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NEXT MEETING

WHEN: September 14, 1984

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Heartland Chapter
American Red Cross
38th and Dewey Avenue
Omaha, NE 68105

PROGRAM: TO BE ANNOUNCED

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
July 13, 1984 E.O.C
City-County Building**

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Hamilton, NØCLW, at 7:45 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The President reminded the members of the River Cruise in August and urged members to sign up before the deadline.

Mr. Robert O'Brien, the Civil Defense Director, thanked the Club, especially all the members involved in the installation of the Amateur Radio Emergency Center.

Jim Sanford, NØAIH, gave a report on the status of the Emergency Operations Center and presented Walt Brown, KAØDMB (as the prime mover of the E.O.C.) with a plaque for the wall of the E.O.C. and a plaque for his wall at home, dedicating the E.O.C. in his name.

Meeting was adjourned.
NØAJU, as supervisor of 911, conducted a guided tour of the 911 center and the E.O.C.

Respectfully submitted
Virgil Wamsat, KBØBW
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**July 11, 1984
WOWT Building
35th & Farnam**

No formal meeting was held due to lack of a quorum.

Respectfully submitted
Virgil Wamsat, KBØBW
Secretary

LETTERS

August 17, 1984

To Editor of the Hum Hum Magazine:

This letter is in reply to the article appearing in the August, 1984 HAM HUM on National Weather Service During Severe Storm Activity.

Yes, it is true that Douglas County REACT has a team member at Channel 7 during Severe Weather and when we are activated by the National Weather Service and it is designated as Charlie 7. That was chosen when Charlie Martin was on staff at Channel 7.

Now for a little history. Douglas County REACT was first approached by Channel 7 quite some time ago to provide a radio and REACT member to assist with weather information coming from the field and from the public via telephone. There was a year's lapse but we now have been in the weather center for the past three years, providing a radio and REACT member and it has proven to be very beneficial to who — the public.

Now natural question raised by some — are we, Douglas County REACT, being "used" by Channel 7. You bet we are, but we understood that going in. However, we felt the benefits of stopping rumors from people who call the station, and there have been many, and having current and actual weather information to the public from the field was of more importance than the possible "Waiting Game" for the weather on a T.V. station. Our sole function is to screen calls from the public on what they see outside their homes. We have been able to stop a lot of false reports that have come in from the public, provide additional information to the weather staff at Channel 7 from the spotters in the field. As a result, the information being given to the public is more accurate and current. Therefore, if we can do what was done in May 1975 — EARLY WARNING to the public — isn't that what WE — you and us are doing in the field?

The whole purpose we (Amateur & REACT) go into the field is to prevent undue concern to the public on our severe weather and if that can be done by working with the National Weather Service, field spotters and Channel 7, then that's the way it shall be. The first concern is the public — our families and friends. Our desire is to provide the best possible weather information.

Channel 7 does not replace the National Weather Service — all weather reports are given to NWS; they determine what information is needed and where to be. At Channel 7, we are a sounding board if you like, between the public and the weather staff both at NWS and Channel 7.

It was only this year that we (REACT and Channel 7) decided to go public about REACT at Channel 7. It was a very hard decision for us to make, but it was felt we should do this and the reaction from the public has been very good. Amateurs and REACT monitors are different but yet the same — we are working to help the public each in our own way.

Rich Ryan
Public Information Officer, DCR

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To the membership of the Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club:

In reference to the article in this month's issue of the HAM HUM magazine titled "The National Weather Service During Severe Storm Activity." There are 2 references to "Blinkies" and one to "Professionally Trained Blinkies." One can only assume that since there are only two volunteer communications organizations allowed there, that "Blinkies" refers to Douglas County REACT. Therefore, our Board of Directors feels our organization is due an apology.

Douglas County REACT and Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club are the **only** volunteer organizations permitted to man the National Weather Service and tornado watch points. Our goal is the same: to give the public the earliest possible warning of threatening weather! Douglas County REACT's area of communications coverage is somewhat limited to those of your organization, our goal is to provide communications in time of need. The name of the game is communications, not petty name-calling.

Therefore, in the best interests of both communications organizations, this type of nonsense should be halted. Our organization has never and will never engage in the practice of name-calling.

REACTively,
Bill McCollum, President, Douglas Co. REACT

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August 20, 1984

Mr. Jack E. Griffey, President
Douglas County REACT

Dear Jack:

I returned from vacation late last week to learn of the unfortunate response to my article appearing the August issue of HAM HUM.

In retrospect, the article appears insensitive toward the efforts of your organization.

For this insensitivity, I offer my apology to you, your Board of Directors, and all members of REACT. I assure you, I meant no insult nor malice.

Jim Sanford, NØAIH

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LARSEN ANTENNAS TAKE ON SHUTTLE COMMUNICATIONS



"The operation was an unqualified success!", so said ARRL's general Manager Dave Summer, K1ZZ reviewing the recent amateur radio operation of Owen Garriott, W5LFL, from the orbiting Space Shuttle Columbia. And so it was also for Carl J. Henniger, KA7GHR, who made his successful contact on an afternoon shuttle pass over Portland, Oregon.

"I did it with my mobile rig sitting in front of my garage with 45 watts of power feeding into a

Larsen Kulrod Antenna", Carl said. "I was sure thrilled 'cause I was competing with the moon bounce boys with their yagis and big antenna arrays."

KA7GHR also uses a Larsen Kulduckie portable antenna on his handheld rig and monitored the space shuttle with that transceiver though he didn't try a contact. "It was just as good as you ever hear somebody talk on two meters", Carl concluded.

