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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member?  Yes  No

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\_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

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(January thru December)

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# Ham Hum

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## Leo Meyerson WØGFQ

by Jim Musgrove K5BZH and Denny Condron KØLGI



*(Editor's Note: AARC Lifetime Member Leo Meyerson has made many contributions to the Amateur community over the years and is celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. Jim and Denny have coauthored this short, but informative, biography describing some of his accomplishments. [Pictures provided by them.]*

Leo Meyerson, WØGFQ, got interested in radio in 1920 after hearing a lecture on the subject in Council Bluffs, IA. He and a friend built a one-tube receiver and, in 1924, he built a transmitter from plans in a magazine. This led to his ham radio license in 1928.

Leo originally worked in the grocery business, following his father's footsteps. He had leased a store and turned the business around to the point that, rather than letting him lease again, the owners decided to keep the business; putting Leo out to pasture.

His father had loaned him \$1000 to launch a small electronics store with the stipulation that if he failed, he would go into the grocery operation with his father. Leo did his best to make certain he didn't fail. He had some hard times, but he succeeded.

Leo was an innovator and supplier of amateur equipment for many years in the metro area at Council Bluffs. During the years of his operations there, he produced a substantial number of amateur related products. Even though that time is now past, he is someone who locally created and developed radios; plus supplied parts for many others that were in the electronics field.

In the 1930's Leo started his amateur enterprise as Wholesale Radio Laboratories until later, ending in 1941. After the war it became Wholesale Radio again, followed by WRL Manufacturing in 1953. The result was many transmitters which included the Globe Trotter, Globe scout, Globe Chief, Globe Champion, and Globe King. WRL became Globe Electronics in 1958 and later Galaxy Electronics in 1962. Its primary amateur products were the Galaxy 300, Galaxy III, Galaxy V, and GT-550 single sideband transceivers. Galaxy was sold to the Hy-Gain Antenna Company in 1970. This era of his business was devoted to the continuing development and production of many designs for amateur use over those years, of which many are still in use world wide.

*(Leo Meyerson WØGFQ continued on page 5.)*

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### February Meeting

The next meeting of the AARC will be on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. The location is the Heartland Chapter House of the American Red Cross at 81<sup>st</sup> and Spring (near 84<sup>th</sup> and Center). The topic is "Bringing Radio and Television to Haiti" by John WBØCMC.

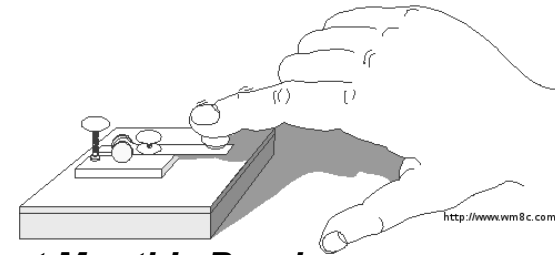
### AARC on the Web

**Club Web Site:** <http://www.aksarbenarc.org/main/>  
**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=325594348836>  
**Yahoo! Groups:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AKSARBENTalk/>

## Upcoming Events

- Feb 11 AK-SAR-BEN ARC Directors' Meeting, 6:30 PM Red Cross, Omaha.
- Feb 11 AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting, 7:30 PM Red Cross, Omaha.
- Feb 19 AARC Saturday Night Coffee, 6:00 PM, Perkins, 108<sup>th</sup> & L, Omaha.
- Feb 23 ARES Photo IDs, 6:00 PM, Douglas County Civic Center, Omaha.
- Feb 23 ARES Meeting, 7:00 PM, Douglas County Civic Center, Omaha.
- Mar 11 AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Red Cross, Omaha.
- Mar 13-19 Severe Weather Awareness Week.
- Mar 15 Spotter Training, 7:00 PM, Boys Town Music Hall, Omaha.
- Mar 16 Douglas County Siren Test, 10:00 AM (approx.)
- Mar 29 VE Test, 6:30 PM, Red Cross, Omaha.
- Apr 2 Douglas Co. Annual Siren Test. Net starts 9:00 AM, sirens at 10 AM.
- Apr 6 Douglas Co. Regular Wednesday Siren test.
- Apr 9 Central Plains Severe Weather Symposium & Family Weather Fest, UNL Hardin Hall, Lincoln, NE.

**Note:** If you know of an event of general interest to AARC members and want it included in the next issue of the *Ham Hum*, please submit it along with time, place, and other information by March 1, 2011.



### Answer to Last Month's Puzzle

To summarize last month's question, if one tribble was placed in a room (presumably large) and it and its offspring reproduced by ten tribbles every twelve hours, how many tribbles will there be after three days?

The answer is 1,771,561 tribbles.

Check out Robert's Tribble Population Calculator at:

[http://bellsouthpwp2.net/t/a/tallent\\_r/tribble\\_population\\_calculator.html](http://bellsouthpwp2.net/t/a/tallent_r/tribble_population_calculator.html)

(<http://tinyurl.com/5tlu6kp>)

He lays out the formula and discusses the bugs that he had to correct to make the program work.

Pat KØCTU

See page 7 for this month's puzzle.

## January Door Prize

Rollie ABØNN arrived at 6:50 PM bearing the door prize box marked "Things you never wanted but could afford." This contained a package of cable ties, a two-piece rope pulley (1" single wheel), a pocket monocular with carrying pouch, and the Brown Bag Mystery Prize.

There were double winners this month; two people were awarded two prizes each: Mitch WBØGBI won the pulley assembly in the first drawing, Claudia KCØSQX got the cable ties and monocular, and WBØGBI walked away with the Brown Bag Mystery Prize—a power strip.

Door prize tickets normally sell for \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. The proceeds go for buying next month's prizes with left-over cash accumulating for the year-end Grand Prize.

## Severe Weather Calendar

February 23, 2011 ARES Meeting, Omaha/Douglas County Civic 1819 Farnam Center  
7:00 PM Meeting, 6:00 PM Photo ID's.

March 13-19, 2011 Severe Weather Awareness week.

March 15, 2011 Spotter Training, 7:00 PM:

Boys Town Music Hall, 13715 Flanagan Blvd, Omaha, NE.

There are (2) Free Parking Lots to the South of the building. Everyone should enter through the Front Doors. Parking on Flanagan Blvd. is restricted and violators will be towed at their expense. Contact Information:  
brian.e.smith@noaa.gov

March 16, 2011 Douglas County warning sirens sound, about 10:00 AM:

No formal net is planned, but any reports of sirens sounding (or not) are welcome. Send any reports to n0up@cox.net

April 2, 2011 Douglas County annual siren test:

Net begins at 9:00 AM, first sounding 10:00 AM.

Please volunteer by signing up at the AK-SAR-BEN meeting in February or March, ARES Meeting in February, or by emailing n0up@cox.net

April 6, 2011 Regular Wednesday Douglas County siren test:

The goal is to test all sirens and recheck the repaired ones.

April 9, 2011: Central Plains Severe Weather Symposium and Family Weatherfest,  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM:

UNL East Campus, Hardin Hall, 3310 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, NE  
<http://snr.unl.edu/cpsws/>

Steve Schmitz NØUP, EC Douglas County ARES  
n0up@cox.net



## Prez Sez

At the January meeting I mentioned that a new job might keep me from attending meetings regularly. However, there have been some changes there and—for now—I will remain with my current employer. So I will be able to preside over the meetings this year.

I want to take a minute to thank everyone who has stepped up to the plate to take on a task or two to head up committees or take on the tasks that need to be done to help run the club. We still need a few people to help with some of the mundane tasks. I would love to see someone doing talk-in on 146.940 before the meeting. Easy to do, you just need a 2-meter radio and know where and when the meeting is. Also, we need someone to regularly bring treats to the meeting. You will be reimbursed for your costs. Thanks to Virginia KDØBLG for volunteering to bring the goodies this month.

I would also like to task everyone with talking to someone different at the meeting. While many of us know a lot of the people there, or at least have seen them at meetings before, make an effort to talk to each other. Let's make a special effort to make everyone feel welcome.

There are many activities coming up, and while committees (most of them) have been assigned a chair person, they still need volunteers. Don't wait to be asked, if you'd like to help with something contact the chairperson(s) to see what you can do. If it is true that you get out of it what you put into, then the rewards will be great. You don't need to be an expert on anything to help out with something.

There are several operating events in the works. Plans are in the works to participate in the Museum Ships on the Air event in June, and of course Field Day, and the November Sweepstakes.

And I want to encourage everyone to get on the air for the Nebraska QSO party in April.

But there are other smaller events that can be fun. Vermont, Delaware, Louisiana, New Hampshire, Mississippi, New Mexico, and North Carolina all have QSO Parties this month. And with the weather being the way it is, I hope to work many of them. QSO parties are fun and a great way to earn your WAS (Worked All States) award. Nebraska is always a sought-after state.

Mary Joseph NØTRK, President AARC

*"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."—William James*

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## Address Change?

If you've changed your mailing address, or would prefer to receive the *Ham Hum* via email, please contact Mary NØTRK (Membership) or Bill KCØSVZ (Publications) with your new information.



## Veep Speaks

I was disappointed with the turnout at the January Club meeting. The program was about supporting the local repeaters. Repeaters cost money to operate and maintain. Why not donate a few bucks to your favorite repeaters? You can do this through the club's treasurer. He will make sure the funds are given to the proper repeater owners.

The club leadership would like to see more people in attendance. One member was contacted about giving a program and his response was it is too far to travel, late at night, and the same 18 people show up at the meeting every month.

I have asked John, WBØCMC if he would present a program on his trips to Haiti. John has made several trips there to help put a television station on the air. Please come to the meeting as I am sure it will be a very interesting one.

I may sound like a broken record, but the club leadership would like to see more of the membership take an active role in the club. I am constantly looking for people and or ideas for programs.

Don't forget that Rollie ABØNN will be there with door prizes.

*Until the 11<sup>th</sup> of February, 73,  
Bill McCollum KEØXQ, Vice President AARC*

## January Meeting Notes

The meeting saw three newcomers: Adam Kavan KDØMMG, Shaun Combs NBØR, and Walt Chandler (no call sign).

Mary NØTRK described the direction she'd like to see the club go in. Wants more on-the-air activity, needs a talk-in person on 146.94 for meetings, needs greeters (everybody) to make new members feel welcome. Wants club photographer. The meetings are about getting together and having fun. See "Prez Sez" on page 3 for details.

Field Day committee is Claudia KCØSQX, Steve NØUP, and Pat KØCTU. Cookie Monster is Virginia Helget KDØBLG.

Ed Edwards: BPL may be coming up again—smart grid technology. OPDP already using 900 MHz for remote meter reading.

VE tests on January 25<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup> at the American Red Cross, 81<sup>st</sup> and Spring Street, 6:30 PM. Walk-ins welcome.

Bands opening up. DX from Australia—sunspots are okay.

Bill KEØXQ gave a talk about supporting the local repeaters. See "Veep Speaks" above for more information.



## Contest Calendar

### February 2011

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| QRP Fox Hunt                       | 0200Z-0330Z, Feb 11                                  |
| NCCC Sprint Ladder                 | 0230Z-0300Z, Feb 11                                  |
| PODXS 070 Club Valentine Sprint    | 2000 local, Feb 11 to 0200 local, Feb 12             |
| CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest             | 0000Z, Feb 12 to 2400Z, Feb 13                       |
| SARL Field Day Contest             | 1000Z, Feb 12 to 1000Z, Feb 13                       |
| Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW     | 1100Z-1300Z, Feb 12                                  |
| KCJ Topband Contest                | 1200Z, Feb 12 to 1200Z, Feb 13                       |
| Dutch PACC Contest                 | 1200Z, Feb 12 to 1200Z, Feb 13                       |
| OMISS QSO Party                    | 1500Z, Feb 12 to 1500Z, Feb 13                       |
| Louisiana QSO Party                | 1500Z, Feb 12 to 0300Z, Feb 13                       |
| New Hampshire QSO Party            | 1600Z, Feb 12 to 0400Z, Feb 13 & 1200Z-2200Z, Feb 13 |
| FISTS Winter Sprint                | 1700Z-2100Z, Feb 12                                  |
| RSGB 1st 1.8 MHz Contest, CW       | 2100Z, Feb 12 to 0100Z, Feb 13                       |
| North American Sprint, SSB         | 0000Z-0400Z, Feb 13                                  |
| SKCC Weekend Sprint                | 0000Z-2400Z, Feb 13                                  |
| Classic Exchange, Phone            | 1400Z, Feb 13 to 0800Z, Feb 14                       |
| ARRL School Club Roundup           | 1300Z, Feb 14 to 2400Z, Feb 18                       |
| QRP Fox Hunt                       | 0200Z-0330Z, Feb 16                                  |
| AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening    | 1900Z-2030Z, Feb 16                                  |
| RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data   | 2000Z-2130Z, Feb 16                                  |
| QRP Fox Hunt                       | 0200Z-0330Z, Feb 18                                  |
| NCCC Sprint Ladder                 | 0230Z-0300Z, Feb 18                                  |
| Russian PSK WW Contest             | 2100Z, Feb 18 to 2100Z, Feb 19                       |
| ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW         | 0000Z, Feb 19 to 2400Z, Feb 20                       |
| Feld Hell Sprint                   | 2000Z-2200Z, Feb 19                                  |
| AWA Amplitude Modulation QSO Party | 2300Z, Feb 19 to 2300Z, Feb 20                       |
| Run for the Bacon QRP Contest      | 0200Z-0400Z, Feb 21                                  |
| SKCC Sprint                        | 0000Z-0200Z, Feb 23                                  |
| QRP Fox Hunt                       | 0200Z-0330Z, Feb 23                                  |
| RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW     | 2000Z-2130Z, Feb 24                                  |
| QRP Fox Hunt                       | 0200Z-0330Z, Feb 25                                  |
| NCCC Sprint Ladder                 | 0230Z-0300Z, Feb 25                                  |
| CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB          | 2200Z, Feb 25 to 2159Z, Feb 27                       |
| REF Contest, SSB                   | 0600Z, Feb 26 to 1800Z, Feb 27                       |
| UBA DX Contest, CW                 | 1300Z, Feb 26 to 1300Z, Feb 27                       |
| Mississippi QSO Party              | 1500Z, Feb 26 to 0300Z, Feb 27                       |
| North American QSO Party, RTTY     | 1800Z, Feb 26 to 0600Z, Feb 27                       |
| High Speed Club CW Contest         | 0900Z-1700Z, Feb 27                                  |
| North Carolina QSO Party           | 1700Z, Feb 27 to 0300Z, Feb 28                       |
| CQC Winter QSO Sprint              | 0100Z-0259Z, Feb 28                                  |

### March 2011

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| AGCW YL-CW Party                        | 1900Z-2100Z, Mar 1                                   |
| QRP Fox Hunt                            | 0200Z-0330Z, Mar 2 & 0200Z-0330Z, Mar 4              |
| ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB             | 0000Z, Mar 5 to 2400Z, Mar 6                         |
| Wake-Up! QRP Sprint                     | 0600Z-0800Z, Mar 5                                   |
| DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest           | 1100Z-1700Z, Mar 6                                   |
| SARL Hamnet 40m Simulated Emerg Contest | 1200Z-1400Z, Mar 6                                   |
| RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data        | 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 7                                   |
| ARS Spartan Sprint                      | 0200Z-0400Z, Mar 8                                   |
| QRP Fox Hunt                            | 0200Z-0330Z, Mar 9                                   |
| CWops Mini-CWT Test                     | 1100Z-1200Z/1900Z-2000Z, Mar 9 & 0300Z-0400Z, Mar 10 |
| AWA John Rollins Memorial DX Contest    | 2300Z, Mar 9 to 2300Z, Mar 10                        |

For details, check: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

## Corrections to the January Issue

Please note the following corrections to the January, 2011 issue of the *Ham Hum*:

Page 1 Please scratch out Claudia KCØSQX's name. At the time of publication, she hadn't been officially approved for the position.

Page 2 Under Club Officers & Board Members, the line showing Claudia KCØSQX as a Board member should have her name scratched out and be replaced with "Open."

Page 4 The last bulleted item under "December Meeting Minutes," Bill True's call sign should be WA9ASD.

Page 11 At the bottom of the page, Bill True's call sign should be WA9ASD.

## Saturday Night Coffee

On January 15, 2011, members of the Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club met for the monthly coffee get-together at Perkins restaurant on the corner of 108<sup>th</sup> and L Streets in Omaha. The event takes place on the third Saturday of the month, normally one week after the regular AARC club meeting—which occurs on the second Friday. However, this month began with a Saturday, resulting in the kaffeeklatsch happening the day following the meeting.

In any case, people took it in stride and a fair number of hams showed up. Present were Pat KØCTU, Dick KBØKJV, Shelly KCØKAY, Claudia KCØSQX, Bill KCØSVZ, Roxanne KDØMTK, Andrew NØCALL, Donna NØCALL<sup>1</sup> (visiting from Lee's Summit, Missouri), Christine NØRIS, Mary NØTRK, Steve NØUP, and Greg WØAAI.

The meeting took place in the usual location: The dining room in the western area of the restaurant. Business is pretty quiet there on Saturday night and the staff will usually open the area for us. So we had plenty of room to eat and set up laptops without worrying about other patrons tripping over line cords connected to the wall outlets.

While eating, members talked about a wide range of topics. Ham radio and related subjects were high on the list: Mary's plans for AARC this year, antenna characteristics, lightening damage to radios, EchoLink, and IRLP (Internet Radio Linking Project).

The discussion drifted to teaching electronics: Someone mentioned that dropping a magnet through a copper pipe and getting students to explain why it slows down makes for an interesting introduction to electromagnetic fields (search Google for *lenz's law copper pipe*). Roxanne pointed out that Snap Circuits were a great way to get kids interested in electronics (<http://www.snapcircuits.net/>).

Other items of interest were weather phenomena (ball lightning, blue jets, sprites, and elves), marathon bike riding, Star Trek pot holders, Roswell aliens, computerized bike trainers, Atwater Kent radios, and a bear chasing a buffalo.

In all, it was an enjoyable get-together that didn't break up until after 10 PM.

Bill KCØSVZ

(Leo Meyerson WØGFQ continued from page 1.)

Leo's son, Larry, became president of World Radio, which was converted into a successful consumer products company. Leo retired in 1977.

During the early 1960's he also developed and produced a substantial number of fixed and mobile

transceivers amongst only a handful of other manufacturers for what had been the amateur 11-meter band. Considerable investment in the engineering aspect of the equipment he developed included one if not the first solid-state handheld transceiver for use in the band now known as CB.

One of the deserving acknowledgements that few have known about is that Leo also was involved extensively in producing frequency control units (crystals) for the military during WWII. The company name was Scientific Radio Products. That effort was driven by the military's high demand for quartz crystals for communications equipment that were stable, accurate, and dependable.

Eventually his Scientific Radio Products company manufactured thousands of crystal units in Omaha and in nearby Woodbine, Iowa. For this, he received the coveted Army-Navy "E" Award for achievement in producing materials for the war.



(Left: Army-Navy "E" Award Oct. 2, 1943. Pictured are representatives of the Army and Navy. Accepting the award are Rose Paluka [editor of the company newsletter *Crystal Gazer*] and Leo I. Meyerson.)

Leo is a life member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, serving as a National Director from 1977 to 1987. In 1991 he was named the QCWA Amateur Member of the year and in 1994 he was inducted into the QCWA Hall of Fame. He is also a life member of the American Radio Relay League, Society of Wireless Pioneers, and International Mission Radio Association, among other associations. In 1980 Leo was elected a Fellow of the Radio Club of America, one of the most prestigious radio clubs in America.

A comment from Jim K5BZH, the author of the *In Tune with Leo* biography: "Leo was one of my heroes when I was a kid; I got licensed at the age of 11. I never dreamed of meeting him and certainly never dreamed of writing his bio. He called me on the phone one day to ask me to do it. I still admire Leo. His wife Helen was a super person too."

(Leo Meyerson WØGFQ continued on page 6.)

<sup>1</sup> Two people with the same call sign. How often does that happen?

(Leo Meyerson WØGFQ continued from page 5.)

Leo also had a list of rules that he demanded of himself and his employees. He treated people with respect. He explained to his sales force that he didn't care if someone walked into the store wearing overalls and had a piece of hay hanging out his ear, always treat him very respectfully.

Jim K5BZH and Denny KØLGI



(Editor's Note: Variations of the following message have been going around in email and appearing on various amateur radio web sites. It's my understanding that the address isn't Leo's, but Gene Pentecost's—who's taken on the task of collecting the QSL cards.)

On Feb 24th QCWA Chapter 154 in West Palm Springs is celebrating Leo's 100th birthday. For those that don't remember, Leo owned and operated World Radio Laboratories in Council Bluffs, IA for many years. So here's the plan, take a QSL card, write 'Happy 100th Birthday Leo' on it and send it to:

Leo Meyerson, WØGFQ  
19 Park Lane  
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

Gene Pentecost, President of Chapter 154 will make sure they get to the party so everyone that attends can enjoy them.

One last thing, tell every ham you know to do the same thing, QCWA member or not. Spread the word, at every radio club meeting you attend, at every net you check into.

I want Leo to get hundreds, maybe even thousands of cards.

tnx es 73,  
Bob Roske, NØUF  
QCWA President

## Club Committee Duties and Bios

Part Two of a series of articles about the various committees and services the AARC provides. This includes brief biographies of club officers and committee members.

### Vice President—Bill McCollum, KEØXQ

Bill was licensed in 1987 as KAØZFZ and now holds an Amateur Extra license, KEØXQ. He has served on the Ak-Sar-Ben ARC Board, President (1993 and 2007), Vice-President (1992, 2010), and is currently serving again in that capacity.

From 1995 to 2005 Bill has served as the Nebraska Section Manager. He has also been an Official Observer since 1993 and the Official Observer Coordinator for Nebraska since 2008.

His wife Pat is KBØFSI.

Bill is currently unemployed, seeking work, but enjoys being able to sleep in every morning.

He would like to see the club membership increase to at least 275 members and that AARC members participate more in club activities.

### QSL Manager—Ed Edwards, KØIL

Ed has been a licensed ham and an Ak-Sar-Ben ARC member since 1978. He obtained his Amateur Extra class license in 1992, and an FCC General Radiotelephone license in 1994. As Ak-Sar-Ben ARC past-president in 1996, he obtained 501(c)(3) status for AARC, and also the KØUSA vanity call sign for the club.

Ed is currently vice president for the Heartland DX Association—a position he's held since 1998.

Ed is an engineer for Omaha Public Power District's communications department, and obtained Nebraska Professional Engineer license (Electrical and Computer Engineer) in 2008.

Ed's wife Diane, KCØDXI is also a licensed ham, and they have two kids, one in high school and one in college.

As QSL manager for KØUSA, Ed handles QSL card requests (direct and via ARRL QSL bureau) and maintains the database logbook containing over 27,000 QSOs from 1990 to present. As an ARRL Technical Specialist, he has served as the club's technical advisor providing occasional club programs for AARC and other ham radio clubs.

## Puzzle

**Statement:** This year we will experience four unusual dates - 1/1/11, 1/11/11, 11/1/11, and 11/11/11. Now, take the last two digits of the year you were born and add it to the age you will be this year and it will equal..... 111!

**Question:** What are two exceptions to the above?

Answer next month.

(See page 11 for the answer to last month's puzzle.)