencies on each band, had been dropped. Orr reported further action on the emergency corps tie in with the Omaha Police, would have to wait until after the holidays.

It was reported that Leo Meyerson WØGFQ has been nominated for the G. E. Edison Award, because of his work in the flood emergency last spring.

After discussion, on motion by Fried, it was voted to accept the offer, if made, to help in the March of Dimes Campaign.

Cooper reported that the steel tower is down and a 55 foot telephone pole is in its place through the kindness of his neighbors.

The annual election of officers resulted as follows: President, Strange WØQHG. Vice-President, Armstrong WØNKG, Secretary, Fifer WØAQJ, Treasurer, Olson WØJKE.

The annual prizes were won by the following, Nelson, WØGPE, the Simpson multimeter. Gaeth WØFQB, the kit of tools. Dyba WØUSU, the side cutters.

Capt. Morris was introduced and took the chair to explain his work in organizing MARS activities throughout Nebr. Amateurs interested in MARS are asked to contact Capt. Morris, 895 No. 16 St., Lincoln, Nebr.

Curry inquired about the status of the license plates. Explanation will be elsewhere in this issue.

Leede asked that someone else take charge of the Clubs Library. Several offers were made and will be followed up. Eilers offered to donate an Instructograph to the club.

Adjournment to refreshments and some movies of Roy Rydberg's trip.

MEMBERSHIP

It is easy to join the best Radio Club in the country. Consider this as your invitation. Initiation fee is one dollar and dues are five dollars a year or 50 cents a month. For students (one who attends school) the dues are 25 cents a month.

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FIELD DAY

Possibly you noticed the December QST, WØEQU was only about one third of the way down the list in the three transmitter group.. We are not too proud of our score, but in view of the fact that the wx was against us maybe the score was even surprising. Now is the time to start thinking about this adventure.

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ATTENTION ALL NON-MEMBERS

Due to the large mailing that we make to non-members, we would appreciate receiving the enclosed card to inform us if you are still interested in receiving HAM HUM. The cost remains the same, FREE.

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FOR SALE

One 78 RPM Webster-Chicago automatic record changer. Contact Father Strange, WØQHG, at Ja. 7400.

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NEBRASKA NET

A motion was made December 28 to investigate the possibility of changing the net frequency.

EUT, VYX and CC were delegated to look over the situation.

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Please wear your QSL cards on your lapel at the next meeting.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 378 FROM
ARRL HEADQUARTERS
WEST HARTFORD CONN DEC 23 1952
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

FCC today finalized proposals in Dockets 10073 and 10173 with following results: Effective February 18, 1953 General and Conditional Class Licenses are permitted 75 and 20 Meter voice operation. Effective February 20, 1953 voice is authorized in 7200 to 7300 kc by all amateurs except Novice and Technician, Novices are permitted CW operation in 7175 to 7200 kc, frequency shift keying including radioteletype is permitted in non voice portions of 80, 40 and 20 Meters, procedure for signing of amateur calls is made more strict. Note again these changes are not effective until February 18 and 20 respective. Details February QST, or refer June 1952 issue for essential details AR.

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OUT OF TOWN NEWS

We acknowledge the receipt of a nice Christmas card from Mig, W6TEK, who mentioned that she is now checking in on the Mission Trail Net.

Al Fleming should be on the air by now with a Johnson Viking 11 Xmitter from the Windy City. He will be on 7141 kc.

Al reports hearing RGK of Gering and EXP of North Platte on 75 meter phone. The new HRO60 is working fb for Al. Says he is using only an ear phone cord for an antenna.

REMINDER FOR YOU

For your convenience you may now get your subscription, new or renewals, of the CQ and QST magazines from your club secretary. Subscription and membership to ARRL is only \$4.00 a year. Subscription to CQ is \$3.00 per year.

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If you can help in the March of Dimes with a 10 meter mobile, please contact Earle Olson, Ke. 2316.

LOCAL CONTINUED

Jacky Beard, W7SHI, and Ruby Snellgrose, WSWSG.

At this writing we do not know what band or bands they are operating on but we take this opportunity to welcome them into our local ranks and hope to see them on the air.

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THE MOBILE CORNER

What has happened to the Omaha Mobiles? Heard on Ten; Local Mobile calling C Q for seven minutes (by the clock) Don't you know that is wasted air space John? WØAGP may be heard on his way into town from Waterloo. WØEGP was heard talking to BTE. Tom AQJ is convinced that ten is still alive and kicking. He worked two XE's and one KH6 from his mobile rig in the last thirty days.

Activity on 75 has been left to AEM and THZ.

We received one suggestion on mobile Identification Flags:

75M ---- Blue
20M ---- Green
10M ---- Red

All band jobs use color that rig is on at the time. Suggested flag be mounted on antenna. Thus; flags may be changed along with the coils.

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MONTHLY SAFETY SLOGAN

A "Shorting Stick" will lengthen
your life.

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OMAHA RTTY NET PROPOSED

There has been proposed a two meter Rtty net in Omaha. Five stations are in the making at the present time. Now with forty opening up to RTTY there should be much more activity. If our readers desire information on obtaining the equipment drop us a line, Box 626.

MARVEL OF THE AGES CONTINUED

times called is merely Single Side Band.

No QRM and TVI because there is no carrier. Two stations on one frequency because each uses the opposite side of the frequency. By the way, there is room in the center for a CW station.

This method of transmission therefore would allow twice as many stations on each band. NO special receiver is required for SSB reception.

NOW HEAR THIS, for you non-believers and those of you just interested there will be a novel demonstration of just the above at the next meeting of the club. The demonstration will be given by Mesrs. UFD, FYP and YMU.

We might point out a very strong advantage in favor of SSB. The equivalent power output is EIGHT times the conventional AM station.

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NOTE

The St. Paul Ground Wave makes note of the following.

Those hams who had license plates with their calls on them in 1952 and have ordered them for 1953 are beginning to receive them now. The first mailing was made just before Thanksgiving Day.

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YOUR BI-YEARLY STATEMENTS

Your bi-yearly statements of your club dues were mailed January first.

The purpose of these statements is to inform all members of their status so that they may check against their dues card. Please inform the treasurer of any irregularity so it may be corrected.

It is common practice of clubs about the country to make dues payable once a year, this allows the club to budget much more satisfactorily. This has never been a set rule in our club due to the strain it might put upon some of the younger members.