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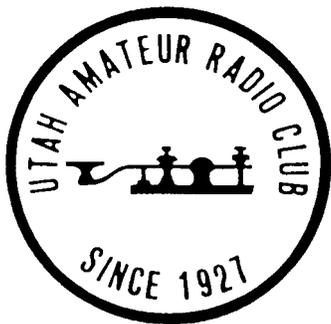
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## QST from the Prez

It's here again -- June. FIELD DAY!! I remember when I was a new Ham; they were talking about Field Day at a UARC meeting, and the thing that came to my mind immediately was field day at school. Well, it isn't exactly like that, but what fun it is. If you are new to the hobby, or if you have never been to a field day before, think about joining us this year.

We are going to Payson Lakes area again (the map is included in this issue). Most go up on Friday evening and go back home Sunday, while many of us go up Saturday and stay for the day only, and that's OK too. The important thing is that you come.

OK, so what do we do up there? This year we will have six operating stations -- some for the "serious" contesters, and believe me it is amazing to watch them operate. We will also have intermediate and beginners stations, so all can take part if you want to -- and we hope you do.

It was less than a year ago that I found out

Why we have a Field Day, going up in the hills, setting up stations and antennas, and then operating 24 hours straight. The reason we do this is that if we do have a real emergency and are needed to help with communications, we will be able to set up remote stations anywhere quickly and be ready to help.

Field Day is a family affair also, and it is a great way to get to know each other better. Try it. You will love the experience.

Our June meeting will be all about Field Day, and we will also have hands-on demonstrations about how to operate a station. Don't miss this meeting; there will be so much information for all of us, and it will be our last meeting until September.

In July and August there will be no meetings, but we will have the Steak Fry on July 15. So get your tickets now. Steak Fry is the next best thing to Field Day and also a wonderful way to get to know each other better -- not to mention a fabulous steak dinner in the Spruces.

For the last few years, we have been having an unofficial meeting, instead of the regular meeting, in July and August on the first Thursday. We go somewhere for dinner and have a great time. So listen on 146.62 for details.

I would like to give a special thanks to all of you who put in so many hours of service on a regular basis. Without you, amateur radio and UARC wouldn't be what it is today.

73' Maurine Strecktenfinger □



## 1999 UARC Field Day

June 23rd - 25th, 1999

Just past Payson Lakes Campground  
Mt. Nebo Scenic Loop, Payson, Utah

All amateurs are welcome to attend the annual UARC field day. We will be setting up HF, VHF, and satellite stations to work hams from all over the US.

Setup begins at noon on Friday June 23rd. The operating event starts at Noon on Saturday June 24th and goes until Noon on the 25th. The dinner this year will be a pot-luck, so be sure to bring a dish to share as well as your own food .

So, how to get there? Go south on I-15 (approximately 65 miles from Salt Lake City), get off at the Payson exit (# 254), and go south into town (see map of Payson). Watch for the Mt. Nebo Loop signs (brown scenic loop sign). Turn left at the stop light in the center of town (you are now headed east) then turn right (head south again) by the old school with the odd playground equipment. Keep going up the winding canyon (you'll probably lose the 146.76 and 146.62 repeaters somewhere in here). Just ½ mile past the turnoff for



The improved Forest Service Payson Lakes Campground (right side) will be another turnoff (left side) across the highway from the Forest Service Guard Station access road. We will have a sign here to guide you to our meadow (only a couple of hundred yards off the main road).

You are welcome to choose your spot, first-come, first-served. We generally circle the wagons around the main antenna, operating position, and the generator.

Talk-in will be on 146.76 until you get close (up and out of the canyon) and then on 146.54 simplex.

We hope to see you there.

Tom, NY4I□



## Field Day Pins

Field Day 2000 pins now shipping: Field Day participation pins are available and shipping! ARRL Contest Branch Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, says the pins proved so popular last year that they are now a regular part of Field Day. To "earn" a pin, all you need to do is participate in Field Day. There is no minimum number of contacts to achieve or ARRL sections to work. The pin is for



little line-of-sight activity (say a place like Wyoming)? To this I say, can you afford not to? I even heard a Wyoming Field Day group briefly on the band this year and I am sure that they were glad they had 6 Meters. They were probably cleaning up with the large number of stations throughout the country that were coming through on Sporadic-E skip.

The odds are always good that some Sporadic-E activity will be seen during Field Day as the months of June and July are the best for Sporadic-E for stations in the Northern Hemisphere. Even in the worst conditions, which happened during our Field Day in 1997, I was able to work 10 stations via Sporadic-E while working another 90 via line-of-sight

For those stations in locations that fall into this situation, take the 6-meter rig and leave it parked on 50.125 during the contest while you operate other bands. If you hear some activity break through, you can take advantage of the skip conditions. If you have an HF+6 package, make a point to periodically check up and down the band during the Field Day period. Remember the 6-meter station is a VHF station and does not count as a transmitter toward your transmitter class in the scoring! There is no excuse not to monitor the band at some time during Field Day

It's easy to set up a modest station on 6 Meters for Field Day. An omni-directional antenna such as a squalo or Saturn Six will work, but not always during marginal conditions. I recommend some sort of directional antenna, such as a two- or three-element Yagi, be put up as high as possible. This can be accomplished by using telescoping mast or five-foot mast sections (available at Radio Shack). Even if one only has 10 watts for 6 Meters, a decent antenna setup described here will do reasonably well. Of course, results will generally be better when higher power levels are used.

When you run higher power, it's easier to hold on to a frequency where you can call CQ for longer periods of time. This is hard to do with a 10-watt station, and using the hunt and peck method works best for lower power stations. A station using an amplifier that can put out 150 watts will find it easier to hold on to the frequency for calling CQ, particularly as you get in areas close to the 6-meter calling frequency of 50.125 MHz. The

advantage of being able to stay on one frequency and call CQ is that you can run very high QSO rates when the band is hot as opposed to moving around and searching for stations, which slows down the rate.

The beauty about 6 Meters is that if you set up your Field Day station correctly, there should be very little intermod interference between 6 Meters and the HF stations as is often seen between 10 Meters and other HF bands. If you can't get 10 Meters going, why not use 6 Meters to fill in the gap? What a lot of Hams don't realize is that Sporadic-E on 10 or 6 Meters is an extremely efficient propagation mode and signals can get very strong during a good opening such as the ones observed during Field Day.

The terrific openings on 6 Meters during the 1998 Field Day will whet the appetite of many of the Hams who were lucky enough to experience them. The word about this year's great event will hopefully provide incentive for groups new to the band to set up a station for next year! Remember, the 6 Meter band does not count as a transmitter toward your overall transmitter classification, so you can essentially work hundreds of stations for free! Hope to see you all on the Magic Band during next Field Day!

Ken Neubeck, WB2AMU  
*World Radio* □

[*Note: For practice prior to Field Day, check out the SMIRK - Six Meter International Radio Klub - event listed in the following article -ed.*]



## Contesting Calendar for June 2000

AGCW Activity Week-CW	0000Z, Jun 5
World-wide South America-CW	0000Z, Jun 10
ANARTS World-wide-Digital	0000Z, Jun 10
Portugal Day Contest-SSB	0000Z, Jun 10

Asia-Pacific Sprint-SSB	1100Z,Jun 10
TOEC World-wide Grid Contest-SSB	1200Z,Jun 10
SMIRK 2000 QSO Party-SSB	0000Z,Jun 17
All Asia DX-CW	0000Z,Jun 17
Kid's Day Operating Event-SSB	1800Z,Jun 17
DIE Contest (Spanish Is.)-All	000Z,Jun 18
West Virginia QSO Party-SSB	1800Z,Jun 18
SCAG Straight Key Day-CW	0600Z,Jun 24
SP QRP Contest	1200Z,Jun 24
Marconi Memorial HF-CW	1400Z,Jun 24
<b>ARRL Field Day-All</b>	<b>1800Z,Jun 24</b>

For more comprehensive listings and rules see:

[Wwww.sk3bg.se/indexeng.htm](http://www.sk3bg.se/indexeng.htm) *and*

[Wwww.contesting.com/links/calendars](http://www.contesting.com/links/calendars)

## The Long Wait Could Lengthen

Patience is the byword from ARRL-VEC, which now says it could be another two weeks or more before some new and upgrade amateur license applications from April 15 VE sessions are filed with the FCC. The ARRL-VEC had been estimating up to four weeks between test session and license grant. Now, it's revised that estimate upward.

Depending in large part on how fast the session paperwork arrived at ARRL-VEC, grants from April 15 applications could show up "tomorrow or possibly two weeks from now," said ARRL-VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ. As of Wednesday [May 17], the ARRL-VEC staff was working on applications received April 19, most from April 15 VE sessions.

Jahnke says the ARRL-VEC has electronically filed with the FCC 2,000 of the approximately 10,000 applications from April 15. He says seven fulltime staff members plus three temporary employees continue to plow through therest of the backlog. "At the rate we're going now, it could take up to 16 more work days," Jahnke predicted. The ARRL-VEC is handling up to 500 applications a day right now, but that number varies. Staff members have been putting in overtime and working weekends in an effort to keep up with the applications. Arriving paperwork is scrutinized carefully, session results are recorded, and individual applications keyed in and sent on electronically to the FCC. Typically, the FCC grants most applications overnight, although it can take another day or so.

The ARRL-VEC is now posting the status of test session processing at:

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/status.html>.

Jahnke says that dealing with telephone inquiries has become part of the challenge of handling the huge workload, and he urged applicants to avoid calling to check on the progress of an application. "Every three to five minute phone inquiry means 10 to 15 license applications that don't get processed," he explained, adding that the people best equipped to answer callers' questions also happen to be best equipped to process applications.

Jahnke says the ARRL-VEC has added temporary help as the workload has increased, but he points out a drawback to piling on more bodies at this point. "Adding more personnel will mean diverting experienced staff members from processing applications to training inexperienced workers," he said.

It's estimated that more than 13,000 new Generals and more than 10,000 new Extra class hams have or will be hitting the airwaves as a result of restructuring.

*ARRL Letter*

## FCC Warns Generals off Advanced Subbands

The FCC says newly upgraded General class licensees may not operate in the current Advanced class subbands under the new amateur rules. Bill Cross, W3TN, of the FCC's Public Safety and Private Wireless Division notes that no privileges changed for any license class. The Advanced class license continues to exist under restructuring, which became effective April 15, although the FCC no longer accepts applications for Novice or Advanced class licenses. Current Generals do not earn Advanced class privileges until they upgrade to Amateur Extra class, when they earn both Advanced and Extra privileges.

The FCC also says General class operators may hold only Group C (1x3) or Group D (2x3) call signs, as it was under the old rules. Generals remain ineligible to apply for or hold Group B (2x2) call

signs.

Newly upgraded licensees were cautioned to check the revised Part 97 rules carefully to make sure they're not operating beyond their privileges. FCC Part 97 rules are available on the ARRL Web site at:

<http://www.arrl.org/field/regulations/news/part97/>

The FCC today released the Errata to its December 30, 1999, Report and Order on restructuring. The Errata incorporate minor errors contained in the original R&O and already made in the version of the new rules that appeared in The Federal Register earlier this year.

*ARRL Letter*

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## My First/New Radio.

The venture to purchase my first new radio, began some time in late 1993, when I became convinced that the candy boxes were no longer doing a good job. Of course the traffic on these bands did not help the situation any, either.

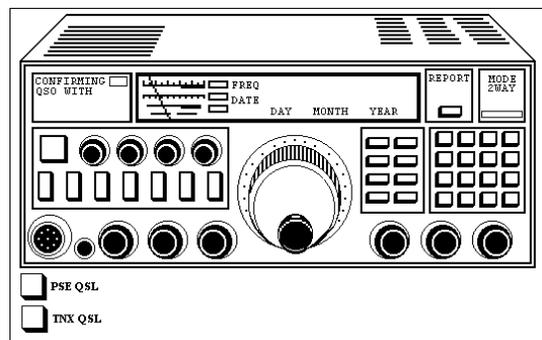
I went through one of Jerry Bennion's amateur radio classes which was being held at the Granite High School. I managed to come out of this school with a TechPlus license, and then began the wait for my license and call sign. In the meantime, I had to decide just what kind of rig I had the greatest need for. This was cause for some pondering and thinking about the matter. I received my ticket in June of 1994, and I did not get my first radio until August of that year, so I had some time to do some pondering. I decided that what I really did need the most was a radio that would provide medium/long range, high power communications. In the selection process, the Handi-Talkies and the HF rigs were eliminated, so that left me with only one other choice, and that was 2 meter FM mobile. Upon examination, I found out that this radio would do the job.

Somewhere along the way, I came to the attention of Ed Overfield, KB7VIH. I do not remember just how this happened, but he was a great help to me at the time. It was at this same time that Yaesu was discontinuing production of the FT-2400 M, so I was able to get one from Ed for \$325.00, and that is what I did. I also got the necessary mag mount antenna to go with it. I do not remember just what kind it was, but it worked just fine. Then, I had the problem of moving my radio from my shack to the van, and then back to the shack, and this went on for quite a while.

I do not remember just who my first contact was; however, it could have been ED, KB7VIH.

Well, that is the story of my First/New Radio and it began my experiences in the AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE of the Land.....

73's. Eugene, KC7CSE



## Member of the Month

This month's member of the month is Andrew Madsen, AC7CF. Originally licensed as KD7GLV in September of 1999, Andrew obtained his Extra class license on April 1st, 2000. Andrew operates mostly CW, but also operates PSK31, RTTY, and some phone. He is a member of FISTS, a CW enthusiasts group, and he is currently a sophomore at Olympus High School.

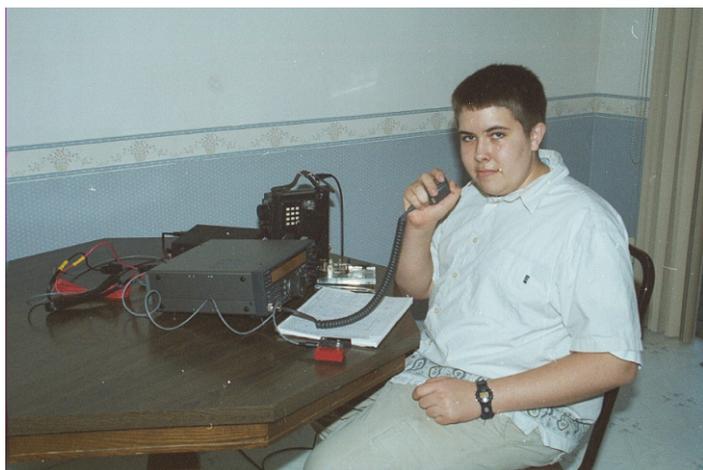
Andrew's dad, WB7OCB, made him and his brother a deal -- if they both upgraded to HF licenses, he would buy them a Kenwood 570 radio. Andrew's brother, Kenny, KM7KEN, is currently a general. Needless to say, Andrew and Kenny now own a Kenwood 570. Andrew uses that radio and a homemade dipole for his HF operations.

Andrew's dad encouraged him to go to the UARC meetings to meet other hams, and Andrew is planning to attend Field Day where this author invited him to operate the CW station. He enjoys the hobby quite a bit and is looking forward to building a QRP radio in the near future. Best of luck to you Andrew.

73, Tom Schaefer, NY4I



Amateur Radio - A Family Affair  
(L to R: Ronald, WB7OCB; Kenneth, KM7KEN; and Andrew, AC7CF)



Andrew, AC7CF



AC7CF with J-pole and HF dipole

## UARC Jackets and Hats

Official Club apparel is now available through Joe Flurer, KD7EGY, owner of Custom Design Marketing. Hats are available with the UARC logo for \$10.65. If you add your call sign to the back of the hat, the price is \$13.85. Jackets with the UARC logo on the back and your call sign on the front are \$48.92. If you add a small UARC logo to the front, the price is \$52.11. Golf shirts are also available with a small UARC logo on the front for \$28.71. All of the above prices include sales tax.

You can order your apparel at club meetings or by contacting Custom Design Marketing, 6049 S. Highland Drive, 278-5258. REMEMBER ... a portion of all sales goes back to the Club to support the repeaters. Wearing the apparel also helps promote the Club. □

## Book of the Month

What is black and READ all over. Of course, it is the new ARRL REPEATER DIRECTORY 2000-2001 EDITION. I like to purchase this every year and feel it is well worth the \$8.50. I always give an older one to a new ham. This is a great reference manual of repeater locations, frequencies and other pertinent information in the United States, Canada, and where available.

This book covers information and frequencies concerning 10 meters, 6 meters, 2 meters, the 440 band, the 220 band, the 900 band, and the 1240 band. Also it gives information for ATV & Packet.

The Directory has general information on band plans, a list of coordinators, repeater lingo and hints, a list of advertisers of radio equipment, and autopatch guidelines. You can also put notes in the back of the book.

I have found it is well worth the money to purchase them when they are brand new from our Book person, Fred DeSmet, KI7KM. It won't be new for long, so do not delay.

73  
Gary, KC7AWU

## Wayne Mills, N7NG, to Join ARRL HQ Staff

ARRL Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ, has announced that noted DXer Wayne Mills, N7NG, will join the Headquarters staff as Membership Services Manager, effective May 2. He succeeds Bill Kennamer, K5NX, who retired in March.

First licensed in 1953 at age 10, Mills has served as the Rocky Mountain Division DXAC Representative since 1996 and as chairman of the ARRL DX Advisory Committee since March 1997. He also served on the DXCC 2000 Committee. He is best known for his operating on DXpeditions over the past 15 years, most recently from TX0DX.

Mills holds BSEE and MSEE degrees from the University of California-Davis and just sold his two-way radio communication sales and service business in Jackson, Wyoming.

## EMN Update

The RMRA (Rocky Mountain Radio Association with the help of other Amateur Radio Organizations in Utah recently announced the design and implementation of the EMN (Emergency Monitoring Network). The EMN Wasatch Front HUB will be the first Repeater/Quad Band 24 hour remote monitoring system in the nation. This hub of the EMN will service Salt Lake, Tooele, Davis, parts of Weber and Utah Counties.

The EMN will use the newly allocated Utah Statewide Amateur Emergency frequencies as follows:

448.350 minus split Rptr Hub  
223.440 simplex remote base  
145.710 simplex remote base  
52.560 simplex remote base  
(Please advise all Amateurs that these are designated Emergency ONLY Frequencies)

The Wasatch Front of the EMN will be monitored 24 hours a day, by trained public safety

volunteer Amateur Operators. The system will go on-line July 1st, 2000 and will be available to any Amateur for roadside assistance, travel info, and reporting of emergencies. The system will also be fully staffed throughout the 2002 Winter Games.

For a full explanation, including technical information, and to volunteer with your expertise, please see the EMN Website:

<http://www.real-utah.com/rmra/ems.html>

If your Group wants to participate in the EMN or would like an in-person, full presentation, please contact [emn@real-utah.com](mailto:emn@real-utah.com) to schedule our speakers.

Marc Peterson - KA7SLC  
RMRA Board of Directors



## FCC says ULS Registration Can Protect License Record

Registering now on the FCC's Universal Licensing System can benefit amateurs, even if they have no plans to file an application any time soon. FCC staffer Steve Linn, N4CAK, says that ULS registration "protects your call sign within the system" and could prevent it from inadvertently being deleted or reissued due to a filing error.

Linn also pointed out that amateurs filing for a change of address should file an "administrative update" (AU) and not request a "modification." The ULS will not renew an amateur's license unless it is within the 90-day window of expiration or within the two-year grace period after expiration. The same applies for those

upgrading under restructuring.

Linn said the FCC continues to work out the bugs in the ULS. He said that support for the Mac platform and other browsers, such as Internet Explorer, should be available soon.

The FCC in late April opened the ULS to Web filing. Linn advised filers to use the on-line system whenever possible, since it helps users to avoid errors that will not get trapped when filing on paper and could lead to delays or errors in your FCC record. Visit <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls> for more information or to access the ULS.

ARRL

## Reminder

Just a reminder, please sign up now for the Utah Hamfest at Ruby's Inn. This will be a great hamfest with plenty of activities for the whole family. I encourage each of you to go right now to [www.utahhamfest.org](http://www.utahhamfest.org) and get the information to register for the hamfest. Make plans to come down for the weekend or even just the day. Take in some great country and have a great time. Many of the newer hams might not know why they want to go to a hamfest, so here goes...

A hamfest is a special experience. There are people that share your ideas and a common interest. There are great people, fun things to do like transmitter hunts, special presentations on topics like DX, ARES, APRS, and PSK31. There are dealers and swap tables where you can find things you need for your shack. There are prizes, and after-hours activities. In short, this is a convention. For those that have been to business conventions, you know they are a place where you can learn in a fun environment. So, I encourage you to make your plans for July 7, 8 and 9 to be at Ruby's Inn.

Check out [www.utahhamfest.org](http://www.utahhamfest.org) for more information.

Thanks,

Tom NY4I

[Note: See the last page of this issue for an application form for the hamfest. -ed.]

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## June Meeting

UARC's June meeting, to be held Thursday, June 1, will be about Field Day. Come to think of it, can you remember a June meeting about

anything else? UARC's annual entry in the Field Day contest (June 24 and 25) is one of the big events of the year, and the June 1 meeting will help prepare for it in a hands-on mode.

Tom Schaefer, NY4I, who is in charge of computer logging and computer-assisted operating for this year's event, tells us he will have a whole complement of computers set up so everyone can practice with the system ahead of time. The computer network at Field Day will be quite elaborate this year, including six separate logging computers, all able to communicate with one another.

The computers will automatically keep track of what band each transceiver is on, and log accordingly. At least one transceiver will be available at the meeting to demonstrate how the interconnection works.

Perhaps you have questions like, "Why should I come to Field Day?" or "What does HF sound like?" This will be the meeting to answer them. And once they're answered, you will, no doubt, want to sign up for a lot of operating hours on the Field Day stations. You can do that at the meeting as well.

Of course, you might have an even more basic question: "What is Field Day?" Field Day is an annual contest sponsored by the national organization of amateur radio operators: The American Radio Relay League. Field Day is the hobby's largest contest, and emphasizes portable and mobile operation. The idea is to give operators experience in the kinds of challenges that an emergency might present. These include setting a station up in an unusual place, operating without commercial power, and continuing to operate and get the traffic straight through the night. For more information about the contest, check the official rules available from ARRL's web site.

Although any individual or group may enter, most Field Day stations are set up by clubs. UARC has a tradition of combining Field Day with a family campout in the mountains. For more information about UARC's plans, check the article on the current news page.

The June meeting will also be the last opportunity to make reservations in person for annual Steak-Fry. The Steak-Fry, to be held July 15 this year is usually the club's biggest event.

The meeting will also sport the customary features of UARC meetings including a chance to meet the people you've worked, see the latest ARRL books, attend a post-meeting "Dime Line," or get in on the new "Elmer Hour," a chance to get your questions answered or help to answer questions of others. You can order hats, jackets, or a new feature: name tags.

## The Hamfest Detective

Rummaging through table after table at hamfest after hamfest each year leaves me feeling like a "hamfest detective." Some of you will remember the line, "Just the facts, ma'am, just the facts," from the TV series "Dragnet," starring Jack Webb, as Detective Friday. And you probably will relate to the following incident, proving that in real-life situations facts are important, even for hamfest detectives.

While attending the Ozarks Regional Hamfest in Springfield, Missouri, I happened upon a table loaded with items that had belonged to a friend and fellow Ham, Henry Fortner, WB0WQS, who had become a silent key several months earlier. As I looked over the various rigs and accessories offered from Henry's estate, imagine my surprise at finding a 1969 ARRL Handbook with my previous call sign stamped on the front cover.

I immediately remembered back ten years ago when Henry was working on a home-built receiver. He had used plans from this particular year's handbook to build it and was looking for the documentation to make the repairs. I had a copy of that book and offered to loan it to him.

Keeping a written record when you lend something provides you with important facts you may be glad you have later. While you would probably remember to whom you loaned your VTVM, or transistor tester, six months ago, you may have a tougher time several years later remembering who got away with a particular book or small field strength meter. I failed to record this

information in this case, and I soon forgot all about giving the book to Henry. It's the exception to the rule that I stumbled onto my handbook after so many years. While Henry had no intention of keeping the book, the fact is, out-of-sight out-of-mind, still rules the day for most of us.

This incident provided a good laugh for my wife, Mary, N0AQC, Mike O'Brien, K0MYW (who was in charge of selling Henry's estate items), and me. And I wouldn't be surprised if our friend Henry, WB0WQS, tuned in from his heavenly QTH and got a chuckle out of it too.

Would I have ever missed that handbook? Probably not. But the whole thing reminded this hamfest detective that when Detective Friday said, "just the facts, ma'am, just the facts," he had a good reason. The importance of getting down all the facts while they're fresh in your mind can't be overstressed. It will allow you to be generous while at the same time increase your chances of recovering your property.

Gary E. Meyers, KYOB  
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## Steak-Fry Tickets Going Fast

UARC's big event of the year, the summer Steak-Fry and swap-meet, will take place on the afternoon of Saturday, July 15.

Unfortunately, our usual spot, Area 7 at the Spruces, was already reserved, so we had to settle for Area 2. This picnic ground only accommodates 100 people instead of 150, so we have to sell correspondingly fewer tickets. Tickets are now available., And according to the report after the May meeting, about half are already sold. If you would like to come, you will need to get your tickets soon.

You can buy tickets at the June meeting (which will be the last chance to do so in person), or you can send a check to the club Secretary, Gregg Smith, KD7APW.

Prices for the event are as follows:

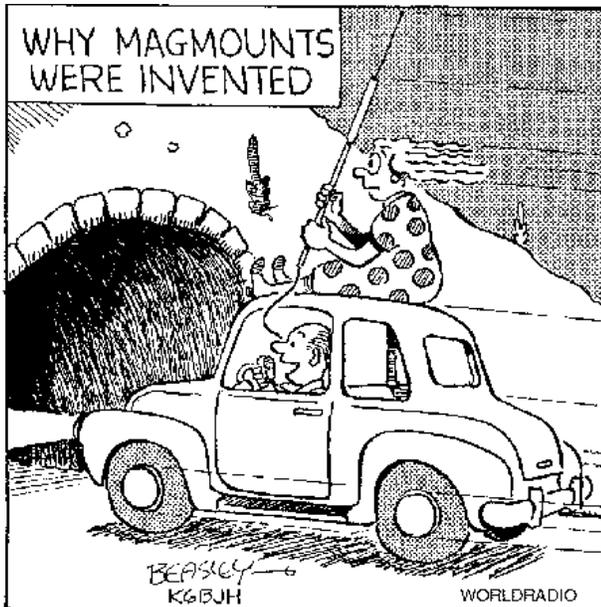
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Guests \$10.00

Children \$4.00

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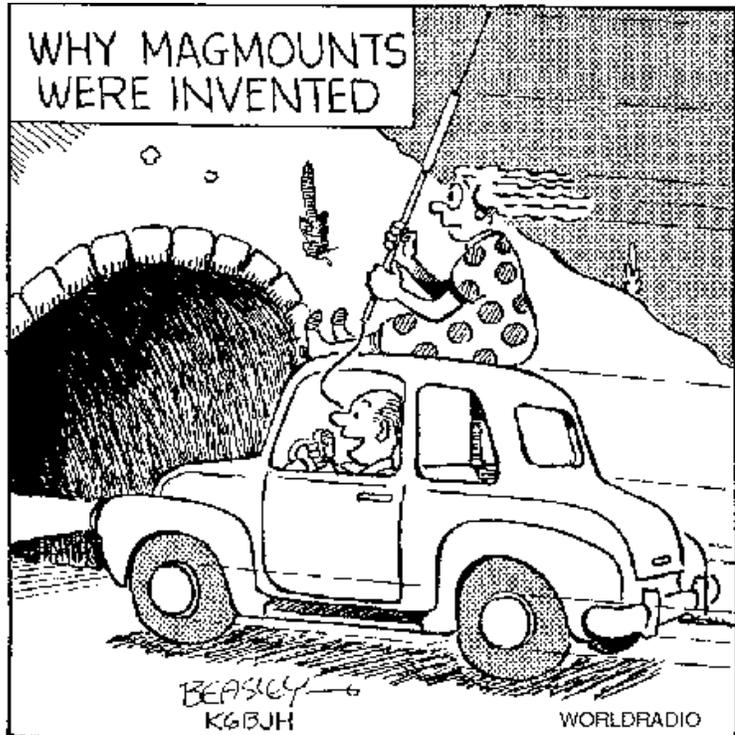
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The annual club steak-fry and swap meet will be held Saturday, July 17, in Area 7 of The Spruces campground. A complete steak dinner for \$2.00 is a remarkably good deal, so don't miss this benefit of membership. The swap meet will start at 3:00 p.m., and the dinner at 5:00 p.m. Parking at the campground is limited, so car pooling from the mouth of the canyon is advised. (Big Cottonwood Canyon is the canyon in which the Solitude and Brighton ski resorts are found.) The Spruces is about 10 miles from the mouth of the canyon, on the right side. You must make a reservation before July 10 in order to attend the steak-fry. Sign up with the club Secretary, Russ Smith, KC7ZDZ. The prices are:  
Members \$2.00  
Guests \$9.00  
Children \$3.00  
Send reservation requests to:  
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