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Dick Jugel, KØDG, our new President, will not only be in charge of the meeting but also in charge of the program. You will find it interesting!

VISITORS WELCOME - REFRESHMENTS - EYEBALL QSOs

THE PREZ SEZ

As usual, the Christmas Party capped off another successful year for the Club at the South Omaha Gene Eppley Boys Club. Our sincere thanks, once again, to Bob, WBØTVP, and his wife Zona, for arranging the Christmas Party and for making it all happen. In spite of the cold weather, which seemed super cold after the day before when the temp was in the mid 50's, everyone enjoyed the games, good food, and eyeball QSO's. Now, if DHU could learn to talk SSB instead of CW (all in fun, Bob).

The December annual business meeting was held in the new Red Cross Building at 38th and Dewey. Arthur Miller, Manager of the Douglas/Sarpy County Chapter, American National Red Cross, graciously provided a guided tour of the new building to Club members. Our thanks to Art for giving up a Friday evening to host our group, and our compliments to the Red Cross on their fine new facility.



Arthur Miller

Reflecting on the past year of Club activities, I would like to personally thank all the members who volunteered their time, effort and in some cases their greenbacks, to help make 1979 the success it was. Jim Sanford, NØAIH, brought in a record amount of cash at the annual auction; and Dave, WDØDLN, and Frank, WAØIWF, helped keep us out of trouble with the tax people by spending it all on Field Day (and then some)!

A record score was racked up on Field Day under the excellent leadership of Frank and Dave but the price was high. Ed Hofmann, WDØHBY, tells me it was about 2.7683 hot dogs per point. Oh well, nobody went away from Field Day hungry. Tired and a bit tipsy perhaps, but not hungry!

Looking forward, in a more serious vein, I hope that 1980 will be as successful a year for the Club as the last few have been. We are continuing to gain active new members through the Club license classes and gaining a worldwide reputation for excellent service due to the top-notch work our volunteer members are doing in operating the Ø-Land QSL Bureau. We have a mighty fine Club station at the JCC and another one being built at the Red Cross. The relocated 34/94 repeater is performing much better now than it was and WBØCMC has recently been destroying all sorts of RF devices for miles around with the linked signals from 40/00. In summary, we have all the necessary ingredients to further strengthen the Club in the coming year, and have a lot of fun doing it!

See you all at the January meeting at the Red Cross.

73, Dick, KØDG

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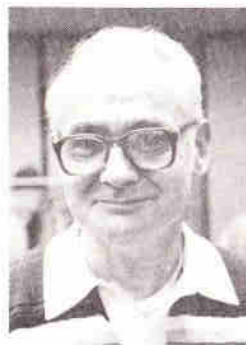
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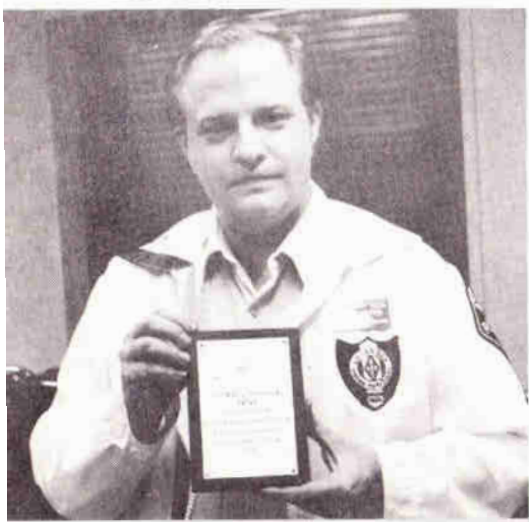
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DECEMBER
MEETING
PHOTOS BY
WDØDLN
and
KØPQR



DE NØAON

"1980".....Seems hard to believe, doesn't it? The 70's were here and gone so quickly, and for Amateur Radio, it was a decade of changes. Our population grew on a worldwide scale, technology advanced in all areas, and the "image" of Amateur Radio began to find the public spotlight. WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER TO BE THE ONE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT OR DEVELOPMENT IN AMATEUR RADIO DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS? Any thoughts? Call me during the evening at 291-6781, or drop me a note at PSC 1, Box 2237, Offutt AFB 68113. I'll compile the responses, and publish them in next month's column!

Contests and such.....Ten Meter 'test on Dec. 8 and 9 involved several locals - Ray WDØGIL, Mitch NØAZF and Dave WDØDLN. Heard lots of BIG scores being racked up across the country. Sure to be many WAS certificates coming out of this one!..... Coming up: for the 50 meg and up gang, VHF Sweepstakes on Jan. 12 and 13, and for you Novices and Techs who've never tried a contest before - the Annual Novice Roundup! The competition runs from Feb. 1 thru Feb. 10, and the exchange is a simple signal report and your state! So, take an hour or so during one of the contest evenings to jump in there and battle it out! You never know, you may end up working a few of those "hard to get states" towards your WAS! Full contest rules should appear in the Jan. 80 QST.....ZERO DISTRICT QSO PARTY: Let's have a good showing from Nebraska for this one! Zero's can work each other, DX or other districts for points. Contest starts at 2000Z on Jan. 5 and runs till 0200Z Jan. 7. Complete details are in Dec. 79 QST.

QRZ DX.....From a letter he received from a Russian amateur, Walt KAØDMB reminds those of us who send QSL's to Box 88 - DO NOT include IRC's, money, stamps or anything of value with your card! Not only do the goods get confiscated by the Radio Club folks, but the amateur himself can get into some trouble. As a good rule of thumb with DX stations: unless they request IRC's or the like - don't send them unless you're absolutely sure it's OK to do so!.....Atta Boy to Mitch NØAZF on confirming VR6TC (Pitcairn Isl.) Tom's card is a worthy addition to any DX'ers QSL collection!.....

"Tis the Season".....This year's Club Christmas Party was enjoyed by all who attended! Lots of games for the harmonics, eyeball QSO's for everyone, Santa Claus and his helper, Dick WØYZV with presents galore! The Jugel's (Papa Dick KØDG) cleaned house on the door prize drawing (say what? Mr. President!) Was also surprised that Tom KØPQR, didn't ask Santa for that elusive KH6 on six meters! (Ho, ho, ho!)

And finally for this month.....As we all look forward to a happy and prosperous 1980 - let's ALL make an effort this year to contribute some of our time to the betterment of ham radio. You know, when you stop to think about it, Amateur Radio gives us all so much enjoyment - and it asks for so very little in return. So whether it be handling traffic, joining ARES or lending a hand to a new Novice.....remember that there's always something to be done - something YOU can do! Wishing you and yours the very best in the coming year.

73

Mike, NØAON



CHRISTMAS PARTY
Photos by
WDÖDLN and KÖPQR



November 29, 1979

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CQ, CQ, CQ, De KAØEJT:

I have enjoyed the possibility of keeping aware of your existence and capabilities thru the various news media in Omaha. On several occasions I have had the opportunity to hear of your work, your service, and your willingness and ability to fulfill necessary communications requirement in time of need.

On a few occasions, while in Omaha on business, I have utilized your 34/94 repeater and I am impressed with its coverage. I am able to read your transmissions at home, although I am not always able to work into Omaha from Essex.

Recently, a fellow ham loaned me his copy of HAM HUM and mentioned that one can receive it without being a member of the AK-SAR-BEN Radio Club. If possible, I would enjoy receiving your magazine and I am enclosing a check to help pay for the cost for this year. I hope that it is sufficient.

Perhaps one of these days I will be able to be in Omaha on your meeting night, and I will be able to become better acquainted with your fine organization.

73,

Bob

Robert Bartlett, KAØEJT
605 Omaha Street
Essex, Iowa 51638

THANKS FOR THE GOODIES

A great big thanks to all the ladies who brought goodies. What a nice Christmas Party we had! Everyone seemed to have such an enjoyable time—whether at the pool table or at a game table—then there was a gathering in the kitchen for the treats of which there were plenty.

I was so absorbed in a game of checkers with Robert Lockwood, WAØDHU, that I didn't even get to sit on Santa's knee to tell him what I wanted for Christmas. Hi Hi—Needless to say, Bob won all three games.

I think an extra big thanks should go to the XYL of Ted Ciurej, WBOUEB, who baked and attractively decorated three large sheet cakes for us. And to the XYL Marilyn of Jim Peterson, WBØQGV, who came with a tray of tasty cookies, not by the dozen, but by the gross. Thanks to Loretta Kydney, WBØMNL, for the flavorful coffee. Always has ready for our gatherings. Thanks much, ladies. May you all have a good nineteen-eighty.

73, Ellen, WBØHWF

SPECIAL ELECTION 1980 MEETING SITE

At the December 1979 annual/business meeting of the Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club, Inc., a motion was made, seconded and carried to conduct a special ballot at the January 1980 meeting concerning the future location of Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club meetings. The motion stipulated that a special ballot would be enclosed with the January issue of HAM HUM, which could be either mailed to P. O. Box 291 or presented in person at the January meeting.

The motion further stipulated that the incoming President prepare a summary of the pros and cons of the alternative meeting sites available to the Club.

For the past several years, Club meetings have been held at the Jewish Community Center (JCC), 333 South 132nd Street, Omaha, Nebraska. The meetings were originally moved to the JCC from the old Red Cross building at 39th and Dewey, Omaha, Nebraska, as a result of significant Club membership growth. The facilities of the old Red Cross building were simply not adequate to handle a single group as large as our Club.

However, the new Red Cross building at 38th and Dewey, Omaha, has just been completed and the main meeting room now has the capacity to house our Club meetings. Therefore, we now have two realistic alternatives to consider for future Club meeting sites. We can remain at the Jewish Community Center, or we can relocate to the new Red Cross facilities. Both will be able to handle our needs during 1980. There is ample parking space at both sites with entry and exit facilities for our handicapped members.

The most expedient method to describe the "pros and cons" of each

site is to simply list the points of difference between the two.

There is a rental charge for the use of the Jewish Community Center auditorium; there is no charge for the Red Cross facility. The JCC charges were budgeted at \$120.00 for 1979.

The cost of refreshments for Club meetings is higher at the JCC than it would be at the Red Cross. This is because all food brought into the JCC must be approved by the JCC and the cost for JCC "approved" cookies has been higher than the cost of the doughnuts we used to serve. The refreshment expenses for 1979 were not offset by contributions to the coffee kitty and the extra cost was absorbed by the Club's general fund. A reduction in refreshment costs should help us "balance" the refreshment budget in 1980.

The JCC is convenient to members who live in west Omaha, but quite a ways to travel for members in north and south Omaha and Council Bluffs. The Red Cross is more centrally located and may be more easily accessible to more members.

The JCC facility can be firmly reserved for Tuesday evening meetings throughout 1980. The Red Cross facility must be reserved four to six weeks in advance of each monthly meeting. There should be no conflicts or reservation difficulties for Friday evenings at the Red Cross, however, so Club meetings would be moved to the second Friday of each month rather than the second Tuesday.

That about sums it up. Please let us know your meeting site preference by either mailing in your ballot or bringing it with you to the January Club meeting. The votes will be counted during the general business meeting.

73. Dick Jugel, KØDG

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(Ed. Note: W0QQN has prepared a map showing residence location of Club members in Omaha as well as non-members and will display it at the January 11th meeting).

GREETINGS

Season's Greetings to Club members and wishes for a Happy New Year have been received from:

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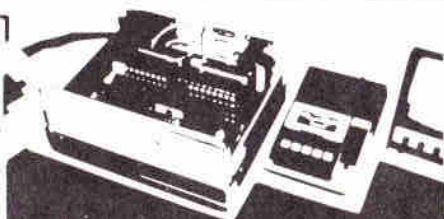
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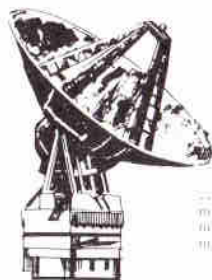
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On a more serious note: For more reliable dialing on autopatch calls - except for the "*" and "#", don't hold the buttons down too long. Ma Bell's response time is on the order of 40 milliseconds for a tone pair, so if your signal is noisy or has mobile flutter, you may end up transmitting more digits than you intended. For example, 391-2401 with noise and/or flutter may leave the decoder as 3339911124440011 or perhaps 91112-240011, or perhaps something else. In the first instance, you'll most likely get a wrong number, and in the second instance you'll get W0YDV saying "emergency service," because the digit

3 you dialed was too noisy to register, and 1 tripled. This has actually happened three times (it's on tape) when a noisy/fluttery station tried to dial a 391 exchange. On the other hand, if the digits are held down for only a short duration, the worst that can happen is that you won't get a connection. (In either case, you'll have to re-dial).

Another tidbit of information on busy signals: there are two types - fast and slow. The slow one is most common and means that the number you dialed is busy. The fast signal indicates the trunk lines into the switching office are full, even though the number you're trying to reach may not be busy. Simply wait a few seconds and then re-dial, since the fast busy signal (called a "re-order tone" in Ma Bellese) doesn't usually last too long. 73 and happy dialing!

John, WB0CMC

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