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NEXT MEETING - JANUARY 8

The next meeting of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc. will be held at the 4-H Building, Ak-Sar-Ben Field, at 8:00 P.M. on January 8, 1960. Your program committee has arranged for the January meeting the answer to questions that not too many of us seem to be able to answer, such as, what is a Class B linear and how do you know it is Class B after you get it. What's the difference between AB-1 and AB-2 in amplifiers? When do you use a Class C amplifier? The two fellows we have lined up to give an explanation of these will discuss them both from the standpoint of the technical and the non-technical and it promises to be a very interesting program. So even though you don't intend to design a rig at this moment, Al McMillan, WØJJK, and John Orr, WØPHW, will give you the dope for conversational purposes or general understanding. For the benefit of those oldtimers who know all about these things, no doubt they'll remind you of

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some of the things you have already forgotten. In addition we'll have the usual ragchew and refreshments. And don't forget the attendance drawing. Steve Brown, KØGCP, lost \$9.00 at the December meeting by not being present. The award will be \$10.50 so be sure to attend the meeting and be sure your dues are paid up as if your name is called you will be the lucky winner. If you stay home you will be the unlucky loser. Don't forget - we add \$1.50 each time somebody misses.

The January meeting is a good time to start bringing a friend with you to each meeting. Many of the new hams in Omaha do not have an opportunity to come. Maybe they have never heard of the club, they might need a ride, so don't come "empty seated." So gather a few of these new hams or even some of the older ones and bring them with you. All are invited. We hope they join, but they will be welcome to attend the meetings whether they join or not.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 1960

The annual election of officers was held during the December meeting and the following officers were elected:

President - Max McKinney,
WØYVV

Vice President - John Droescher,
KØKWB

Secretary - Jerry Armstrong,
WØNKG

Treasurer - Lou Tourek, WØPIZ

Following members of the Board of Trustees:

John Biodrowski, WØMYO

Tom Doll, KØOKS

Cecil DeWitt, WØRMB

Bob Downing, WØNAG

John Snyder, WØWRT

Jerry Novotny, KØKKP

And as Past President - Dave Hollander, WØCJW.

Board members Armstrong, Tourek, Biodrowski and Doll were carry-overs from last year as each member serves a two-year term. Board members DeWitt, Downing, Snyder and Novotny were elected for the two-year term in December. Droescher as Vice President will serve a one-year term; McKinney as President will serve a two-year term by reason of his becoming the Past President; Dave Hollander is the present Past President and will serve a one-year term.

Operating a club such as we have requires the assistance

of a great number of people. It is not a one-man show nor is it an eleven men show but is dependent on each of you as members of the club. Some of you have more time than others; some of you have special abilities and special interests. If so, the officers will be very happy to have you volunteer for service on any committee or committees that you might desire. You will find the committee members listed elsewhere in this magazine. Call one of them right now while you are reading this and let him know that you would like to serve with him on that committee. They'll be glad to have you. If you don't wish to serve on a committee you perhaps have suggestions for that committee or for the operation of the club. Let the officers or the committee members know your thoughts in the matter. It will help them greatly in trying to operate the club in the manner in which you would like to have it operated. The officers were chosen by you, the members, and they represent your ideas of the right people to operate the club. The least you can do is to come out to the meetings and give your moral support.

After the election of officers and other business matters the balance of the

December meeting was devoted to our Annual Christmas Party for members and their families.

There were 115 prizes including those donated by the Club and those donated by members and friends for the 63 members present.

The main prizes went to the following:

Karen Droescher	Keathkit VTVM
Dick Eilers, Jr.	24-hour clock
Doug Flair, KØJQS	Heathkit Q multiplier
Dot Hassmann	Belden wire kit
Bob Downing, WØNAG	Heathkit battery tester
Tom Doherty, KØCIA	Lapel mike
Mack McGovern	Heathkit power meter
Charles Michel, KØQVL	Chassis punch kit
Damon Nuckols, WØUIO	Heathkit Q multiplier
Carlos Sing, KØPCR	Heathkit mobile speaker
Bill McDonald	Transistor radio kit
Bob Sleyster, WØOSE	Call Book
Bernie Matthews, KØTFJ	WRL gift certificate
Carol Tourek	WRL gift certificate

Before, during and after the prize drawing and during the election there was much singing of Christmas carols. Of particular interest was the special one written to the tune of "Jingle Bells," the words made up by Pearl Hollander, Ed Gutmann and Dave Hollander. A special ham version of "'Twas The Night Before Christmas" was written and given by Pearl Hollander.

The evening concluded with ice cream and cake, the ice cream furnished by the Club, the cakes furnished by some of the XYLs, and coffee and pop furnished by World Insurance.

Tips from the Traveling Ambassador

(By Bernie KOTFJ)

In traveling around through various states and observing Ham activities, it is a rarity to see a Radio Club's monthly news that begins to compare to our Ham Hum. Most clubs have simple one page mimeographed sheet - some two sheets, some three. But there are only a few that are as well prepared as Ham Hum.

Consistently, the Editor, Dick Eilers has done an outstanding job in the publication of Ham Hum. He and the Club Board have bigger and better plans to improve the Club's Paper. At present, Ham Hum is costing the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club around \$35.00 each month to print. It is planned to place Ham Hum on a self-supporting bases. This will mainly be done in three ways: (a) Advertising on the pages of Ham Hum. (b) Increased circulation (c) More articles of interest to Hams.

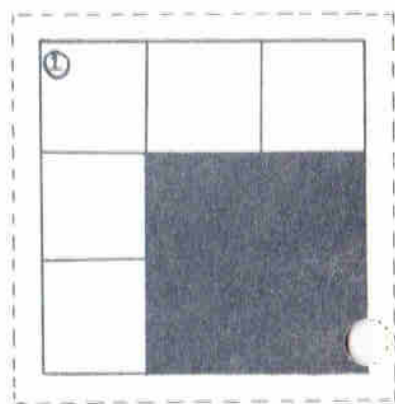
So it looks as though the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club may have the biggest and best publication of Ham News. It's good now - but it's going to be better. So let us all get behind our club paper. Let's talk it up in our QSO's. Many of the articles appearing in Ham Hum will give you subject material to talk about in your contacts. For example: The

Club's expedition to South Dakota and the one planned for Wyoming or North Dakota. The Admiral of the Navy or Nebraska Award is another; or the Ham Convention of 1961. Let's advertise for subscriptions to Ham Hum at the small cost of \$1.00 per year for any one in the United States.

To launch a campaign for increased circulation of Ham Hum yours truly has elaborated on an idea that appeared in Auto-Call, a ham news printed in Washington, D.C. This is a cynical approach but it does get the point across:

CONTEST - CONTEST

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Cut Here ↗

HORIZONTAL:

1. Slang for an Amateur Radio Operator.

VERTICAL:

1. To be active, spirited, buzz about, or to sing without moving your lips.

FIRST PRIZE:

One year subscription to Ham Hum.

SECOND PRIZE:

One year subscription to Ham Hum.

THIRD PRIZE:

One year subscription to Ham Hum.

NEXT 500 PRIZES:

One year subscription to Ham Hum.

NEXT 1000 PRIZES:

One year subscription to Ham Hum.

CONSULATION PRIZE:

One year subscription to Ham Hum.

Follow These Instructions Carefully:

STEP 1:

Complete the crossword puzzle above.

STEP 2:

Cut out on dotted line. Paste on cover of first issue of Ham Hum (Feb. 1951).

STEP 3:

Wrap first issue in heavy paper. Apply \$79.95 postage and mail to Santa Claus, Alaska.

STEP 4:

Print your Name, Address, City and State on a white sheet

of paper. (Also call letters, if any.)

STEP 5:

Place sheet of white paper and a \$1.00 bill in an envelope. Mail to: Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, P. O. Box 626, Omaha 1, Nebr.

NOTE:

That is all there is to it. You can't lose, everyone is a winner. You will receive your prize at the rate of - 1/12 per month.

P. S. If you wish to save time and trouble, steps 1 - 2 and 3 can be eliminated. Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Members will be glad to help you. Thank you for reading.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Many of our out of town subscribers do send us a contribution for postage and we greatly appreciate it. It is not, however, a requirement at this time that all out of town subscribers pay the \$1.00 per year. This is being considered. We thought you would be interested in AUTO-CALL's way of getting subscriptions anyway.

FOR SALE: KØTFV has a DX 20 for sale and a S38C both in good shape.

Charles Borgrink
4423 Pine St.
Omaha, Nebr.

FOR SALE: WØKCK has for sale SX 101, SSB 10 Generator LM 10 Freq.Meter. Call PI-6358

Editor: Ham Hum

My friend and I are interested in contacting other hams who would like to play chess over the air.

As there are very few chess playing hams down here in Bellevue, we thought we would drop Ham Hum a line and see if some of the boys up in Omaha might be interested. If so, they should look for us around 29.0 mcs or give us a call on the telephone at either BE 1254 or BE 2018.

Sincerely,

Dede Stien, WØWYV

Carlos R. Hernandez, KØQFM

Dear Sirs

Please except this dollar and start sending the HamHum to me. Also would you please insert my new QTH, as in the Ham call book. I'm listed as Lincoln, Nebr., and now I'm living in Omaha.

I have a 522 on the 144mc and I'm in east Omaha, about a half mile south of the Air Port, so want some of the boys to turn the beam out here for a qso.

Also would like to find a cheap Conv. on 2. Will welcome any and all contacts by radio or land line, (phone WE-9026).

Thanks

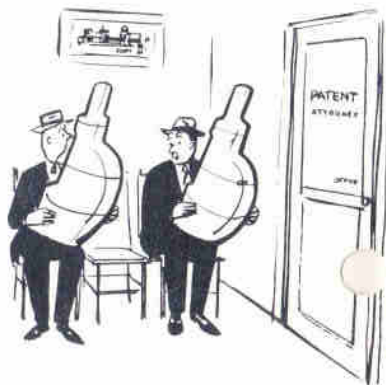
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OFFICIAL BULLETIN 732 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS WEST HARTFORD, CONN. DEC. 18, 1959 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

All amateurs who can work 50 Mc or higher bands are invited to participate in the Thirteenth Annual ARRL VHF Sweepstakes to be held January 9 and 10. Certificates are awarded to the leader in each ARRL section and to winning operators in clubs with three or more individual entries. A gavel will be presented to the club whose members post the top aggregate score. Special awards may be earned by Novice and Technician licensees. This promises to be the biggest and the best VHF Sweepstakes on record. See page 54 of December QST for complete 1960 VHF Sweepstakes rules.



HUM FROM HAMS

Erv Darge now has his beam up to 50 feet in the air.

Dave Hollander is moving. Anyone wishing to help - ask about the free beer.

Frank Cooper, formerly WØIOS, now over in New Jersey, just bought an S line outfit.

Ed, WØMKP, not only has a new KWM2 for his boat but also has a fishfinder so he can look for the big ones while working DX.

Rolly Johnson, WØSPQ, was in town for the holidays. Rolly is at Colorado State majoring in E. E.

The club received a nice Christmas card from "YAC-MITTER," the paper of the Yonkers Amateur Radio Club. And a Happy New Year to Yac-Mitter.

Ladd Hlavaty, WØBTG, formerly in Lincoln is now with KCRG-TV at Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Ed Luzano now has the call K7KER (exWØIJV).

Old buddy, Tom Fifer (ex WØAQJ) K8BKF, is shopping for SSB gear. Maybe we'll hear Tom only on SSB from now on.

Bob Gamble is buying S line gear

Damon Nuckols has a 75S.

Via

WØJJK

Bernie (KØTFJ) had an enjoyable QSO with our mutual friend Jim Noland in Northridge, California the day after Xmas. Jim is finally getting settled at his new QTH and likes it very much. Anyone wishing a QSO with Jim, look for him on 10 meters, around 28.670 and SSB.

Jim received a very unique Xmas Card from Stan (WØQUA). Stan, knowing Jim's palatable taste for Kosher salami, sent him a thick slice for Xmas. He enclosed it in a Xmas card to Jim. By the time Jim received it by mail, the oil and garlic had well penetrated the Xmas card and was thoroughly absorbed by the envelope. The postman had difficulty in reading the address.

Jim and his XYL got a big kick out of the Xmas jester. The postman says, "if you Hams have to send meat in letters, please leave the garlic out!"

Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

What we want to know is--- Where is that DX you boys worked on your S. Dak. expedition, on the 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year, that we hunt diligently for it? You might cause us to feel frustrated. Nice going.

73 Tony, WØRRN

NEBRASKA ADMIRAL

As of January 1st the project for providing certificates for Admiral of the Navy of the Great State of Nebraska will be under way. You can help in in that project by including in your sign-off that your station is located in Omaha, the home of Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club. Each club member throughout Nebraska should likewise sign-off by giving the name of his radio club for the benefit of those who are attempting to get the certificate. There are quite a number who have indicated their interest in obtaining this certificate and the knowledge of club members is important to them. It will be appreciated if the secretary of each club will present the idea to their own club at the next meeting to solicit the support of their members in notifying others that they are members of their respective clubs. This should be done even for local as well as outstate and DX contacts, as a little comment here and there might remind someone else in our respective cities to join the club or at least ask questions about it and I am sure that we can all stand a few more members. Most of the Nebraska clubs have sent in their roster of members. Any of those clubs who have not yet sent in their roster, we will

appreciate very much your sending them right away quick as we will need them to process the applications as they come through.

HORIZONTAL OR VERTICAL

Which will it be? Horizontal beam or vertical? The results be known at the next club meeting as at long last the decision will be made as to who will receive their choice of beam or vertical as the result of the donations which you have been making the past several months. All the stubs will be in the box and a name will be drawn who will get his choice. My choice is the vertical. What's yours? The treasurer of the event has contacted all out standing ticket holders for the last turn-ins and one of you will be the lucky winner on January 8th. It is not necessary for you to be present to win but do come anyway to receive the congratulations of the rest of us for being so lucky.

Dear Gang:

Please accept my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and successful 1960 club year.

73 - W0GQ

OPERATION SNOW STORM

Sunday, December 27th, Mc McKinney, W0YVV, started driving home from Newman Grove in the snow storm and wishing weather conditions in Omaha contacted W7CTC, our ex-member Roy Foster in Seattle, Washington, who in turn contacted Jerry Armstrong, W0NKG, for a weather report. It appeared that he would probably be able to make it all right. However, they kept in touch every little while all the way across and finally due to many icy conditions, etc., and having to turn back a few times, took about six hours coming in. In the process of the relay from Washington, several other stations joined in - K8DLG, K0KCK, K0DFJ, and several others. Don't know that they helped Mac too much, but they sure kept him company during the long trip in.

Just a note to let you know I enjoy getting the bulletin and reading about the gang. Worked several of the boys during Sweepstakes and it was nice to hear so much activity from out your way. I usually can be found on 20 or 15 - either AM, 'B or CW so if any of the boys want one of the Headquarters' QSL tell them to give me a call.

73, Mac

Lewis McCoy, WIICP

I.R.E. MEETING

The Institute of Radio Engineers is extending an invitation to a meeting on January 27th at 7:30 P.M. for a lecture on "Highway Alert Radio" by Eugene A. Hanyez, Supervisor Electro-Physical Research, General Motors Training Center, 225 North 80th, Omaha. The lecture will be followed by a guided tour of the Training Center as well as a demonstration of diode AC generators, transistor regulators, and electronic headlamp controls. Our own member, Royal Enders, K0LYO, will be in charge.

Received my first copy of Ham Hum since arriving in W6 land. Nice to keep up to-date on the gang in and around Omaha. I applied for a 6 call - hope to remain distinctive by receiving a W & not WA - (Hi). Until then will be operating portable W0. Present effort is along RATS with a 19 and 2-15RO's with my wire operation on 10 phone.

My thanks for Ham Hum and our invitation is out to all who visit California.

73's

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NEXT MEETING
AK-SAR-BEN 4-H BUILDING
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JANUARY 8, 1960
8:00 P. M. SHARP

COMMITTEES FOR 1960

Program Committee

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John Orr, WØPHW

Dick Eilers, WØYZV

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Carlos Sing, PCR

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Cecil DeWitt, WØRMB

DX NEWS

Mac, WØYVV, will be sporting a new certificate for working all of South America on phone. Jerry, NKG, helped with the long awaited Surinam "PZ" contact. Larry, KCK, reported that on Dec. 26th just before and after the lightning storm in the PM that 10 meters was open for all the Pacific and a lot of Asia. Danny and the new crew on the boat are supposed to be going right after the first of the year. The expedition to South Dakota worked some DX but conditions were not good; however, one card came in airmail special delivery with a stamped airmail envelope en-

closed. Also YNICK and YNIBS took turns monitoring the bands and sleeping because it was the last state for both of them. John, KWB, has been heard trying but no report from him. Fat Jerry (South Omaha) KKP, has been working but also no report. Ferris, YZK, got a real nice one on 20 meters SSB just before church that was a 9NZ in Nepal that has been on the air a short time.

The band so far this year doesn't sound as good as last year but possibly the cold weather might help.

73,

Jerry
