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## Special July Dinner Meeting

JOINT MEETING WITH THE  
BELLEVUE AMATEUR  
RADIO CLUB

- WHERE: NORTH'S CHUCK WAGON  
4411 Center Street, Omaha  
(West dining room reserved.)
- WHEN: FRIDAY - July 12, 1968 - 6:30 P. M.
- WHAT: DINNER - cafeteria style - choice of  
roast beef, chicken, and fillet of perch.

PRESENTATION OF FIELD DAY TROPHY  
TO WINNER

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## CONVENTION '69

**A.R.R.L. NATIONAL**  
Post Office Box 1051  
University Station  
Des Moines, Iowa 50311

'Twas two years before "C" Day,  
At the Club there was panic,  
No announcement was made,  
The Committee was frantic,  
"Announcement of what?"  
You could hear them all ask.  
"The Convention, of course,"  
Then came a great gasp.

For the first time in history  
In Des Moines you will see,  
The Ham Radio National,  
Just as big as can be.

We must tell them all--  
Factories, salesmen, and "hams,"  
That in June, '69,  
This Convention so grand  
Will take place with all grandeur--  
Entertainment, displays--  
In our Vet's Auditorium,  
It will last for three days.

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Now you pass the word  
To your friends here and there,  
That the Midwest Division  
Will let down its hair.

In June, '69,  
Bring your kids, friends, and wife,  
And join the great throng--  
Have the time of your life.  
Come for business or fun--  
We really don't care,  
As long as we're sure  
That you will be there.

Just remember the date--  
June, '69,  
And attend our Convention  
For a really fine time!

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The mother in the family on welfare called up the Welfare Office and pleaded for a crib for her new baby - just gotta have one, and a'll that. Says the Welfare Office: "Wi are you using now?" Said the mother, "We made one out of the carton the color TV came in." (TNX, KØNL)

de Ham Fax

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## CANOE RACE 1968

The seventh annual Canoe Race of the South District Explorers was held on June 1st. It was the best race so far on the Platte River for Explorers. The chief judge was Lt. Col. Stu Burt; chief timekeeper was Chuck Casey. Presentation of awards was by Mark Nickolson, new District Commissioner. Race chairman was Lt. Ave Brooks who, with the help of others on his staff, did a great job getting things set up.

Seven canoes started at Camp Eagle. Canoe #3, Post 95B, was pulled at Camp Sokol. Canoe #1, Post 58A, won first place again this year with a total time of 9 hours and 55 minutes. In second place was Canoe #6, Post 95A; third place was Canoe #8, Post 58B; fourth place was Canoe #4, Post 478; fifth was Canoe #2, Post 363; and sixth was Canoe #7, Post 77.

Base stations were John Evans, WAQLMA, and Lou Pickert, WØCCD. At the starting point were Dick Eilers, WQYZV, and Fred Fischer, WØEGP. They also worked at checkpoint two, Highway 77, and at checkpoint three. At checkpoint four at Camp Sokol (first changeover) was Royce Johnson, WAQKIL. At checkpoint five, Elkhorn River junction, was Bud Smith, WAQICK. At checkpoint six at Camp Ashland (second changeover) were Royal Enders, KØLYO, Dick Mrsny, WAQFTH, Lou Cutler, WØVLI, and "Stan" Stanfield, KØJKW. Checkpoint seven was not used this year. At checkpoint eight at the Louisville Lake Area (third changeover) were Ed Donze, WØYEV, and John Snyder, WØWRT. At checkpoint

nine at Lyman-Richey sand pits were Jim Knudsen, WAQMHF, Steve Kayser, Patty Wilson, John Evans, WAQLMA, and Stu Russell, WAQNZG. At checkpoint ten at Merritt Beach, the finish of the race, were Harold McClenahan, Jr., WAQDGA, XYL Eva, and family.

Lt. Ave Brooks expresses thanks to each and everyone who assisted with the canoe race 1968 on the Platte River. My thanks to all operators and helpers for making the race a great success.

Harold E. McClenahan, Jr., WAQDGA  
Mobile Chairman

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## OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 176 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON CONN JULY 3 1968 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

The ARRL Intruder Watch is now well into its fourth year of operation, with an impressive record of reports leading to intruders being removed from the amateur bands. Additional work, particularly on the forty meter band, and constant vigilance are necessary. Volunteers, with two or three years amateur experience and good receiving equipment, who can spend two hours a week logging the calls of non-amateur stations in the amateur bands would be welcomed. Volunteers please write the Intruder Watch, ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111 AR

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Promotion is never given on credit; you must pay for it in advance.

WØVLI

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## FIELD DAY '68

By Bob Lockwood, WAØDHU

Field Day 1968 is over and will go down in the record books as one of WØEQU's best, thanks to the combined efforts of many devoted Hams. The Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc. can again be proud of its Field Day achievements. In this demonstration our Club has again proven its ability to establish emergency communications should the need arise.

Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc. expresses its deepest appreciation to the Right Reverend Nicholas Wegner of Boys Town for the use of his Chalet for our Field Day site.

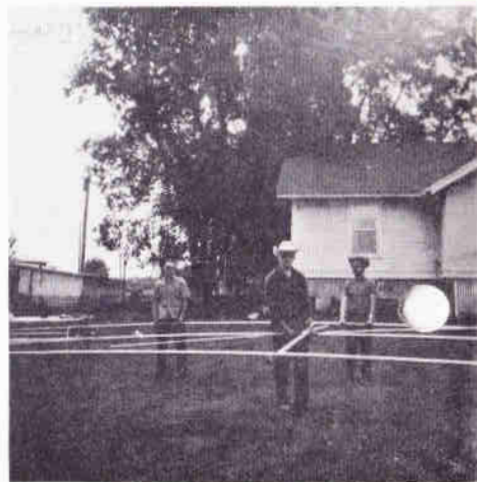
As all setup time had to be included in the 27 hour Field Day period from 1900-Z, June 22nd to 2200-Z, June 23rd, it was necessary that we get the rigs in operation as quickly as possible. Thanks to the combined and coordinated effort of the setup crew, all four rigs were in operation within one hour. Here is a list of those who were on the setup team:

Erv Heinz, WAØEEM  
Harold McClenahan, WAØDGA, and  
XYL Eva  
Jim Droege, WØYCP  
Lonnie Merritt, WAØKOD  
Lynn Blesh, WAØODH  
Tom Moeller, WAØEXQ  
Dave Moses, WAØGED  
Jim Anderson, KØDNE, and  
XYL Sharlene  
Charles Elsasser, WAØPOC  
Chuck Michel, KØQVL  
Royce Johnson, WAØKIL  
Jim Knudsen, WAØMHF  
John Snyder, WØWRT  
John Ebright, WAØQGZ

In addition to the antennas normally in the Club emergency gear, Jim Anderson, KØDNE, loaned the Club his TH4 tribander. Jim, with the help of Chuck Michel, KØQVL, removed the tribander from his tower also receiving assistance and moral support from Sharlene, Jim's XYL. Jim and Sharlene are new members and have really jumped in to assist the Club's efforts.



Jim Anderson, KØDNE, Chuck Michel, KØQVL, and Jim Jenness of Quimby, Iowa, remove the beam.



The rigs included Galaxy V, Mark 2's for the 3 HF stations, loaned by WRL and Galaxy; and, for the VHF station, a Clegg Venus, supplied by Bob Lockwood, WAØDHU; and a home brew, 2 meter FM rig, supplied by Jim Droege, WØYCP. To guard against Murphy's law, we had one additional Galaxy V, Mark 2 and a Gonset G-50, loaned by Harold McClenahan, WAØDGA. Our special thanks go to Galaxy, WRL, Bob, Harold and Jim for the use of these rigs. Due to the dependability of the rigs, we had no Murphy problems. If we had not had the extra gear, we undoubtedly would have.

Murphy did, however, enter the 75 meter shack. We worked 15 meters until just before sundown June 22nd, when we shifted to 75 meters. The antenna tuner, supplied by Dave Moses, WAØGED, was used on 75 to allow operation on either phone or CW.

The rig was loaded and the tuner was adjusted to achieve a 1 to 1 SWR - Real Pretty. Shortly thereafter it was discovered that the 75 meter rig was not loading properly. Upon inspection we found that the trouble was caused by the inductor, which was shorted against the cabinet of the tuner. Unfortunately, the inspection was not made prior to the trip to town and much gnashing of teeth, and thanks to Mr. Murphy--shut down time about three hours.

The following is a list of those active as operators and/or loggers for Field Day 68:

Ed Kilton, KØEYR, and  
 XYL Jean  
 Jay McAleer, WAØLLQ

Dave Moses, WAØGED, and  
 XYL Doris  
 Chuck Michel, KØQVL  
 Fred Fischer, WØEGP  
 Kurt Fischer  
 Harold McClenahan, WAØDGA, and  
 XYL Eva and children  
 Jim Droege, WØYCP, and  
 XYL Kay  
 Jim Anderson, KØDNE, and  
 XYL Sharlene  
 Charles Elsasser, WAØPOC  
 Tom Moeller, WAØEXQ  
 Royce Johnson, WAØKIL,  
 XYL Virginia, WAØNCO, and  
 Buddy  
 Lonnie Merritt, WAØKOD  
 Lynn Blesh, WAØODH  
 Jim Knudsen, WAØMHF  
 Joe Roberts, KØKEO  
 Stan Stanfield, KØJKW  
 Ed Donze, WØYEV  
 Erv Heinz, WAØEEM, and  
 XYL Sharon  
 Larry Caccomo, WØNMN  
 Herb Peterreit, WØAFY  
 John Snyder, WØWRT, and  
 children  
 John Bruckner, WAØMRH  
 Mac McGovern, KØMSS  
 Bob Lockwood, WAØDHU

Those who took part in the Cook Shack activity were:

Eva McClenahan  
 Sharlene Anderson  
 Kay Droege  
 Doris Moses  
 Jean Kilton  
 Virginia Johnson  
 Sharon Heinz  
 Harold McClenahan

We wish to give everyone who participated credit for the effort they

put forth. If any name has been omitted from the listings it certainly was not intentional. Due to the number of people at the site, it becomes a problem to remember them all. If you were there and not listed, please blame our faulty memories. In order that we might list you in a later issue, please send in the card indicating your activities.

Those who have only been involved in operating and logging are not aware of the work that goes on after Field Day. It is necessary to combine all logs into one report, applying the appropriate multipliers for the different transmitters and searching for duplicates. Rather than have a long drawn out process this year, it was decided to gather

as many members as we could and finish the job all at one time. We gathered at the home of Dick Eilers, WQYZV, and completed the job in a little less than four hours. Those present were:

Jim Anderson, KQDNE, and  
 XYL Sharlene  
 Chuck Michel, KQQVL  
 Jay McAleer, WAQLLQ  
 Dave Moses, WAQGED  
 Harold McClenahan, WAQDGA  
 Fred Fischer, WQEGP  
 Lou Cutler, WQVLI  
 Bob Lockwood, WAQDHU  
 Dick Eilers, WQYZV

The results of Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc. 1968 Field Day are as follows:

<u>Band</u>	<u>QSO</u>	<u>Mult. Ind. of Main</u>	<u>DC Input Mult.</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Rig</u>	<u>DC Input</u>
80 CW	16	X 3	X 2	108	Galaxy V, Mark 2	190
80 PH	147	X 3	X 2	882	"	"
40 CW	48	X 3	X 2	288	"	"
40 PH	366	X 3	X 2	2196	"	"
20 CW	106	X 3	X 2	636	"	"
20 PH	188	X 3	X 2	1128	"	"
15 CW	51	X 3	X 2	306	"	"
15 PH	113	X 3	X 2	678	"	"
6	67	X 3	X 3	603	Venus	40
2	10	X 2	X 3	90	Home Brew	40
Total	1114			6915		
100% Emergency Power				800		
Publicity				200		
Message Orig.				200		
Messages Handled (3)				30		
Claimed total Score				8145		

There were many Hams at the site who are not members of the Club but who worked hard. These people deserve a special thanks from the Club, and they are as follows:

WAØODH, Lynn Blesh and WAØ-KOD, Lonnie Merritt, both from Nebraska City; and from Omaha, WØAFY, Herb Petereit; KØJKW, Stan Stanfield, and John Ebright, WAØQGZ.

We welcome anyone to participate in Field Day activities at our site. Their help is appreciated. In thinking over the activities of all of our members, many of them worked long hours and were very helpful to the total effort. For example, Jay McAleer, WAØLLQ, came out to the site for the night shift and spent the whole night logging and operating. In addition, he spent Saturday afternoon following Field Day on the report detail. He chose to come at the time when he was needed most, and his efforts were greatly appreciated.

Yes, the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc. can be proud of its 1968 Field Day record. This record was made solely by the combined effort of many people pushing together in perfect teamwork. Field Day is a test of a Club's ability to combine its energies into one big push. WØEQU passed the test with flying colors in 1968.

The Field Day Committee produced Ham Hum with many pictures. You will find them printed in this issue without caption. If there are any you cannot figure out as to who they are, or what the rig is or what

they are doing, the Committee can explain them at the next Club meeting. Look especially for the pictures of Dave Moses, WAØGED. In one of them he was working Switzerland.

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NEWINGTON CONN JUNE 6 1968  
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT**

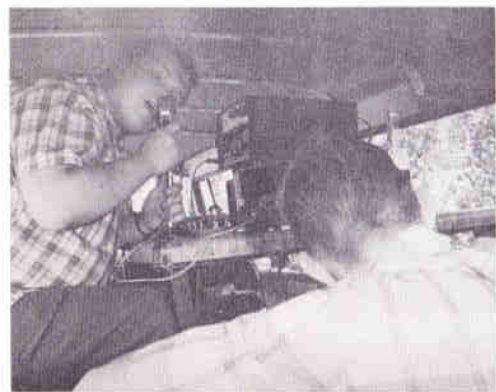
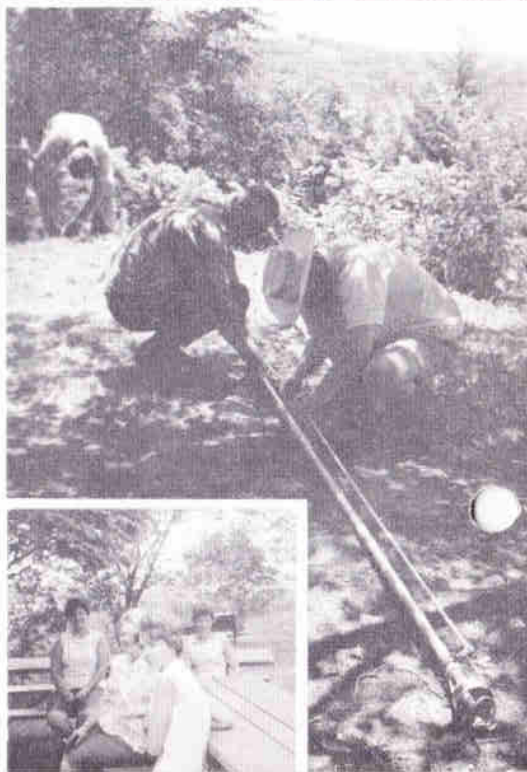
During the summer travel season many amateurs stop by to visit ARRL Headquarters and the Maxim Memorial Station, WIAW. The League Headquarters building is open to visitors Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:00 EDST, without appointment. Other times can be covered by writing and arranging for a tour. Printed directions to ARRL are available without charge. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111 AR

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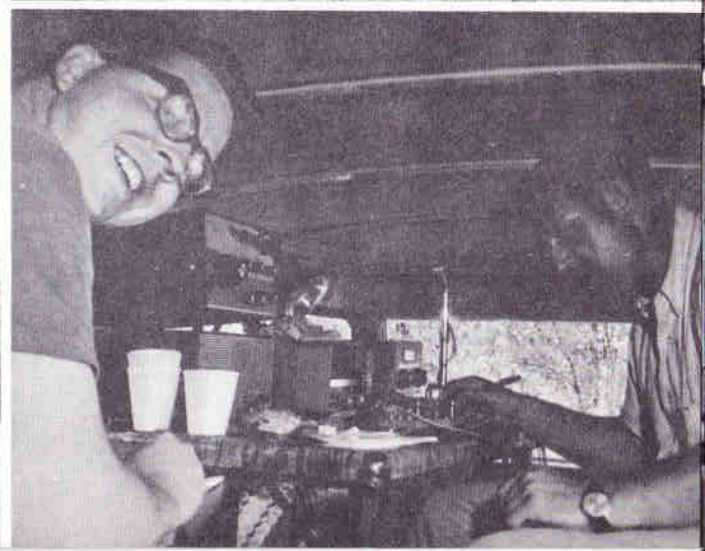
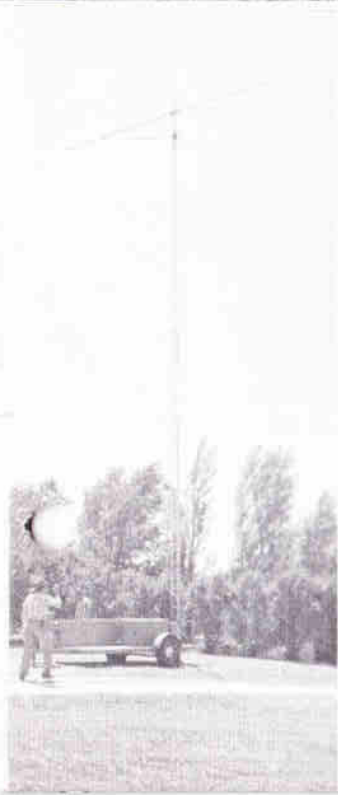
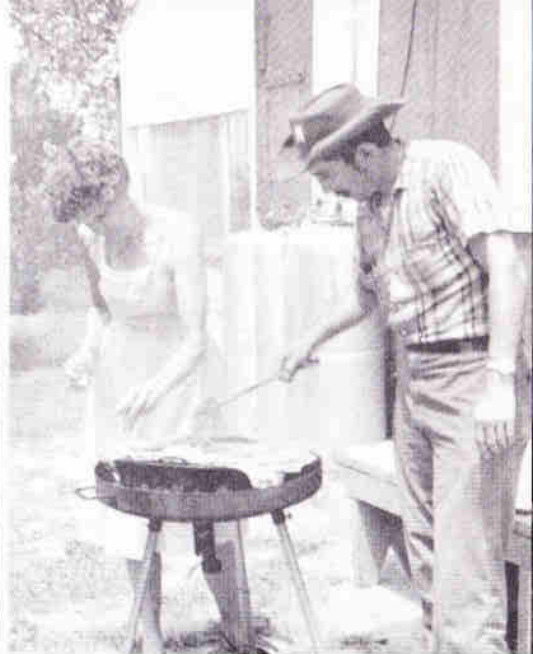
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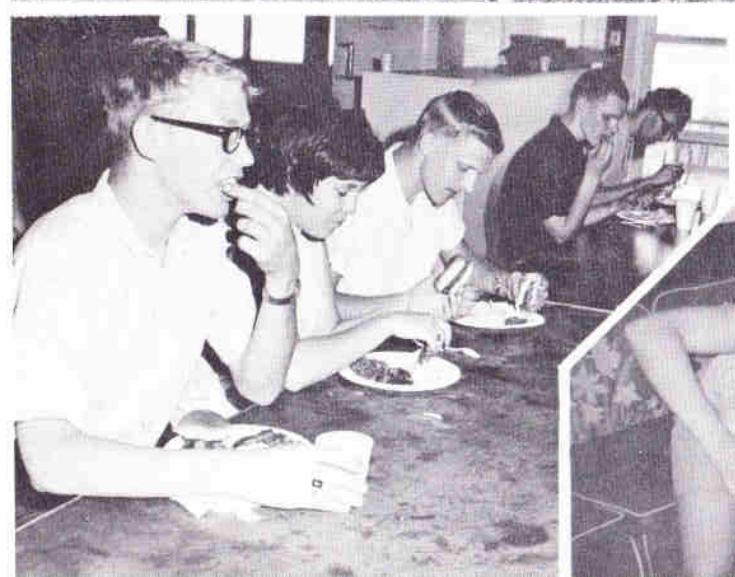
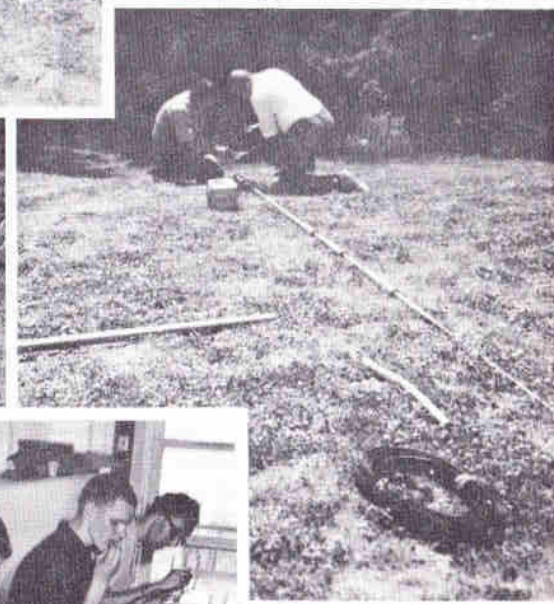
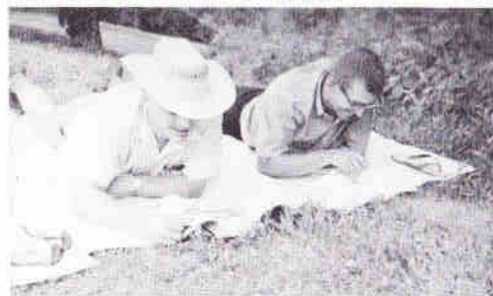
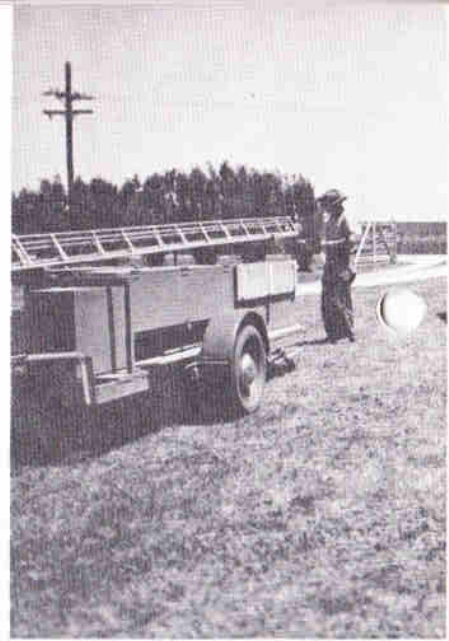
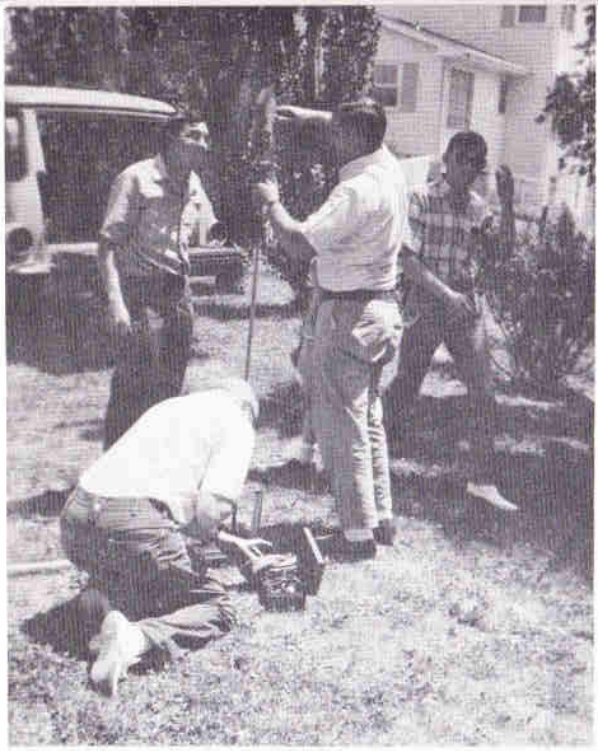
The special authorization for third party traffic between DL4Q/DL5Q stations and those in the United States announced in IARU News July QST page 81 has been overruled by higher authority. No third party traffic is permitted to any station in Germany now. Copies of ARRL Official Bulletin number 167 should be removed from circulation AR

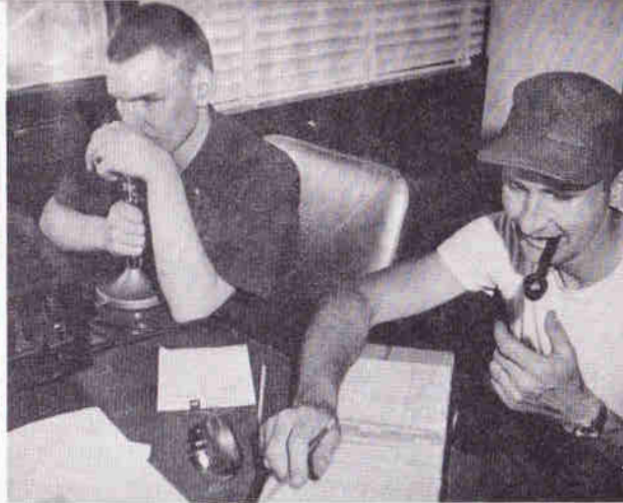
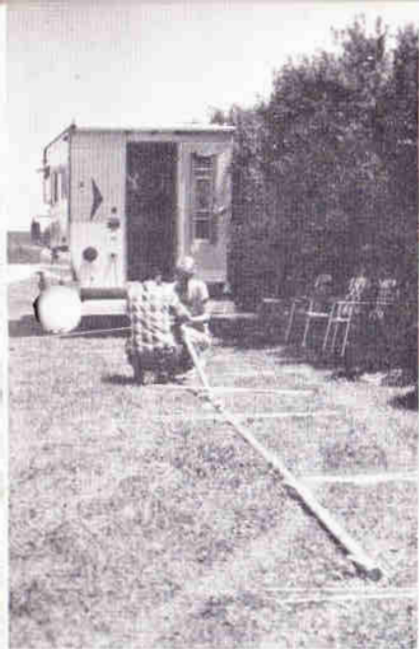
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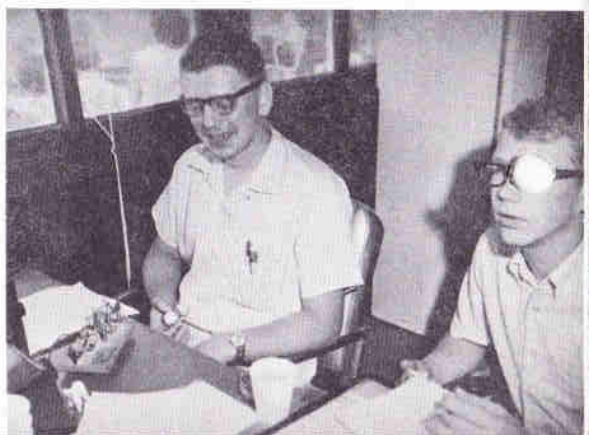
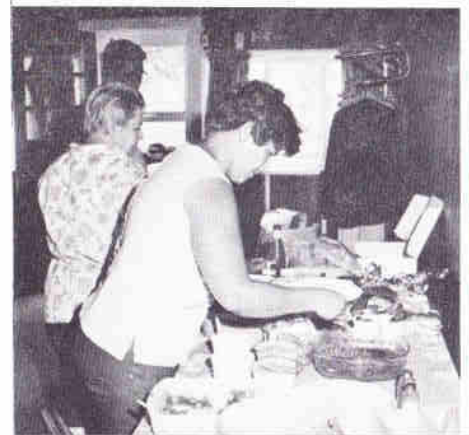
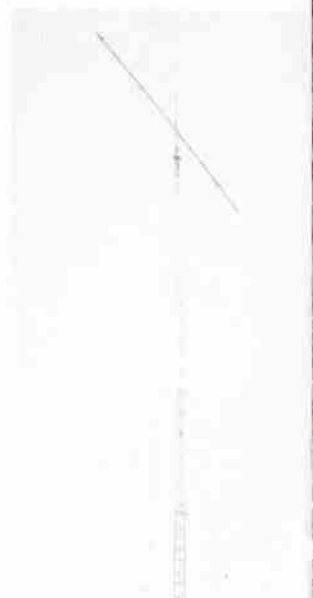
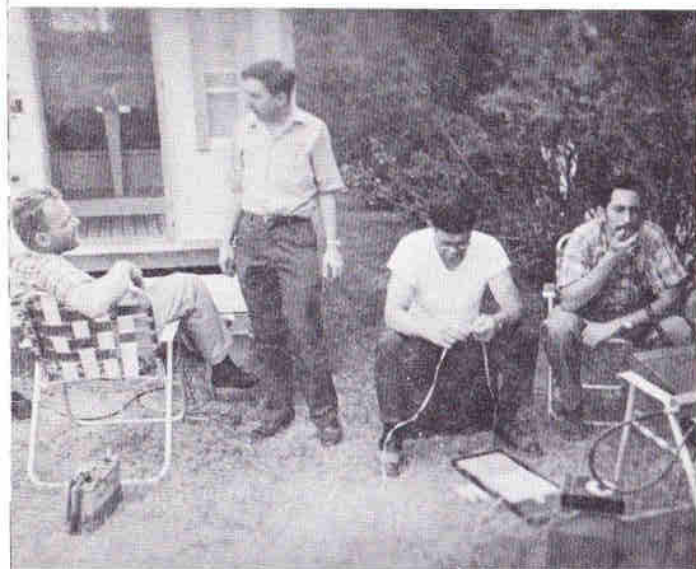












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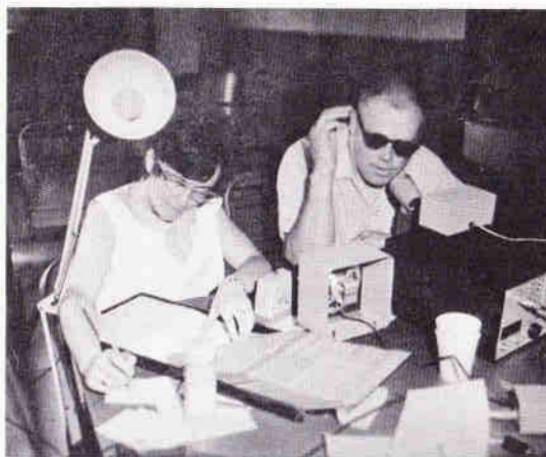
Attention DXers. Announcement hereby made of two deletions to the ARRL Countries List. These deletions are VS9H Kuria Muria and ZC6 Palestine. Contacts made with Kuria Muria November 30, 1967 and after will be considered the same as contacts with the Sultanate of Muscat and Oman. The ZC6 Palestine listing, comprised of the UN Truce Area bordering on Israel, no longer exists. Therefore, that listing is being deleted. Honor Roll totals which will appear in December 1968 QST will have these two deletions made automatically AR

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**OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 175  
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS  
NEWINGTON CONN JUNE 27 1968  
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT**

On June 24 the Senate passed and sent to the President a bill, HR 14910, which will permit the Federal Communications Commission to regulate the manufacture, import, sale, shipment and use of incidental radiation devices capable of causing interference to radio communications. Passage of the bill is an important first step toward eventual reduction of spectrum pollution by electric motors, auto ignitions, signs, heating devices and the like. A report will appear in August QST AR

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## NOTES FROM TEXAS SOUTHMOST A.R.C., INC.

By Art Ross, W5KR, Editor of  
OFF RESONANCE

This is the Southern Tip of Texas. This is border country. This is a land of palm trees and sunshine, of citrus groves and lettuce ranches. It is a land of tortillas and beans, of margaritas and tequila sours. It is a land of cactus and roses, of yucca and bougainvillea, thorny plants all. In legend and song it is a land of romance, a land of violence, a land of kindly charity, and a land of manana. It is a land which is much, much different than one might imagine -- one who has never visited down here, that is. It is a land which will make you want to stay if you ever do wander in and look with more than a flickering glance and listen with the heart more than with the ear.

It is also a land in which one will find fewer than a hundred hams in the three county area made up of Cameron, Hvdalgo and Willacy Counties. In fact, you can add Starr County and we still can't muster a full one hundred hams. Look at your map. You will see Brownsville at the southern tip, Raymondville 50 miles to the north and McAllen 60 miles to the northwest. It is part of the U.S.A. in which 75 phone is strictly a nighttime band, except on Sundays. Our Sunday nets are on 75, the rest of the time one cannot find enough of us on the air at any given time to be assured of a 75 meter contact! The rest of the bands are great, but the centers of population are too far north for us to do

much prospecting on 75 in the daytime.

There are three ham clubs on the U.S. side of the Rio Grande and at least two more on the Mexican side. Texas Southmost ARC, Inc., draws its members from Cameron County, though we don't really link it to that. Carbide Amateur Radio Club of Brownsville, better known as CAR-BOB, is made up of employees of the Union Carbide Plant. The Magic Valley Radio Amateurs is the name of the club at McAllen, the "upper end of the valley."

Across the river from Brownsville is the Radio Club de H. Matamoros. It has but recently been organized but is quite active. They already have a club field day and had a wonderful time. There is another club at Reynosa, across the river from McAllen. All of the Mexican hams are quite emergency conscious. They did a great job during Hurricane Beulah. Their efforts at that time, along with a history of similar heroic performances, have caused the Mexican Government to grant the Mexican hams franking privileges for their QSL cards. That is a rather unique honor to have been given the entire group.

The hams on both sides of the border are using the experiences of Hurricane Beulah to become organized for some future emergency. Antenna installations are much stronger now. We have two or three complete stations, and extra power supplies assigned to each emergency operating point. And, best of all, we will have a two meter link between U.S. hams and the Mexican hams so that there will be a more rapid interchange of vital information.

And there you have it, the story of the Southern Tip of Texas. It is called the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas, but it is really not a valley in the dictionary meaning of the word.

Come on down to Brownsville. If you fly in, W5KR will give you traffic and landing instructions. If you become ill, K5MSQ will give you a real good examination and W5DX will fill the prescription. W5KF1 will take care of your teeth. K5SJA will help fix your Ford, and K5MFS will try to sell you a camera or at least some film.

It is really wonderful country. No, I do not work for the Chamber of Commerce, but who knows - I'll need a job when I retire.

73, de Art, W5KR  
Via ARNS Bulletin

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June 24, 1968

Ham Hum  
Omaha, Neb.

Hi:

The Southwest Nebr. Gang held Field Day at Hayes Center Recreation Area, and made a better showing than last year, more gear and operators out.

Five full time operators, five came part time, had four rigs on and very little interference. Have not figured the score yet. XYL'S kept us fed. We used WQWLO's call.

Field Day at Hayes Center Recreation Area--mosquitoes, poison ivy, wind, thunderstorm, rattlesnake, catfishing, generator trouble; we had a grand time!

KQFRU furnished the big generator and killed the rattlesnake;

it was just a little fellow, only a button.

WQWLO drove an Eico 753 cw, on battery power and topped the gang with number of contacts made. He had a trunkload of batteries.

WAQCBJ built up a telescoping forty meter vertical that worked the first time up. Had his Elmac ready for standby, was late getting there, vapor locks.

KQYRL had a good fone rig on and worked steady till the big generator went out.

WQVEA put his Elmac on forty cw, did ok, had the small generator we used to finish the day with, is still the official tree climber to hang antennas.

WAQDOU's Harmonic caught the catfish.

WAQCBJ's XYL, Arlene, made the rounds with mosquito spray for everyone.

The high wind and thunderstorm put us down for a couple of hours - only dropped one antenna, soon had it up again.

KQYRL posed the question, "Why do we always come back out on Field Day?" I guess it is because it is one Hamfest, picnic, where you really do something, work together, share together, show your gear and really work it. No brag, just fact. You are there with what it takes, and find from experience what to do better next time.

Many thanks to the Missouri Section station that did come back to us, with the report--"Your RST 5 n n Mo." It was a QSL, but that rst--did he mean rst 5 none none?

73,

Dayton, WQVEA

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