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# THE CMRA **SQUELCH TALE**

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A Special Service Club

## THANK YOU, EARL

The club is indebted to Earl Ebbe, KØONL, for his generous donation in memory of Silent Key Homer Parman, KEØYA.

## NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS

The club voted unanimously to induct Jonathan Robinson, KBØTQM, at the June meeting. Also renewing were Jesse Lyons, WXØK, and Joe Muscato, AAØIV.

## FIELD DAY '96

We operated 2A at Pine Ridge Campground in Callaway County near Guthrie on June 22-23. Our antenna complement was an 80 meter all band dipole for the phone station, a G5RV for the CW station, and an Alpha Delta SWL antenna for the Novice Tech station. We ran 100 % emergency power and less than 100 W. We used the club station rig as well as Icom transceivers owned by WYØB and AAØIV. Propagation from the site seemed rather poor on Saturday but picked back up on Sunday. Most importantly, there was NO RAIN (what is a Field Day without at least a thunderstorm or two), although the weather was unseasonably hot and sticky. Operators participating were:

Jim Lawler	WYØB
Joe Muscato	AAØIV
Rob McMinn	KBØTCR
Ray Lutz	KBØWBK
Scott Christianson	KBØVLF
Dewey Bennett	WMØH
Mark Foecking	AAØUJ
John Turner	NDØN
Bill Clark	KBØTNM
Bonnie Lawler	KBØTKY
Al Kullman	NØREF
Mac McKenzie	K4CHS

If I missed anyone, let me know and I'll put it in next time!!! I'll also have our reported score in the next letter.

## TWO METERS AND 70 CM THREATENED

As many of you already know, one of the Informal Working Groups for the World Radio Conference '97 has been presented with a proposal from satellite paging companies asking them to consider the 2 meter and 70 cm amateur bands as candidates for use by their services. I have included the QST editorial from the July issue for those of you who do not receive QST (Thanks to Ray Gauthier, KBØIRV, for the copying). No one reading this letter needs to be reminded of the importance of 2 meters and 70 cm to radio amateurs. Emergency and weather traffic, packet radio, mobile assistance, weak signal EME and DX work, and for many of us, the first bands on which we ever made a QSO, are common uses of these two amateur bands. Two meters carries as much amateur communication as all the other VHF/UHF/microwave bands combined, plus some of the HF bands. Please read the editorial and write if you have not already done so.

## HOT AIR BALLOON RACES COMING UP

Mark Carpenter, NØZOF, will be inviting a representative of the Hot Air Balloning Championships, to be held the week of August 8-16, to the July meeting to discuss possible participation by the club in this event. We will be asked to provide communication between the main staging area and remote sites where the balloons might land, as well as providing parking assistance and crowd control. If anyone is interested in participating, please come to the club meeting to discuss this with the representative.

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