



# HAM HUM

AK-SAR-BEN  
RADIO CLUB

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## FIELD DAY 1953

Rain, wind, sunshine and "hams"

Again we braved the elements and moved from the security of our homes and entered the realm of chiggers and mosquitos to fight the QRM making contacts which bar rag chewing.

A last minute choice of the Ralston golf course for the location and the use of the new generators made the event quite successful. In spite of the decision to use 100 watt transmitters none showed up at the location. The tent fatalities were slight with only the CW tent suffering from the wind.

The most ironic happening of the weekend was the rain which fell sunday afternoon. It was a very sad bunch of miserable guys who proceeded to dismantle the site just before closing time in a steady downpour of rain. But, alas, at five till four the rain stopped and we drove home in the sun under a clear sky.

Our club made a score of 2691 points with 274 contacts on phone and c.w. We operated in the two transmitter category with less than thirty watts. There were 36 states listed on the log and two countries.

Operation was reduced due to a severe electrical storm sunday afternoon. But in spite of the elements there were 15 operators entered on the log and many remained at the key or mike long hours.

But a good time was had by all and many were missed. Will see you all next year.

**P**icnic, well man yes.

**I** want you to know.

**C**ome one come all.

**N**ow don't be bashful.

**I** want to see you there.

**C**ome and bring your chow.

The Lincoln Amateur Radio Club and the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club welcome you all.

The event will take place at Linoma Beach on July 26. The beach is located east of Ashland on U. S. 6.

It starts when you get there and ends when you leave. The sooner you come the sooner the fun begins. The longer you stay the more fun you will have. There will be a transmitter in operation at the beach. Listen on 3983 kc and get in on the round table on the way.

### NEXT MEETING

July 10, 1953

Friday 8:00 P.M.

Fontenelle Hotel

R. A. C. E. S.

Comments LB29

The following is the latest report on RACES:---

The Nebr. State Civil Defense communication plan (RACES) has been approved; WØJDJ has been appointed and approved by FCC as Chief Radio Officer under the RACES plan. A CD station has also been authorized. The state is to be divided into 5 mobile support areas. The plan calls for a State Net Control Station with 5 supporting control stations (one in each area). Other participation stations in these areas will (Usually) work into the area control area station. There are Three Frequencies in the 3990 to 4000 kc segment and five frequencies in the 3500 to 3510 kc segment with similar provisions in other allocated bands. It is hoped this arrangement will alleviate the situation that developed in the recent CD "Operation Wake Up". Those wishing to become RACES Stations and participate in this setup please contact F. B. Johnson, 820 44th, Lincoln, Nebr. WØJDJ

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Some Estes Park Notes.

EUT needs to take in more conventions. He, his XYL, and daughter brought home an antenna scope, grid-dipper, and wave meter.

Other local hams attending were GFQ, YMU, GCY, SEE, IOS.

GFQ lead the boys in an enjoyable song-fest one evening. Retiring as usual, he allowed himself to be persuaded to play the organ. The next morning he appeared for the Nebr. Breakfast after IOS stood outside his door and yelled "fire" quite lustily.

Dosland, WØTSM, ARRL President, gave a very interesting and thought-provoking talk.

The Nebraska Breakfast was attended by about 40 hams. LB 29 and SSB were among the topics discussed.

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We, of the Ak-sar-ben Club, feel very gratified at the response given to the passage of LB 29, even though it was not as all of us originally intended it to be.

Commenting from some of the many cards received via Ham Hum. we excerpt:-

"Thanks for bulletins and for the news I ordered my license plates with the enclosed forms--vy 73's es gud luck" Al WØINR-Hemmingford, Nebr.

"You're a very fb organization and through the organization a swell job was done on the license plate bill--Here's more power to your organization the gang--John L. Anderson WØFCT of Ord Nebr.

"Thanks for getting LB 29 passed. It sure looked doubtful for a while"--Leo J. Henen WØFLO of Whitney, Nebr.

"Thanks so much for forwarding th info and application for call letter plates. I'm in the service, out of Nebr. and sort of out of touch with things at the home QTH. Thanks again--Sgt. James Monk WØJL/1 Ft. Devens, Mass.

And so on, the cards came in expressing their views on LB 29.

Let us keep 1955 in mind, when only by a mutual effort, we can attempt to get a better bill thru which will enable us to have call letter plates as regular license plates instead of just an auxiliary plates.

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### CONTEST REPORTS

Our seasonal heat wave has added much fevor to the contest described in the last issue of this fish wrapper. Lee Menshik, NNW, has passed the half wave mark on his 80 meter beer can vertical. Wendy, NPA, we are sorry to report had a good start but was disqualified by the committee. Bottles do not count. Get your reports in.

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WØPXR, Ben Fischer is driving a 1953 Chevie, what is the new mobile rig going to be, Ben?

### Out Of Town News

Pfc. Al Demorest, is being transferred to Kimpo AF Base for Anti Air Craft Radar Repair work. His new Address:---

Pfc. Allen F. Demorest US 55250243  
11th Sig. Det. Radar Maint.  
APO 971 %PM San Francisco, Calif.

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The Grand Island Club has successfully trained four new Novice candidates, who have now **taken** and passed the exams in the past 6 weeks. Also two novice club members have passed their general class, so remove the N from LEP and KFY.

LEP is now active on 75 meter phone wid a de-Tvi'd 750 watts in a 610 cabinet.

Gus ØCC, is now on, (that horrid word) SSSC.

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Noel Harman APK, of Denver, just completed his 1/2 gallon in a 6ft. cabinet so the shack doesn't look so junky now. He is still confined to using a 1/4 wave on 80 due to lack of space.

Noel mentioned Art, FQB, is putting a better sig into Denver now that he has the new Viking II on the air.

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According to Al Fleming W9YBR, The Sears Radio Club used four 30 watt stations and one 3 kw generator in their Field Day endeavor this year around Chicago.

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Bud Crawford, BDO, of Broken Bow and AM Radio Station KCNI is very sold on SSSC. He gets thru on 75 phone from east to west Nebr. at noon which is vy fb.

He was at attendance at the Taylor, Nebr. Ham Radio Picnic.

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WØCIH of Superior is now Building a 500 watt final but has been very occupied with RTTY to do very much on it.

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### A CHALLENGE

The Ak-sar-ben Radio Club offers this plan in a form of a challenge to the other clubs in the mid-west.

We of Omaha have aquired a very nice emergency portable a.c. supply. The complete assembly consists of two onan, three kilo-watt gasoline engine driven generators. These are mounted on an enclosed two wheeled trailer.

Expensive? Not at all. The price will vary with ingenuity and size. We have invested less than \$90.00 to complete the units which are completely overhauled.

The secret? Well it is no secret. Here's how we managed with a small bankroll. With some scrounging around by a member he found that in the new REA area's of northern Nebraska there are quite a few power units to be had quite reasonably.

Our units were in need of repair and even partly dismantled. Members of our club did the repair work and put the three units back in top conditions. A major part of the cost was for repair parts.

When the three units were finished the third unit was sold to a local "ham" which unit covered the purchase price of the units.

The units would be very valuable as you can plainly see in event of any disaster flood, tornado or Field Day. For further info drop us a line.

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We have heard that BWK has a pair of sour 810's for sale or to be given away cheap.

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NNW's neighbors report that he is back on the air.

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Al McMillan had a major operation shortly after Field Day. Seems a Jigger got it's directions Mixed.

## NOW HEAR THIS

Hold everything! A new XYL is about to enter the fold. Dick Reimund, LFM, is officially engaged and date has been set for Sept. 4. He also acquired a '46 Dodge and mobile gear has been planned. You may see Dick behind the counter at WRL.

All Nebraska hams are reminded that the deadline for the 1953 amateur call license plates is JULY 15, 1953.

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Applications must be mailed to;

Mr. Owen J. Boyles  
Motor Vehicle Division  
State House  
Lincoln, Nebr.

For further details please refer to the June issue of HAM-HUM.

We hear a subdued murmur that Roy Rydberg, LGN, will soon be sprouting a 10 meter spinner at his QTH. Watch out DX.

Who was climbing all the trees the Friday night before field day? The load he carried was not tools. Well Tom the antennas didn't come down did they.

We are told that AQJ is weighing the pros and cons of converting from four to one switch operation of his rig. Well it is a bit confusing, that one lonely switch.

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## FOR SALE

RME 22A Preselector and a Howard 435A rcvr. Contact Joe McGuire, URD, at 5022 So. 38th St. Omaha on Saturday evenings or on Sundays

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The hams of Nebraska regret to learn that Earl McCabe, WØUVQ, has joined the silent keys.

ESTES PARK continued.

The mobile antenna demonstration was extremely interesting. It seems the base-loaded job gives the best fieldstrength reading.

A Viking II kit was the grand prize.

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## A FEW MORE NOTES FROM OMAHA

Bill Ashley, USB, who has been attending the U of Colo. was home and attended the June club meeting. Nice to have seen you again, Bill.

Frank Dyba, USU, has become quite a baseball fan again this year. Seems as though Frank is a fan by profession, not by choice. Frank, as you probably know is a brass pounder for the Western Union.

Frank Cooper, IOS, will be back home in Connecticut during August on vacation.

Tom Fifer, AQJ, and Frank Cooper, IOS, hold pre-registration tickets number 313 and 314 for the Houston convention. Bring home some good prizes boys.

Doc Fry, exEAO, and XYL with harmonics were in Omaha at MKP's from June 27 to July 1. From Omaha they will go to Falls City.

Harold Prell, VIG, brought five vibrator supplies to the June meeting and they were auctioned off for a total of \$6.75 which was turned over to the building fund.

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