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NOVEMBER MEETING

The next meeting of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc. will be on November 9th at 8:00 P.M. at the 4-H Building, Ak-Sar-Ben Field. We will honor the Past Presidents as well as some of the "Old-Timers" around town. This is the 50th anniversary of amateur radio and this is always a time we think of those things that happened in the past. So you old-timers do come to the meeting and bring with you any stories you may have so as to help us remember some of the early stages of amateur radio. For you newcomers, we hope you will be at the meeting to hear some of the interesting things that have happened in our hobby.

For quite some time now we have been attempting to have a joint meeting with the Institute of Radio Engineers. We have quite a bit of common interest, a number of common members, and in fact the IRE has some 50 hams as members here locally. Members of the IRE are being invited to join with us on November 9th and you will find elsewhere information regarding their meetings on November 12th and 15th which may interest you. You are welcome to attend their meetings.

We have also lined up a film on Telstar for showing at this meeting

(courtesy Northwestern Bell). This will be followed by the usual refreshments.

IRE MEETINGS

From time to time we will try to give you information regarding IRE meetings that may be of interest to you. The next one will be November 12th at 7:00 P.M. in the Auditorium of the Applied Arts Building, University of Omaha. Should you wish to eat in the cafeteria at the University at 6:00 P.M. you will be welcome. The speaker will be Mark Bullock, formerly chief engineer of KFAB. He will talk on the "World's Most Powerful Transmitter." You have heard of it and probably read of it in various magazines. 2,000,000 watts VLF. Its purpose is worldwide communications with the Navy, Polaris Subs, etc.

Then on November 15th in Lincoln, Nebraska, at Ferguson Hall, University of Nebraska, at 7:30 P.M., a meeting of Military Electronics chapter by the Bell Aerospace Corp. - GSN-5 High Speed Landing System for aircraft squadrons.

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WRL OPEN HOUSE

The open house held at World Radio Lab on October 20th went on as scheduled with many visitors. And in case you have been wondering why they have not shipped the 75-S3 to you, it is because it was won by James A. Dreier, 1918 Avenue B, Council Bluffs. Jim is richer by one \$680.00 received provided by WRL and Collins and is not even a Ham but immediately signed up for code classes at WRL and no doubt will join us shortly. With this kind of a beginning it sounds like a good idea. We will be glad to hear you, Jim.

NEW BEAM

WØYZV has at last elevated the TH-4 Thunderbird antenna won by the XYL at the Midwest Division Convention. It only took a year and two weeks to get it up in the air. The problems were many: first to talk Mamma out of the beam; then to talk the budget out of a new tower and Ham-M rotor; and then in order to find room in the back yard to swing it, the removal of 6 trees became necessary. The pressure is now even greater to learn the code!

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ST. JOE NET

WØWNU, Jim, is a net control station of the St. Joe 6-meter disaster net. On checking into the net a couple weeks ago this editor found there were 159 6-meter Hams on the list in four States. The number checking in that particular Sunday was an even 100. Incidentally, they do put out a certificate if you check in 10 times in a row. This is evidently an "ordinary" certificate, for if you check in 50 times in a row you will receive a gold certificate. One of these last has been issued so far. The net meets Sunday mornings at 0900 C.S.T.

C.N.A.R.C.

The Club here uses 3960 for a meeting frequency and the Central Nebraska AREC net meets on this frequency each Sunday morning at 0830 CST and most of the gang check in.

73,

Harry Roblyer, WØDLM, Sec'y
Central Nebr. Amateur Radio
Club

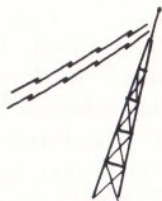
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By Royal Enders, KØLYO,
1962 Club President

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Elsewhere in this issue is the Amended Section 9 of the By-Laws of Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc. You will note that it provides for "Student" Membership with a reduced amount of yearly dues, payable in advance. This should be instrumental in greatly increasing our membership among the younger Hams, many of whom must pay their dues out of their allowances of their odd-job earnings.

Let's publicize this on the air and in person, and get this "New Blood" into the Club. Most of us are surely and steadily getting a bit older, and we want to make sure that the Club will continue to be a big factor in the development of Ham Radio in this Community.

We might be able to promote more attendance at the Monthly Membership meetings of the Club by working on the XYL's to get more of them into the Club under the "Family Plan", since the yearly dues are only \$1.50. With the OM, XYL, and Jr. Ops all working for Ham Radio and the Club, it is bound

to bring us all closer together in our joint efforts, and will greatly stimulate the interest of non-members in joining us.

The November Membership Meeting Friday Night, November 9 will honor our Club's Past Presidents and the "Old-Timers." The Past Presidents are:

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| 1945 | N. P. Nelson |
| 1946 | John Leeder |
| 1947 | Art Gaeth |
| 1948 | Herb Curry |
| 1949 | Elmer Stein |
| 1950 | Doc Becker |
| 1951 | Earle Olson |
| 1952 | John Orr |
| 1953 | Ray Strange |
| 1954 | Frank Cooper |
| 1955 | Art Statler |
| 1956 | Dick Eilers |
| 1957 | Curt Hicks |
| 1958 | Ed Gutmann |
| 1959 | Dave Hollander |
| 1960 | Max McKinney |
| 1961 | John Droescher |

Your Prexy has been on the Land-Line making personal invitations to all of the Past Presidents

that could be reached, but to the others, we say, "Won't you please make a special effort to be with us on November 9 and tell us where you've been and what you've been doing? Let us all get better acquainted with you and have an old fashioned Rag-Chew."

I don't think that any one individual Club Member knows all of the "Old-Timers." So we must depend on *all* of us to make sure that

every one of them is invited to the meeting, whether or not he is a member. Use the Land-Line, or fire up the Rig, and give a shout to let him know that we want to see him and talk to him.

Don't forget the Christmas Party and Election Date: Friday, December 14.

73 BCU BT

Royal KØLYO

FOR SAFER MOBILING...

Carry an old red handkerchief, cloth or flag to fasten to the top of your whip when pulled to the side of a busy road. For safety at night fasten a few strips of scotchlight tape to the inside of the front door. Leave the door ajar to mark the outline of the car body to approaching automobile lights.

Safe driving demands that fully as much attention be paid to the car behind as to the one in front. A clean rear-view mirror is indispensable. No turning, stopping or passing maneuver should be attempted without monitoring the action of the car behind in your rear-view mirror. Every car you see with a bashed-in trunk is mute evidence of disregard of this basic rule of safe driving. Sure, it may have been the other fellow's fault, but such accidents can often be avoided by application of a little hindsight as well as foresight.

And, finally, remember any car will last a lifetime . . . if you're careless enough.

de Feedback
from St. PMRC News

Dear OM,

Ken, WØVLD, happened to give me a copy of Ham Hum. I was very impressed and would like to get them regularly. I'm a student here at Pittsburgh State College and we are trying to get the club station on the air.

Tnx,

Chuck Nobes, K8UTY
Box 109
Miami, Oklahoma

2114 Clark St.

Omaha, Nebraska

October 20, 1962

My address has been changed.
My new one is above. Old address:
1566 No. 18th St.

Hershel Smith, WAØBGW

SILENT KEY

Paul Z. Story

WØDLX

EDITORIALS

Here's an editorial taken from Pack's Cheese Bits which includes an editorial from The Technician Magazine. This could be called a double steal. You perhaps have some thoughts of your own as to how the amateur fraternity may be bettered. Why not send them in as a suggested editorial?

Remember the ham with the title, O.O.? He is the "policeman" responsible for the savings you boasted about. Like him, or not, he is there to warn you of spurious harmonics or accidentally operating in restricted frequencies of the band. He offered to do the "policing" knowing that it would garner him enemies.

It has recently come to the attention of this editor, that a goodly number of six meter operators are disregarding warnings sent them by the O.O. This continues even after repeated warnings in QST and Bulletins from the A.R.R.L. This disregard has made the O.O.'s wish that they had the power to request the F.C.C. to set-up six meter monitoring stations. Of course they do not have that power, but if they had it, and made such a request, then you have lost one argument against license fees.

The A.R.R.L. does have the power to make the request, but they are hams, and they surely do not want to report that their "buddies" are not co-operating with the O.O.

The O.O. sends you the warning so that you can make the corrections and prevent the following from happening to you.

"The F.C.C. requested legislation, and it was signed into law, giving the commission ammunition with which to go after the rulebreakers.

Effective June 10, I repeat, *Effective June 10*, the commission was empowered to levy "small forfeitures" ranging from \$100 to \$500 against licensees charged with several specific violations.

The violations which apply to ham include using the wrong call-sign, operating on unauthorized frequencies, interfering with distress traffic, sending false distress traffic using unauthorized power, failure to attenuate spurious emissions sufficiently and failure to respond to official correspondence."

The most frequent six meter violations are; spurious harmonics and operating phone between 50 and 50.1 Mc.

Remember, that foreign DX station you hear operating below 50.1, phone, is legal, but you are not, so don't go back to him on that frequency!

Stabilize your VFO so it doesn't drift down there and check out your crystals to be sure they are working on frequency.

Last, but far from least, if you receive a warning note from the

"policeman," pay attention to it. He is doing it to help you and not to criticize you!

"A word to the wise is sufficient."

What say? Let's be mature and not juvenile!

Once again we will deviate from the regular format to reprint the following Editorial from the July issue of "The Technician" because of its importance.

EDITORIAL, by Armond M. Noble, W7MFA, Box 465, Billings, Montana.

This month marks the eleventh anniversary of the Technician class license. It was on July 1st of 1951 that the first Technician license was issued by the F.C.C. Today there are approximately 23,000 Technicians.

The dignity of this license is the subject of this month's discussion.

Your editor has been informed of certain facts by highly reliable sources, it is felt that these facts deserve your serious consideration.

The first report concerns a General licensee that makes a practice of "giving" Technician licenses. To the newcomer that is anxious to get on the air, it may seem that the General is a "real buddy." However, there is another way to look at it. the so-called "buddy" is actually *violating a trust* given to him by the F.C.C. Besides the obvious moral principles involved, a fraudulent test is a violation of the law.

Look at it another way. There are many blind amateurs, can you

possibly imagine the tremendous effort that a sightless person must go through in order to qualify for the amateur license. Is it not a "crime" that a handicapped will go to this effort and a person with their faculties has a license only because he has the so-called "buddy."

The amateur license is a tremendous privilege, and it is a disgrace when people can have one, that will not go to the proper ways to obtain one. It shows how much respect they have for honest effort.

Another report concerns a store that a person can go into and buy equipment and a license at the same time. I ask you, isn't a ham license such a precious thing that it should *not* be thrown around in that manner!

Granted, these cases represent only a very slight minority, but it is cause for concern among the Technicians with a mature outlook towards the hobby. The decent ham finds the fact that there is fraud, (no matter how small) in our hobby completely disgusting. One of the unfortunate parts about this is, like the "bad apple in a barrel" situation it will get worse instead of better.

Obviously the answer is to once again have the license test given directly by the F.C.C. The present system is an unfortunate by-product of the F.C.C. lacking funds, a situation which will probably not be remedied in the near future.

What then can be done to preserve the dignity of our license? No one wants to be an informer (as some have suggested), or should they have to be. Possibly the more

mature Technicians will take it upon themselves to visit with some of the hams that are "giving" away licenses, and explain to them in a logical way why their actions are

right. There is a chance that they may see the error of their ways. In the case of the dishonest supply store, you may take efforts to effect an economic boycott, explain to hams why they should take their business elsewhere.

Also you may wish to counsel those who might get their license "the easy way." Explain to them the feeling of actually studying and being prepared for the exam and the thrill of accomplishment in honestly achieving the goal, the ham ticket.

It is felt that the readership of this magazine are the mature Technicians who are vitally interested in Amateur Radio. Certainly you see the responsibilities that are before us and will do your part to preserve the dignity of the license.

(Pack Rats Cheese Bits editor's comment on the preceding.)

In reading the Editorial we notice that the editor of "The Technician" mentions the "Eleventh Anniversary of the Technician License." May we also point out that it is also the "Eleventh Anniversary of the Novice License." 1951-1962.

We note that he also refers to very few, thank goodness, General Class Operators, who, for a price, will pass a prospective ham as a Technician.

We agree, that that type of General Operator is "the rotten

apple that spoils the barrel." Like it, or not, we all know that such a situation does exist. We agree wholeheartedly with the editor, that this type of operation must cease.

There are too many sincere General Class Operators, giving honest exams, to warrant the bad name of a few, along with honest Technicians.

We agree that since the Technician Class license requires the same theory test as the General Class License, the test be returned to the jurisdiction of the F.C.C.

We all know operators holding a Technician License, who are not, in the real sense of the word Technicians. They do not know the difference between a paper electrolytic and an oil filled electrolytic. This does not place all of them in the test cheating class. We know that most of them are genuine hams, but were not quite able to grasp the code for a General Class License. We must remember that code is by ear and theory is by sight. How many can repeat, word for word, what they what they hear? The majority can remember, word for word, what they read and study.

In 1951, when both the Novice and Technician Class licenses were "born," if you passed more than 5 w.p.m., and the General Class Theory test, you were permitted to hold both Novice and Technician, so as to secure your call. This we know has been changed, you can only hold one class license now.

In all fairness, we must point out, that many of the Technicians,

along with other class operators, are, in the real sense of the word, Technicians. They are the ones who experiment in the only bands open for experimentation V.H.F. and U.H.F.

Although the editor of "The Technician" did not specifically say so, we, as editor of "Cheese Bits," feel that all good hams write to A.R.R.L. and the F.C.C. requesting that the exam for Technician be returned to the jurisdiction of the F.C.C. Leave the exams for Novice in the hands of the hams. The "cheaters" will be shown up when they have to appear before the F.C.C., within one year, so as to secure their license.

The foregoing opinions are strictly those of the editor, and in no way are those of the Mt. Airy V.H.F. Radio Club, Inc.

de--The Technician
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DUES

Section 9 of the By-Laws of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc. was changed by the Board of Trustees at the October meeting. This change came about for two reasons: one, to bring the By-Laws up to date with the dues structure as established by the Board from time to time, and the other to establish a lower dues for student members. Formerly student members have been charged the full membership dues due to Board action

in 1960. It was felt that the student has a more difficult time financially and the Board wishes to encourage student membership.

This change also established in the By-Laws the XYL or spouse membership of \$1.50. This reduced rate for the spouse has been going on also for many years and is based upon savings in mailing costs, etc. For example, only one copy of Ham Hum is sent to the home even though the OM and XYL are both full members. The regular member has been paying the \$6.00 per year for some time.

The new Section 9 reads as follows:

The dues of members shall be \$6.00 per year, payable in advance, except that members who are full-time students in any accredited school, college or university shall pay fifty per cent (50%) of the regular membership dues, also payable in advance.

The wife or husband of any regular member of this association may also become a member upon payment of annual dues in the amount of \$1.50, payable at the same time as the dues of the spouse.

Each new member voted in after the adoption of these By-Laws shall pay an initiation fee of \$1.00 which shall accompany the application for membership and which shall be refunded in the event such person shall not be admitted to membership.
