

# HAM HUM

AK-SAR-BEN  
RADIO CLUB

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## FIELD DAY ARRANGEMENTS CHANGED

Due to circumstances beyond the control of your excellent Field Day committee, almost all of the previously announced plans for the June 19-20, club participation in ARRL Field Day have been changed.

First off, the committee was forced to abandon the arrangements for the original site because of some late discovered restrictions.

Never, not to be stymied, the gang got busy and located another site which in some respects, is better than the original location. See the map on the video page (page 2).

The food situation has been completely reversed since the last issue of Ham Hum when, you will recall, we printed the planned menu. Because of difficulties with the arrangements for the chef it was decided that the members attending would bring their own food and beverage and that those bringing food should if possible bring extra rations for those unable to bring their own--batchelors, etc.

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NOVICES--BOTH PRESENT AND FUTURE PLEASE NOTE !!

Your AK club exec committee proposes to initiate a "crystal bank" consisting of a representative assortment of crystals for the present novice bands that will be made available to member novices on a no-charge basis. Members borrowing from the "bank" could sign for the crystals and pledge to return them after graduating to a General class license. If you want to support this proposal come to the next meeting and voice your approval. PS--any crystal manufacturers disapproving can come too!! HI.

## THE GREAT MOVEMENT TO THE OUTDOORS

Look what happened for the next business meeting!!! The June meeting (Friday June 11) will be held outdoors in the Hanscom Park Pavillion.

Following is the pertinent dope on details:

Time of meeting.....7PM  
(this will be short business meeting)

Place.....Hanscom Park (32 Ave. & Hickory)

Entertainment....10 meter transmitter hunt--prize will be one year subscription to CQ or QST (one hour limit)

Guests....XYL's, YL's and junior ops invited.

Refreshments....Club will furnish hot dogs, buns, mustard, etc., and the usual coffee and pop.

The plans are to roast the weiners at the fire places but in case of rain, or luxury loving members the pavillion can be used not only for the business meeting but also the cooking and rag chewing.

SEE YOU AT THE JUNE MEETING !!

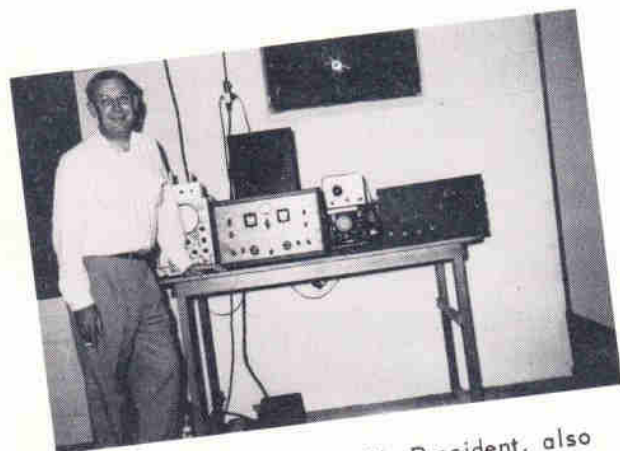
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Renew your subscriptions thru the secretary.

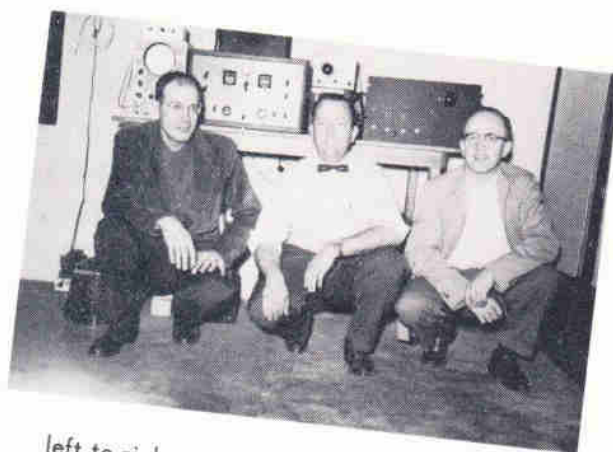
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June 11, 1954
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Friday 8:00 P.M.
Hanscom Park
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# Video Page

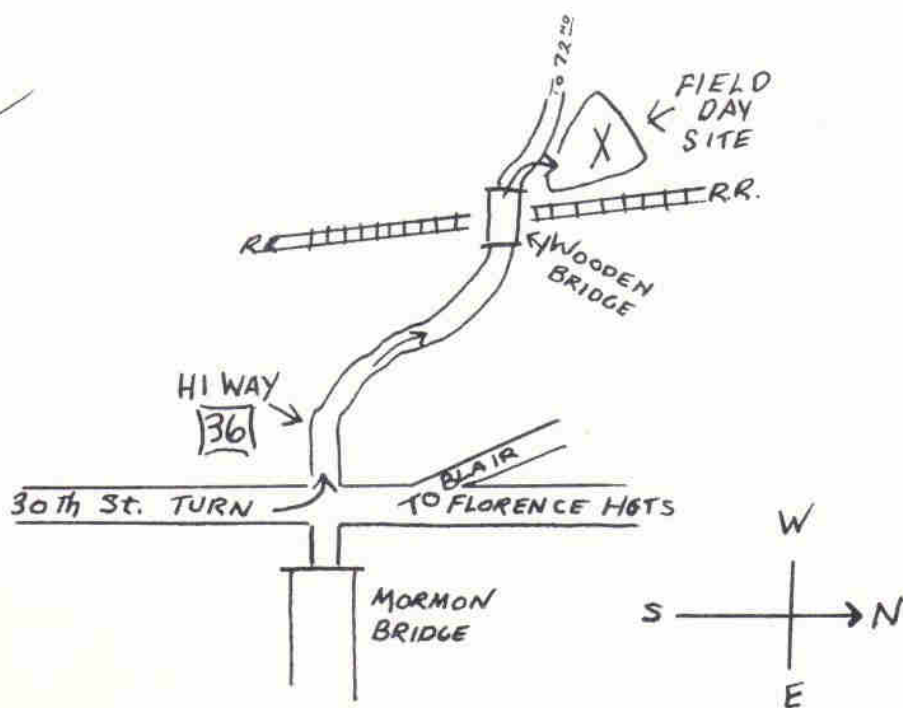
Pictures taken at Lincoln Amateur Radio Club  
May 10, 1954



Tom Boydston, WQVYX, President, also  
NCS of 75-meter Phone Net Equipment: -  
SP 400-X Supr Pro; Converter 19-20-75;  
100/10 kc. Freq. Standard; L-M-14  
Freq. Meter.



left to right: George David - WQOHP  
Everett Hilblink - WQFLF  
Francis Johnson - WQJDJ



Map of AK-SAR-BEN Radio Club's Field Day Site

### GROUND-WAVE

The ham population in Alliance has increased with the addition of new calls. Bruce Stackhouse, WØRIN has vfo to pr of 807's on 80. Wayne Soth, WØNIX has a Globe Champ on 80-40. Both boys started as novices less than a year ago. Wesley Fleming has a new novice ticket WNØYOF, operating on 3735 kc. All are in the 9th grade.

A report from Al Fleming in Chicago, ex WØYOF, reports interest in the Teletype plan of the club and thinks that a RPTY on the top floor of the YMCA there would be fb. Al is on 40 phone & CW late in the evenings.

A up-to-date indexed reference list on clearing up TVI difficulties can be secured from communications dept., ARRL.

Latest DX for Ham Hum is a SWL report from Narciso E. Pinto Jr. (call?) in Porto, Portugal, who says our club paper is the best.

The State of Nebr., has adopted rules and regulations for "Installation & Construction of TV Antennas. Copies can be obtained by writing the State Fire Marshall, Lincoln, Nebr. It gives complete specs. & ordinance requirements and apparently most existing antennas don't meet the specs.

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### TORNADO STRIKES \*\*ARC READY

Upon receiving word from YMU that a tornado had struck at Newman Grove, Nebraska the ARC emergency unit was called to action! After assembly and while en route to disaster a recall was made via Nebraska Net informing ARC that no additional equipment was needed. All operators returned to quarters and watch secured.

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### NOTE TO INTERESTED READERS

Anyone and everyone who wants Ham Hum, please advise and we will oblige. Even from Portugal comes comments that we have the finest paper in the country.

### CLUB ACTIVITIES

AK-SAR-BEN Radio Club group visited the Lincoln Club on May 10. A mobile caravan consisting of AEM, IOS, QXR, NMN, QNC, RMC, Rolly Johnson and the Jr. OP at IOS dropped in on Tom, VYX, at the meeting. A wonderful demonstration was witnessed and a cordial welcome was given the Omaha gang.

Thanks Tom and the Lincoln Club for a wonderful time. A welcome mat is out for you at our club anytime.

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The May raffle was won by Jan Rampacek, QNE, which was a "Hints and Kinks" Manual.

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The April issue of the Houston Amateur Radio Club "HARC NEWS" proudly announces the purchase of a club house site. We of ARC are not the least surprised after the convention of 1953.

P.S. HARC stated in a letter to the ARC that the convention lost money. How now, brown cow!

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It has been proposed (especially by those doing the work) that Ham Hum be discontinued for the summer months. What's your feeling, as a reader, about this suggestion? We might feel that silence is consent. Better let us hear from you....Ed.

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Field Day (cont from page 1)

The equipment set-up has been about completed but any help that members can volunteer especially in the way of suspension insulators for antennas, small camp stoves, lanterns and other camp items would be appreciated. If you have anything that you think would be of help please volunteer it to your committee.

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Motto for the month--

I like long walks---especially those taken by people who annoy me.

## LISTENING POST

by Lawrence F. Caccamo  
WØNMN

Of particular interest to 2 meter hams---- Attempts to link the east and west coasts by ham radio. The message was transmitted in steps up to one hundred miles apart by more than two hundred participating amateurs. The operation was undertaken to promote interest in the 2 meter band, the highest frequency ever used over such distances. The relay ran into difficulty in Albuquerque, probably because of weather conditions. Another attempt will be made the week end of May 28, 1954. Bernie, HXH, of Staplehurst participated in this event.

A noteworthy item for a simple modulation monitor was published in the June 1954 issue of Radio Electronics, page 83. Two novel grid dippers were also illustrated in this issue.

oger, WHZ, has been bragging about his 7 watt block buster and home made receiver. Contact was made to Missouri in the midst of heavy QRM on a Saturday morning. More power to you OM.

Tom, NAA, at St. Mary Kansas will close up shop in the near future to pursue activities elsewhere. However, his SSB equipment will be loaned to and set up at the QTH of QHG in Omaha.

The club is continuing to receive new members and all visitors are heartily welcome to attend our gatherings on the second Friday of each month. Our last meeting was honored by a group from KØAIR-Ann, W3UML, Ruby, W5WFG, and two members STU WØMGC and Bill, WØSJM.

A group of 13 took the trip to the antenna farms at Meade and Elkorn on May 21. This trip was sponsored by SAC and in charge of SJN. A bus provided by SAC met the group at the WOW television station site. Demonstrations of high frequency electronic equipment and various types of antennas proved very interesting. This trip was particularly prepared for the IRE, but all members of the club were invited.

## OM PLUS YL EQUALS XYL

Wedding bells rang on May 29 for Beth and Windy, WØNPA. Both are members of the club and Windy is our treasurer.

After the first kiss from his wife, Windy and wife on arm made a hurried exit from the alter to the basement of the church for the usual reception line.

After picture taking the couple tried to escape with the aid of the best man to the supposedly hidden car at the lost apartment. The evening before, Beth was trailed to the apartment and the hidden car was found there after the wedding.

Fay, ISV, was assigned to watch the church and announce the leaving of the couple. In another mobile was PHW, JJK, NKG and XYL, headed for the mobile of NPA which was hidden at the apartment. The car was well decorated, signs and cans.

The honeymoon was well started and was spent at Cowles Lakes. Best wishes to Beth and Windy for extended happiness.

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## BRIEFS

Wedding bells are ringing in QRM for Bob Stratbucker, WØHZE. Bob is hooking up his VFO to sweet YL Betty a Boulder Colorado girl on Friday June 20. By the way, Bob explains that he will be absent from Field Day this year.

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ORCHIDS to G.E. Ham News for reprint of Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club Annual Award, to be made to a outstanding member.

NOTE: Club members should begin making plans for written nominations for this award, to be submitted at the November meeting.

### SILENT KEYS

Ham Hum regretfully reports the passing-on of Jack Mattern, WØEIH. You will remember the Jack was a retired fire department captain from the Omaha Fire Department.

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### OMAHA CITY COUNCIL KILLS PROPOSED RECEIVER RESTRICTIONS

Last month your Ham Hum reported a proposed ordinance that was under serious consideration by the city council, here in Omaha. Now, we are happy to report, that after verbal objections by your club president, and other groups, that the council has completely dropped this proposal.

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### HELP WANTED!!!!

- To send in news to Ham Hum.
- To build two new trailers for our emergency generators.
- Get new club members.
- To help reinstate "Mobile Column" in the next issue--more news needed.
- Keep your club going.

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### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

All hams in this area are invited to participate in the activities of the club and are urged to join in the jamboree.

DUES ONLY \$5.00 per year or 50¢ per month. Students one half. So much for so little the benefits are all yours.

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Volunteers are needed to help with code classes to be held at WRL in Council Bluffs. We have 2 classes every week. The course runs 30 days and 2 fellows are needed 2 nights a week. Contact LEO at WRL.

### BARGAIN BASEMENT BUYS

WØBIA-selling out see items at 5516 No. 35th St., Xmtr 250 watts pp 814 - \$100  
Meissner EX vfo TVE'd ..... - \$ 50  
Hallicrafters S40 Rcvr..... - \$ 50  
RME HF 10-20 converter..... - \$ 35  
A barrel of good parts, come and see.

Vic Nelson WØCCY, 339 Sherman Ave., C.B. Jensen coax 12" HI F<sup>1</sup> spkr in light mahogany cabinet. FB tone..... - \$ 50  
RME VHF 2-11 rcvr with S meter covers 2-6-10 meters, condx good ..... - \$ 55

Guy Bailey WØKJP has a 300 watt phone and cw rig. HK54's in final, mounted in wood rack, plus vfo and splatter choke..... - \$150

HRO 60, new, not a scratch or mark, less than 10 hours use. Collins 32V-3 in the factory sealed carton, brand new. WØIOS.

WØQXR has 24G's @ \$.95 ea. & up.

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### GROUND-WAVE (continued)

WØISV has a vy late A54H mobile rig with factory installed 40 meters.

WØNKG wants a home for his home brewn mobile rig, PE103 and misc., surplus items.

WØPZB has to keep the bread line going, so won't be to the next meeting, but will keep xyl at work on the code.

NØNRS had a little trouble loading new rig into Grounded Antenna.

CQX has Elmac rcvr, Trans-citer, PE103 & Center loaded antenna on the air. You won't catch him off 28 mc until antenna is grid dipped they say.

WØIGL is QRT with club dues in favor of a new Morrow Converter & FTR-IF strip.

WØFQB pulled down the Windom Ant., in memorium on Memorial Day (between showers) and put up ole 120 ft. dblt (ala WØAEM) for all bands. "HUH"