



HAM HUM

AK-SAR-BEN
RADIO CLUB

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OPERATION WAKEUP

At the request of the Nebraska SEC, the EC in Omaha asked the AK-SAR-BEN Radio Club to participate in the CD "Operation Wakeup". Conferences with Col. A. L. Tuttle, Sam Reynolds and A. A. Little, local CD officials, showed that communication with the State CD director at Lincoln was necessary, as well as communication with mobile units through out the city in carrying out purely local aspects of the exercise. Therefore two stations were set up in the CD office on the sixth floor in the Omaha City Hall. One on 75 and the other on ten.

The 75 meter station was a Viking Two feeding a doublet antenna. The antenna was erected Monday evening by YMU and FQB: the transmitter and receiver installed in Col. Tuttle's office by QHG, FQB and LRD. A contact was made with Kansas City.

On Friday, April 24 YMU and FQB, later joined by QHG, manned the station at 12:30. Conditions were against us from the beginning. The rain, high winds and threat of tornadoes combined to make contact with Lincoln difficult. Although 3995 was the specified freq. FQB was able to QSY to the CW band and keep in touch with Lincoln.

About two o'clock conditions improved and phone operation was renewed. Due to the poor conditions VYX of Lincoln relayed much of the tfk.

The ten meter gang had a very effective net in operation on the 29.64 MC emergency frequency. The NCS was located on the sixth floor and used a vertical folded dipole mounted on the flag pole. The net operated without a hitch and, in fact, our units

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LB-29 Status

The license plate bill is scheduled for final floor vote the week of April 27.

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MAY 8 MEETING

After various interesting and impromptu discussions, as usual, Frank Cooper, IOS, will demonstrate and discuss the use of the grid dip meter and the antenna scope. He will unveil the "mysteries" of practical applications.

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NEW CARDS ARE NEEDED--WRITE!! DON'T GRIPE!! or maybe write and gripe--but at least WRITE!!!!

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TEN METER OPENINGS

At this writing it looks like ten is coming back for short skip openings this summer. Several short skip stations were heard when the gang got on for the CD test. In fact many Omaha hams monitored the Denver-Pueblo CD test on 10. KCK/M was heard working a three way on 10 with North Dakota and Minnesota station. AEM/M and AQJ/M also worked out.

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News!!

NEXT MEETING

May 8, 1953

Friday 8:00 P.M.

Fontenelle Hotel

THE WORDS ARE NEW BUT THE TUNE IS OLD

Being a member of a social organization dedicated to the advancement of Amateur Radio and the education and entertainment of its members I find that all "Hams" are human.

Amazing isn't it. Well at times it is down right disgusting.

Hams just aren't left out of "Ham" affairs except by their own doing. Being human, the left out seems to complain, not that he was left out but about what happened when he was left out. You and I are not invited to a "Hamfest" for our money or chrome plated finals but for our opinion and voice in "Ham" radio.

Don't be a left out - - get in there and pitch from the beginning. Our club is strictly a democratic organization so you must be there and vote. A gripe or vote after the polls have closed is of no avail.

The REWARD for participating in our club activities is great, greater than all of the prizes given away on the broadcast set. Every meeting of club functions brings to those in attendance a better understanding of his fellow "Hams" and answers to many personal problems at hand.

I have yet to see a meeting of two or more "Hams" which did not involve some discussion of equipment or operating procedures. Club functions are two fold then. Besides providing activities for the club they provide an outlet for personal contact. A means for education and a stimulant for Amateur Radio.

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IT'S TWO FOR YOU

The latest entrant into the local VHF bands is Doug, WR. Soon 100 watts will flow from his QTH on two meters. With a 829B in the final and 16 element beam Doug will give the old standby two meter stations a run for their money. Good luck Doug.

There are several stations on two, at t writing, operating in this area. Past thinking has limited operation on this band to in town operation but 100 miles can be worked wid 10 watts into the final.

MINUTES OF AK-SAR-BEN RADIO CLUB

Regular Meeting April 10, 1953
Fontenelle Hotel 8:00 PM

The minutes of last month's meeting were approved unanimously.

The editors of Ham Hum allowed that more news return cards were needed in order to have a complete and interesting paper.

QHG, club president, reported on LB-29 to the effect that the bill was reported out of committee and had been amended for the issuance of an additional set of plates instead of plates of a single issuance as is done in other states. He advised that everyone should contact his senator via personal mail, radio grams or QSL cards. It was reported that the club emergency generators were now in town and that one unit was in good working order. The others would be put in good condition as soon as the tech manuals from the manufacturer arrived. After floor discussion, a motion by Gaeth which was seconded by Fried, was carried and it was to purchase a two wheeled trailer for the price of \$25.00.

YMU reported that the portable antenna masts are now in town. Field day was discussed regarding location, power, etc. Fried introduced for comment an invitation from the CD section to participate in the forthcoming "Operations Wake Up" which would be an emergency test for an atomic attack on the city. It was moved by Orr and seconded by Connolly that the club participate--the motion carried, by a roll call vote -- unanimously.

Vic Nelson, ØCCY, Council Bluffs, was received as a new member.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM for a very interesting demonstration and talk by Forrest Francisco of Northwestern Bell Telephone company.

The raffle was won by QHG and the meeting finished at 10:40 PM.

WANTED WANTED

BLOOD, NEW BLOOD this is not for the Red Cross. But if you have any to spare I am sure they would welcome your gift.

But we of the "Ham Hum" would like a little new blood. We need some new ideas and methods of improving this sheet. I am advised that I will have the pleasure of giving away absolutely free one small size lemon squeezer to each and every member who can produce a good idea for your newspaper.

For your help and ideas contact the president or Ed, CQX. Ed is the man wid the king size TV a man wid a smile for all so give him a call and produce your idea rational or radical I'm shure he will have an open ear.

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OUT OF TOWN GOSSIP

Bernie Behrens is gradually getting settled in Calif. but is not on the air yet.

Bernie is planning on buying a Viking II in the near future.

He is working for the Aeronautical Radio Inc. which has 8 other hams on the payroll (Editors note: What a set up!!)

Don Field, now stationed at Kings Point, Long Island, N. Y. reports that the Amateur Radio Club of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy is now active again.

The club rig only consists of a 6AG7 into an 807 but they are only getting started now and hope to expand onto the local CD 145 Mc. net.

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Tie a string around your finger so you won't forget to bring your renewal subscriptions for QST and CQ to our club Treasurer let him do the work of mailing for you.

Remember ----- QST -- CQ

LOCAL NEWS AND VIEWS

Frank Cooper, IOS, has the "gallon" final in good working order, thanks to Herb, QXR, and Johnny, PHW.

Herb and Johnny our two super sleuths, sniffed out the broken feed thru insulator which put the final touch to the "platinum plated push pull putter outer".

Frank hasn't given the rig the DX test but it seems to work well around the States.

Art Gaeth, FQB, has a new Viking Two working into an off-center fed antenna.

Don Longcrier, W6OAV/Ø, just recently discharged from the Navy, is now residing at 2423 Larimore.

Don is in the process of building up an 813 final. Hope u get on soon.

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NOTICE - IMPORTANT - HEAR YE

The Special Field Day meeting will be held in our regular Hotel Fontenelle room on Wednesday, May 13.

Anyone who is interested in participating in Field Day in any way whatsoever is cordially invited to be present on May 13, in person.

Those of you who cannot attend on MAY 13, but would like to get in on the Field Day activities can insure your participation by stating same on the enclosed post card and dropping said post card into the nearest U.S. Mail box.

This MAY 13 meeting is being held to complete all details concerning Field Day viz: the selection of the various committees, the bands we will operate, the power input to be used, the location, (Incidentally, any one who has a definite, better location for us than we had last year, please bring it up at this meeting so we may all benefit by your finding.)

WAKEUP CONTINUED

(mobiles) replaced and handled traffic for another communications service in two instances.

Those in operation were BTE and AQJ as net control operators and LRD, ISV, QAB, UPY all mobiles reported in with excellent signals from every area to be covered. Others that reported in later were AEM/M and KCK/M.

The ten meter set-up was very photogenic and got full coverage from Radio KFAB and TVs KMTV and WOW. The officials of the CD office in Omaha were very pleased with the operation of the 10 meter net and DR. Johnson, head of the medical treatment center asked, over the air, talking thru one of our mobiles, that the network be furnished for future exercises. Mr. Little of the communications section of the local CD expressed his favor of the net and other officers enjoyed using the net to talk directly to some of the men in the field under their direction.

All considered, it was felt that the mobile net scored a definite gain in respect for amateur radio abilities in general and the AK-SAR-BEN club.

About six o'clock permission came from Lincoln and the Omaha end of the exercise was secured. Originally, we were under the impression that the operation would last to Nine o'clock in the evening and JKE, CQX and IWK were ready to take over if needed. Several of the novice and technician licenses were on hand to act as message and general handymen. The club and CD officials learned a great deal about CD communications and are in a better spot for future planning. No doubt, this is true about the thirteen state area in the operation.

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BOUQUETS

To Cooper for the swell Cake containers that he furnished to the club. And to the ladies for filling them.

To those that contacted their senators re. LB-29.

ITEMS FOR TRADE OR SALE

Frank Dyba, USU, of 4712 No. 29 St. Omaha, Nebraska (KE 0904) would like to trade some xtals he has for some others located in the CW portion of 40 viz. 7 to 7.125 mcs.

The xtals are;

- (1) PR-7234 kc $\frac{1}{2}$ in. spacing
- (2) JK-7253 kc $\frac{3}{4}$ in. "
- (3) JK-7286 kc $\frac{3}{4}$ in. "
- (4) PR-Z3-14,080 kc $\frac{1}{2}$ in. spacing

Write or Phone if you have any xtals to trade.

FOR SALE

One 55 foot Vest Tower.

One 1952 model, 8 tube Ford Delux car radio converted for Morrow converter.

Call or see Frank Cooper, IOS, at Glendale 2583.

FOR SALE

Seven inch TV sets, \$35.00 and \$40.00. Larger sets moderately higher in price. Write

Chas. E. Spitz
1420 So. Randolph Street
Arlington, Virginia

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A BIT OF CALIFORNIA

A bit of California returned to Omaha last week in the form of a new general class license mobile and all hot to go. Fay Powell, WØISV, has returned. Fay spent the cold months practicing code and enjoying the southwest's golden sunshine. Apparently the warmth did some good, for Fay is all fired up and ready to go to work on his home rig. Congrats Fay.

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COB WEBS

Not too many years ago there was a great deal of activity on the old five meter band in Omaha. This band provided a good beginning for many of the active "Hams" in Omaha. This band might be compared to the Novice bands of today. For it was there that the first spark of their "Hamming" was originated.