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MIDWEST CONVENTION

The Date - Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11.

The Place - Lincoln Hotel, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Event - Midwest ARRL Division Convention.

A really fine convention is planned by the sponsoring Lincoln Amateur Radio Club for all attending, OM's, XYL's and Jr. ops. too.

Prizes also for Pre-registration in the form of a new Hammarlund HQ-140.

Pre-registration fee of \$7.50 for the full program should be mailed in not later than September 30, 1953, to Mr. F. B. Johnson, WØJDJ, P.O. Box 252 Lincoln 1, Nebraska.

Registration fee after September 30, is \$8.50. Sunday only fee is \$6.00.

The program will include Technical discussions, Civil Defense, Net operations, Hidden Transmitter Hunts, Mobile contests, Dining, Dancing, Floor show with Comedy Acts, Get togethers, Mfgrs. Displays and prizes.

We, of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, will have our mobile generators in operation in front of the Lincoln Hotel with accompanying transmitters to welcome all the mobiles to the convention site. Our club will consider it an honor to have the opportunity to exhibit our versatile generators, on which we have spent innumerable hours of labor plus money, and be proud to have it displayed at our Midwest Division Convention.....

SEE

YOU

ALL

THERE

OUR CLUB AND WHAT IT HAS TO OFFER YOU

The Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club is an organization with members of many walks of life. This is an education within itself. Besides the offer of one evening of rag-chewing at the Hotel each month there are many material things offered by the club and its members.

The club has approximately \$100. in its Building Fund. This fund is enlarged thru the donations of visitors and club members. Maybe you have been wondering what the facsimile of the cement building block was for.

It might astound you to know a fund for purchasing a transmitter and receiver has grown to over \$150.00 in the Bank.

Bank? yes, we trade at the First National Bank and the books show a figure over \$500.00. This figure is broken down into several other funds, i.e. Raffle fund, which will probably grow to \$50. by the end of the year at which time a grand prize will be purchased and you, yes you, might win a valuable piece of gear. Also the club still has about \$50.00 awaiting the 1955 session of the Unicameral and our attack for satisfaction on the license plate issue.

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NEXT MEETING

September 11, 1953

Friday 8:00 P.M.

Fontenelle Hotel

TENATIVE BY-LAW CHANGES

A nominating committee for our yearly elections has been suggested and will be presented to the club at the September and October meetings for the club membership's action.

The idea of such a committee would be to insure a suitable number of qualified candidates for the offices of the club.

A suggested method of selecting the nominating committee was to automatically appoint the last three presidents to serve as the committee.

The committee would select and contact several members for each office and bring their findings before the club at it's December meeting. The club would still ask for further nominations from the membership.

We hope that the personal contact with the eligible members will bring more of the fellows out of their shells and result in less refusal when nomination time rolls around.

Give this your serious consideration and bring your comments to the next meeting.

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AND ON TEN WE HEAR OF SOME VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ACTIVITY

At the last meeting it was suggested that we get a monitor station on ten, a station to monitor 29,640 kc twenty four hours a day.

Roy, LGN, offered his services and his equipment. Roy, incidentally has a new beam up on ten. A squelch system was suggested and some equipment was offered. Bob, AGP, offered the circuit used by CONELRAD, the circuit will be built up and presented at the next meeting. The particular squelch will operate on the receipt of a signal and lock on the receiver and sound an alarm. The circuit is yours for the asking, just drop the paper a line on a card. For a demonstration visit the next meeting.

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W Ø George Kilowatt London calling
Card No. 100 for DXCC

Possibly as you receive this paper Orville will be receiving his last card to become (to our knowledge) the first Omaha DXCC station.

At this writing GKL had just received a card from Saudi, Arabia to make 99 countries confirmed and he has eleven more countries worked but as yet cannot get a QSL card from them. Five of these eleven were worked over a year ago but that would leave six live possibilities. We often wonder how even 99 cards can be collected when such things exist as EA9DC requesting that \$1.00 be sent with each QSL card as Orville reports.

We are quite sure most everyone has heard GKL's solid signal on twenty meter phone but for those who have not seen it here's a thumb nail sketch. QTH - about three blocks of second gear driving west on Thirtieth street on Nebraska Ave. (or as your editor remembers it better - about a half a block west of Neckers Knob overlooking Miller Park). The antenna is a two element beam (Formerly a three element job until the wind removed an element last November) atop a 45 foot telephone pole. The transmitter is a home brew job sporting a 304TL final, modulated by a pair of 304TSLs in AB-1.

The receiver, and Leo will love us for this, is a super buy from a World Radio auction, which Orville poured a total of \$13.00 into. This bargain was originally an ARR-7 or the Army's version of an SX-28-A. Orville removed the reradiation rejection stage and added a stage of R.F. for a total of three R. F. stages. The normal noise level at GKL's QTH is S 4 to 5. We sure wish we had a high noise level.

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Don't be sorry the bottle is half empty -
be glad it's half full....

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DR. MINSEY REPORTS ON THE NON-SEXUAL BEHAVIOR OF THE AVERAGE AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR

Twenty four hour a day operation on the ham bands-----what else??

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PAY UP OR NO NEWSPAPER

Again comes the time when we must call for all interested readers to ship in their cards and inform us that they still want to receive Ham-Hum.

Our mailing list is quite extensive, which we enjoy, but we see no reason for sending scratch paper to disinterested parties.

REMEMBER the only cost, is your thanks in the form of a newsy post card to the P.O. Box 626, Omaha.

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At our Friday nite meeting you have an opportunity to personally meet the fellows who you have contacted on the air locally in a very informal atmosphere.

We try and provide a talk each meeting by a qualified amateur or technician, on a subject which will benefit all amateurs, whether you hold an Advanced Class license or Novice.

Our club engages in various Amateur activities, which should give each and every member a chance to participate in some phase that is suited to his liking.

Possibly you can assist us with your suggestions and efforts.

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As each of us know a basic rule of Physics is "You can get out no more than you put in" We believe this to be very applicable to your participation in your club.

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FROM ABOUT TOWN

Orin, SEE, and Vic, CCY, took a nice auto trip thru Denver, Yellowstone Park and points around Wyo. One enjoyable side light was the visit with the various fellow amateurs who they contacted from their home rigs in addition to boarding out at 7QWH's home one evening.

Johnny, UFD, has, but definitely gone boat happy. Johnny now is the proud owner of three boats, a Thompson runabout, an 18 ft. Chris-Craft inboard and a speed boat. John is also a member of the Omaha Boat Club. He participates in their various activities, one of which was a group boat trip up the Missouri.

The time has arrived when Frank, IOS, will soon be sporting his 10 over 20 meter bean on top of his telephone pole. With the advent of TV antenna installations in the neighborhood Frank's new 10 over 20 is, for his neighbors information, just a TV anetnna for Channel 1.

Herb, QXR, and family spent a nice vacation in Colorado. Herb took along a Viking I and receiver and powered them with a small gas generator. The rig worked out very well and a few contacts were made into Omaha.

Johnny, PHW, went mobile into Colo. also with no luck. He reports a very nice visit with Cecil, QEL, in Paonia. He met one of those talked about mobile rigs from six land. Jim, 6UOC runs 300 watts ssb mobile. The rig is surplus and is powered by a 24 volt battery and generator. Johnny witnessed a half inch corona discharge from the top of the mobile whip, and could understand the modulation from the discharge while the rig was on the air.

Ray, QHG, has been off the air temporarily due to complete rewiring of his rig and revamping of that noisy relay. In fact, the relay is so silent now that Ray has to pinch himself in order to keep from dosing off when the rig is on the air.

We see by the local newspaper society page that Jr. Cooper has just returned from a trip to Connecticut. (WHO ??)