



Egyptian Radio Club, Inc. W9AIU

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Most of you know the above picture. It is the cover of the MAY 1939 issue of QST. This picture was drawn by Mr. Phillip (Gil) Gildersleeve, W1CJD (SK) who was the ARRL staff artist before his retirement and death.

The original drawing was sent to the Egyptian Radio Club by Gil shortly after appearing on the magazine. The original was later returned to the ARRL and is hanging on the wall of ARRL HQ. We do have copies of the drawing, one of which is kept in a safe deposit box by your Secretary—Treasurer. It is reproduced here to stir your interest in preparing for Field Day 2007.

As was reported in the March newsletter, Marty Schultz, N9PPJ, was appointed to the position of Field Day Chairman for 2007. You should know that this is not a job that can be accomplished alone. Every Field Day Chairman will need help. Help in putting together the necessary equipment to accomplish a successful Field Day.

WILL YOU HELP?? PLEASE Marty is going to need help in preparing food if we get permission to do so,, transporting the ERC trailer to the FD site, erecting the antennas, checking the generator and radios. There are a myriad of things to do and Marty will be much appreciative of those who help. **PLEASE HELP.**

EGYPTIANFEST 2007 HELP NEEDED

The hamfest is coming sooner than we think. June 10 is not that far away. Once again, we turn to our club members for help.

We need help in distributing flyers for the hamfest as well as asking merchants for donations of electronic goodies to be given as door prizes. The club does not have the funds to buy door prizes as we had done in the past.

We need help to run the event on the day before and the day of the event. Saturday will be set up time for the vendors as well as the general area of the college commons area tables. We will have to set up the food vending tables, direct the vendors to their appropriate spots and set up the ticket booth and drum.

On June 10 we will need people in the parking lot to sell tickets and direct tailgaters to the proper area for that event. Those not tailgating will be directed to park in a separate area. We will need someone in that area or at the front door to sell tickets.

If the college declines to prepare food, which we hope they do decline; we will need help in preparing our usual fare of bratwurst and hotdogs. Also, we will need a couple of folks to sell these items and lots of soda, both regular and diet flavors.

The ARRL has accepted our request for a Sanctioned Hamfest and will be sending books and handout literature for the attendees. We have some literature left over from the Madison County Fair that will be made available, also.

The main thing that we must do right now is sell tickets. Most people will not be interested in attending the Egyptianfest; but will buy raffle tickets.

ACTIVE CLUBS HAVE ACTIVE MEMBERS.

EGYPTIANFEST 2007

WHY?

Considering the amount of work that goes into presenting a Hamfest, many people ask why do we need to do it. What do we expect to gain from all that work? IS IT WORTH IT?

An Amateur Radio Club Hamfest is a tradition started many years ago as a way to meet the people you talked to on the air. It is nice to put a face to the voice you have heard for so many years. Also, it gives a way to show your station or demonstrate techniques to others at the gathering. Hamfests encourage camaraderie amongst your fellow hams. Very much as being a member of the local radio club; but on a much larger scale.

Hamfests are a place where you can sell your old radio station to a newcomer in the hobby or swap equipment with other hams. Hamfests are a place where you can share stories about that elusive DX contact that you managed to snag late last night.

Over the years, Amateur Radio Clubs began to build club stations and by conducting a Hamfest they were able to show and demonstrate the new station to the attendees at the Hamfest. With this, came the need to raise a few dollars to support the new station. Later, clubs and groups began to install and operate VHF/UHF repeaters that required more money to maintain.

The ERC once owned a clubhouse that took considerable funds to keep in shape. In years past, it was easy for the club to clear \$3000 at the Egyptianfest. The annual gathering at Po-dunk Hollow would have 500 to 600 hams at the event. We used to see truckloads of equipment, new and used, and vendors would setup their exhibits and stay all night where a BBQ or some sort of entertainment would take place.

Simply put, a great gathering would take place the night before the Hamfest; then we would do it all over again at the Hamfest. Today, those are fond memories of years gone by. Unfortunately, those days are never to be repeated.

Egyptianfest 2007 is being conducted to encourage that same camaraderie with our fellow hams, and to raise money to keep the club in the black.

Our insurance expenses for Liability Insurance and Equipment Insurance total over \$450 every year. Every attendee at the Hamfest is covered by our liability insurance policy if they were hurt while attending the club sponsored event. The equipment insurance is to insure the club against the perils of Mother Nature in the form of earthquake, tornado, fire or lightning strike. These things do happen and we need to insure against the damage they can cause.

Now, what can you do about all this? First, attend Egyptianfest 2007. Second, sell those tickets. Everyone you know, including yourself, could benefit from winning \$300.⁰⁰. No one will win without buying a raffle ticket. They are only one dollar (\$1.⁰⁰). or six tickets for \$5.⁰⁰. If you can sell more tickets than you were sent in the first mailing, tell WA9BRQ and he will send as many as you want. Every dollar counts.

We are believing that 300 to 400 amateurs will attend Egyptianfest 2007. We have the History Room reserved for a movie showing of the Antarctica DXpedition and a presentation by the Missouri Digital Group. The Wilmsmeyer Room, where the club has been meeting is reserved for testing for new hams or upgrades.

Of course, the large commons area is reserved for inside vendors and displays from the ARRL, SKYWARN and others of importance to Amateur Radio. Is it worth it? **YES!**

**SELL THOSE TICKETS,
PUT THE ERC OVER THE TOP.**

REPEATER NEWS

By the time you read this, the 146.790 repeater may have some new additions to it. The repeater committee has been working with the 146.79 repeater to add a satellite receiver and to link it to the 442.400 repeater. The 442.400 repeater has been upgraded with a CAT-1000 controller. It will be the "main" repeater and will control the operation of the link with 146.790. The repeater group has been working furiously all week on this upgrade.

10 x 10 NET NEEDS YOU

The Egyptian Radio Chapter of 10 X 10 International wants you to check in to the net. All hams are licensed for voice operation on the 28.300 to 28.500 segment of the 10 meter band. This covers the 28.420 frequency that holds the Egyptian Radio Club's 10 X 10 net. No code test to take, no written exam to take, just tune your radio to 28.420 USB and check in when the NCS calls for check-ins.

That's 28.420 USB at 7:00PM on Wednesday.

FCC OMNIBUS RULING IS FINAL

The FCC has finally made up their minds about Morse Code and Amateur Radio. You no longer need pass a code test to become a ham. With that ruling they gave us a new "Band Plan".

A copy is attached for you who get the newsletter by mail. For those who get their newsletter by email, cut and paste this link: http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/Hambands_color.pdf

BECOME RADIOACTIVE GET ON THE AIR

LINDER 9DZG PAPERS TO BE ON DISPLAY AT EGYPTIANFEST 2007

Yes, the call letters are correct. Earl was first licensed as 9DZG by the (FRC) Federal Radio Commission August 15, 1921; we do not have the exact date that his call was changed to W9DZG. Earl Linder was the first President of the Egyptian Radio Club, also serving as Treasurer later in his career with the ERC. Our club has become heir to the Linder papers last year. We have, in our possession, a copy of the May 1939 cover of QST, which is reproduced on page one of this newsletter; as well as Earl's first log book showing his operations from August 23, 1923 to November 29, 1935. Earl resided at 713 St. Louis Avenue in East St. Louis during that time.

We have large photographs of Amateur Radio Conventions that were held in St. Louis. The ARRL Central Division Convention was held at the K.C. Building in East St. Louis. The Midwest Division of the ARRL held their 1933 Convention at the Melbourne Hotel in St. Louis.

Earl held a Commercial Radio Operator License in addition to his ham radio license and at one time was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. In his later years, he moved to Lombard, Illinois to live with his daughter.

ERC TO PRODUCE MASS MAILING FOR EGYPTIANFEST 2007

Dennis Miller, KC9IXO, has made a very generous offer to pay postage for a mass mailing to hams announcing our hamfest. The mailing will be by postcard to 500-600 hams in the area, promoting Egyptianfest 2007. The cards should be mailed about the middle of May.

The club is indebted to KC9IXO for this generosity. Thank you Dennis.