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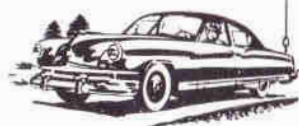
WHERE: RED CROSS CHAPTER HOUSE
432 South 39th Street, Omaha

WHAT: PAST PRESIDENTS' NIGHT

REPEATER REPORT (By meeting time we should have the receiver relocated and will be awaiting a report on the results.)

REFRESHMENTS—EYEBALL QSOs

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It was a cold, wet day for a picnic on Sunday, September 13th, so we moved inside the Benson Park Pavilion and had a most enjoyable time at our Ham Fest and Steak Fry. Due to the inclement weather, no games were held for the children; however, we hope they were not too disappointed for we did have a prize drawing for them as well as one for the adults.

If you like to eat steak, you missed your chance to have one melt in your mouth as our grill man, Royce Johnson, WAØKIL, did his best to please one and all. Ed Askew, WAØRDZ, got the coffee going just as soon as he could and then helped out so as to make our chief cook's job a little easier; and Eva McClenahan helped to get the pop and ice cream ready.

Hank Dworak, WAØQLE, took care of the money end which went smoothly, as usual, due to our top-notch treasurer.

There were many other helpers at the Ham Fest than mentioned here

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and as a result, I was able to sit back and take it easy. Thanks to one and all!

Best of 73's
Harold McClenahan, Jr.,
WAØDGA

Dear Fellows:

I'll miss being with you but will be at Wichita, Kansas this date (Ham Fest).

Kindest regards.

Sum Foster, WØGQ
Director

What, Again?

"Well, Sammy," asked the mother of her five-year-old who had just completed his first day of school, "What did you learn today?"

"Not enough," said Sammy, "I have to go back tomorrow."

The worst thing about history is that every time it repeats itself, the price goes up.

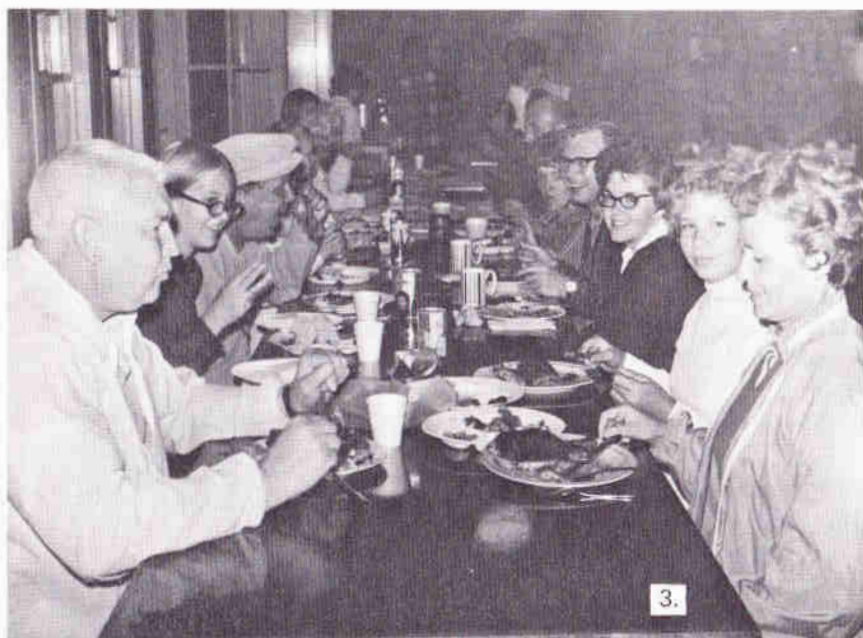
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1970 HAM FEST

It rained and rained and rained, but the Ham Fest went on! About 50 brave and courageous hams ventured out and brought their families to our annual Ham Fest and Steak Fry at Benson Park Pavilion.

(Picture 1) Happy Hank Dworak, WAØQLE, was our greeter and kept the financial tab accurate on the steaks. Royce Johnson, WAØKIL, Ed Askew, WAØRDZ, and Harold McClenahan, WAØDGA, (picture 2) were busy grilling those big juicy T-bones – rain or high water.



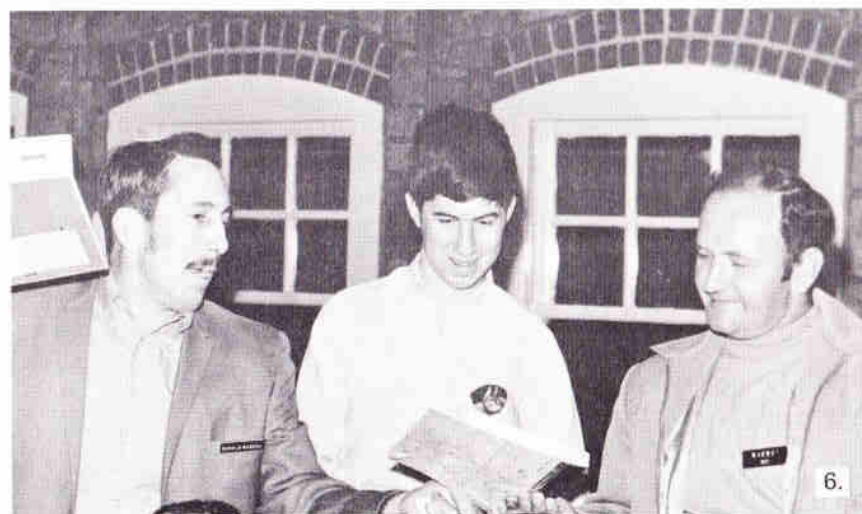


Pictures 3, 4, 5 tell the rest of the story as everyone ate and ate and ate to their fullest enjoyment.





President McClenahan, WAØDGA, presided over the drawing for door prizes. Picture 6 shows a couple of happy winners – Bob Serlet, WAØZPW, and Ray Kydney, WAØWOT. Picture 7 finds the Jr. Ops getting their prizes by drawing instead of the usual vivid outdoor game competition.



Bob Serlet
WAØZPW

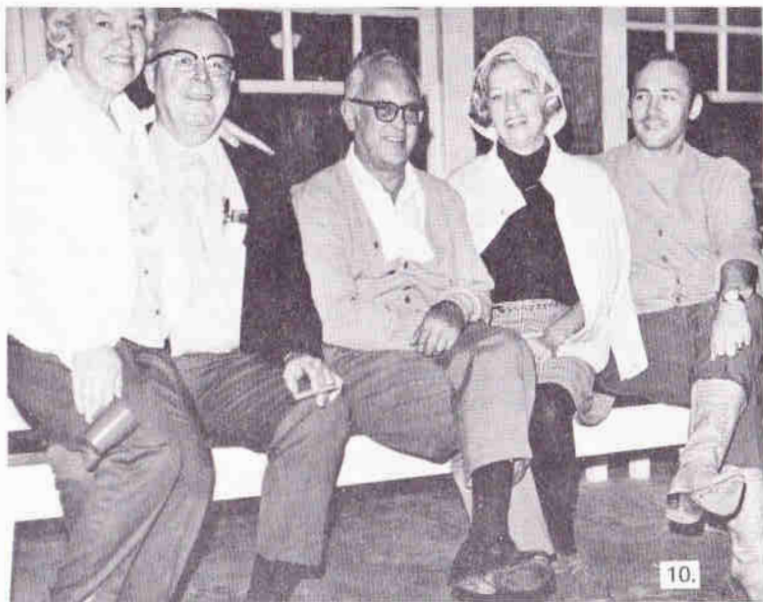
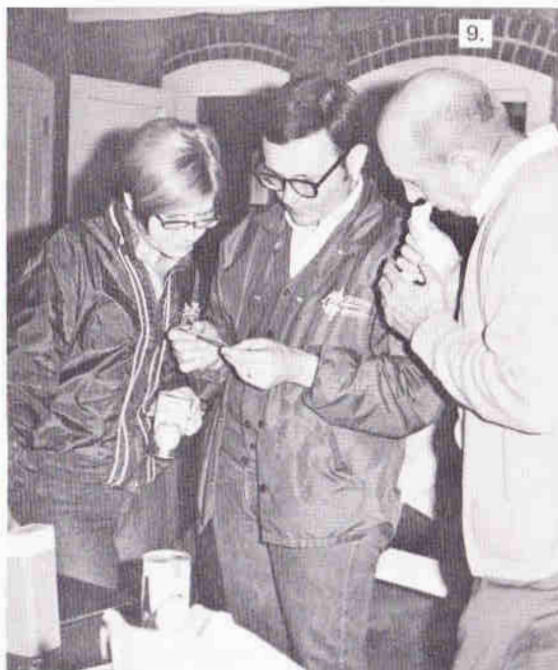
Ray Kydney
WAØWOT



Al McMillan, WØJJK, from World Radio Laboratories (picture 8) presented everyone with a United States Radio Zones Map along with some copies of 73 and QST, the official house organ of the American Radio Relay League.



Ed Askew, WAØRDZ, observes Ray Weghorst, KØCVA, and his XYL Madeline, (picture 9) looking over a QSL card or one of his old YL pics! Hi! Hi! The rest of the afternoon was enjoyed by a good in-fashion "ragchew." Picture 10 shows Hank Dworak, WAØQLE, and his XYL and their guests enjoying the festivities.



A great big "thank you" to all who worked so diligently to make the Ham Fest a success in spite of the inclement conditions. Darn, such weather!

Erv Heinz, WAØEEM

REPEATER COMMITTEE REPORT

On the evening of September 21, 1970 the repeater committee met at the home of its chairman, James Droege, WØYCP. Present at this meeting were: Harold McClenahan, WAØDGA, Club President; Fred Fischer, WØEGP; Leo Connolly, KØJIU; and John Snyder, WØWRT.

The principal subject of the discussion was the problem of financing the operating and improvements costs of our repeater system. The committee made up a listing of approximately 35 local area calls regularly heard using the repeater. In addition, the system is used frequently by mobiles from other areas who happen to be traveling through Omaha and Council Bluffs.

The consensus of opinion was that if each of the local parties who use the system were to make some kind of contribution either in cash-type money or in usable parts, etc., they will be assured of the continued operation of the system. (Labor-type help is certainly needed at times.)

Very recently it was deemed necessary to make some changes (to meet FCC rules and regulations) in the remote control setup for the repeater. Briefly, the changes consisted of going to a Touchtone control system and the construction of a decoder for the Touchtone. The expenses involved in this work have made a considerable dent in the Club's treasury and, therefore, this appeal for your help.

As this is being written, it appears that the Club will soon gain the use of a new and promising receiver site, namely, the Woodmen Tower. If all

goes as hoped, then we will require some additional equipment, e.g. another receiver strip (Motorola Sensicon or equivalent), another 4 bay J-pole antenna, plus some added accessories, such as squelch relay, etc. Obviously this new site should greatly extend the reception range of the system. Presumably low-powered mobiles in the Lincoln area should be able to "talk into" this site. Naturally, we are always looking for improvement in the xmtr. site; however, the location at the old Methodist Hospital has done a fairly good job.

We also discussed plans for the use of the repeater in future charitable drives and similar activities. This would include Heart Fund, M/S Drive, Boy Scout Canoe Races, plus many others. Perhaps we could again get into a position to assist the Civil Defense authorities.

So gentlemen, give these things your consideration and do whatever you can. Contributions may be sent to the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc., c/o Henry Dworak, WAØQLE, P. O. Box 291, Omaha, Nebraska 68101. If you have any new tubes such as are used in Motorola equipment, then please contact Jim Droege directly. Tube types most needed would be: 6AK5, 6BJ6, 6BH6, 12AT7, 6AQ5, 6AL5 and many others.

John D. Snyder, WØWRT

P.S. Many thanks to the following who recently made additional cash contributions to the repeater fund: Royce and Virginia Johnson, WAØKIL and WAØNCO; Fred Fischer, WØEGP; Harold McClenahan, WAØDGA; and Jay McAleer, WAØLLQ.

RANDOM RAMBLING BY ROYCE

The time of year is fast approaching when a committee will start work on one of the toughest jobs of the year; that is, selecting nominees who are willing to serve on the Board for the next year. As time is short (it may already be too late) here are a few things you might try so you won't wind up on the list.

Don't join the club or pay your dues.

Never attend a meeting.

Never help on any club project.

Don't help anyone become a ham.

Don't ask anyone to join the club.

Make fun of anything the club tries to do.

Complain about what is done to everybody that will listen.

Sometimes even trying one or more of these won't help and you will be asked to serve anyway. Here are a few of the often used reasons and excuses for not serving.

I just don't have the time.

I'm not qualified.

I'm on too many boards already.

Why ask me, I'm not part of the clique.

I've been in the club X years and have never been asked before. Forget it.

Why should I spend my time helping, no one will appreciate it.

I could never attend a board meeting. I have a net on Monday night; rag chew on Tuesday night; Wednesday night is family night; bowling on Thursday night; and my favorite TV program is on Friday night. How about Saturday night? I'm always out of town on Saturday.

If none of these work you can probably come up with some more of your own (they might be original, but I doubt it). Of course you could just give up and consent to serve and probably discover that you made a worthwhile contribution to the success of the club and enjoyed the term in office by the time it's finished.

Royce E. Johnson, WAØKIL

Old Principals never die. They just lose their faculties.

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Pete Gunn, WAØMFC, and Bernie Sasek, WØYOY, have installed an FM rig on 2 meters at the Red Cross building in the radio room. 2 meter FM is still coming up. The Air Force MARS repeater, 142.155 Mhz in 143.46 Mhz out, is back on the air again with two new Hy-Gain stacked J pole antennas at 1250 foot. AFØCHV, Lincoln, works AFAØGZD, Grand Island, with ease. This repeater should cover most of eastern Nebraska. Tom Schmidt, AFAØGZD, Director Nebraska State Air Force MARS, 4228 West Capitol Ave., Grand Island, Nebraska has made this repeater possible and plans further repeaters on west.

de Lincoln Log

**OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 288
FROM ARRL HEADQUAR-
TERS NEWINGTON CONN SEP
3 1970 TO ALL RADIO
AMATEURS BT**

A footnote has been added by FCC to the allocation table for the amateur forty meter band. It reminds amateurs that the frequencies 7100 to 7300 kHz are assigned to the broadcasting service in ITU region one covering Europe, Africa the Near East and USSR, and region three covering Oceania and the remainder of Asia. The basic principle governing regionally shared frequencies is equality of right to operate, as for instance avoidance of interference. The footnote also prohibits operation on 7100 to 7300 kHz by amateurs in the following places, all within region three. Baker, Canton, Enderbury, Guam, Howland, Jarvis, Palmyra, American Samoa and Wake Islands. Further information will appear in November QST AR

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GUARDING AGAINST TV FIRES

The number of fires that have occurred in color TV sets, while small in comparison to the millions of sets in use, still is significant enough to call for greater care in their manufacture and precautions in use. There are some 7000 to 10,000 such fires in TV sets each year in comparison to the 85 million TV sets in homes, of which 20 million are color sets.

Hopefully, the manufacturers will try to improve their quality control of components bought from outside suppliers. And at the urging of the National Commission on Product Safety, the TV industry has agreed to improve its safety standards to try to eliminate the fire hazards.

The existence of this problem, and the fact that a government agency had to step in to urge better standards, is indicative of the entire problem of making sure the products you buy are as safe as they can be.

In a product like a television set, your safety lies almost entirely in the hands of the manufacturer. There are not visible hazards you can guard against. A fire can start with a component of whose existence you know little. Fires even have been known to start in sets that were turned off.

Fires in TV sets are not new. The hazard is even greater in color sets because of the higher voltages. Most of the problems seem to result from several components, particularly as they age. These are fly-back transformers, and other high voltage components, and the AC switches and yokes. Particularly guilty of starting

TV set fires are those sets which feature the instant-on circuitry.

Heat is the enemy here — so don't push the set against the wall, they need ventilation. Don't pile papers and magazines on top of sets. Don't let dust block ventilation holes, especially hi-voltage compartments.

(from ' "The Oscillator," Springfield, Mass.)

via FEARL News

If you think twice before you speak, you'll never get into the conversation.

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 289 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON CONN SEP 10 1970 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS \overline{BT}

October QST will carry full details concerning the new ARRL 160 meter contest, to be held the second weekend in December. The initial format provides for all cw operation, with ARRL sections as the multiplier. Extra points will be given for DX contacts. A unique feature will be the reporting method. A copy of your log will not be required, unless specifically later requested by ARRL. However, a special summary sheet and QSO record sheet must be submitted to constitute a valid entry. An addressed stamped envelope sent to ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111 will bring you the 160 meter contest package. This includes the special summary, a newly designed Operating Aid 6 and a chart of top-band allocations \overline{AR}

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