"KAR" Kansas Amateur Radio "KAR"

August 2009 issue

Hi gang, I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Salina in 8 days for the ARRL Ks State Convention. This is that time for all Kansas hams that support ham radio to get together. The Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club sponsors the convention and holds it in the biggest and nicest air-conditioned building Ks hams can afford. Lots of swap tables! Lots of meeting rooms and unlimited close in parking. Chuck from ARRL Hq will be there again and our own Kansan ARRL Midwest Director Bruce KØBJ. You don't want to miss the Section Meeting. Our Section Manager, Ron KBØDTI will open it having Stan WAØCCW of the Kansas Nebraska Radio Club present the 2009 Kansas Amateur of the Year. The club does not pick or elect the KAOTY it only does the admistrative work. You nominate the ham and the past recipients of the award elects the one.

This is the time we who hold ARRL appointments such as ECs, Emergency Coordinators get together with our SM and Bob KØBXF our Section Emergency Coordinator for a leadership meeting. This is a great time for all ECs to get together and get to meet their fellow ECs and talk shop and share the year's experiences with emergencies you participated in.

There will be an ARRL Forum earlier where you can hash over the national events and problems lead by Bruce KØBJ and Chuck KØBOG from ARRL. Now is the time to ask all of those questions that affect us hams as a whole nationally. Most of you know Chuck from Gt. Bend, Ks who retired from Ch -2 and went to work at ARRL.

Especially read Emily's ARRL Ks Ast Section Youth Manager's column below. She has provided us all with 2 PDF files of the rules and a nomination form for the YHOTY", Youth Ham of the Year. Kent KBØRWI has provided 2 URLS on his web site where we can read and or copy and past them to your files. See Emily's column below for more info. BCNU soon……. Orlan ur ed

◆Be sure to read Tom's Key Strokes. He has provided us with lots of good reading and helpful info.

◆Don't forget the **Kansas QSO Party** is set - Aug.29th & 30th. <http://www.ksqsoparty.org>.

◆If you subscribe to the electronics magazine, "Nuts & Volts", look at page 95 center bottom and you will find one of our ARRL KS Emergency Coordinators, Rod KØEQH. Also on page 35 bottom right corner you will find Phil WØX! from Lawrence, Ks.

◆To download and view the August issue of **WorldRadio Online**, go to the CQ home page at <www.cq-amateur-radio.com> and click on the "WorldRadio Online" box. There are several options for viewing/downloading the issue. See the instructions on the welcome page. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader in order to read WorldRadio Online. If you do not have it, scroll to the bottom of the welcome page and you will find a link for a free download.

◆See the Complete 2000 watt back pack ham radio station with HF antenna at>>>>>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nxp_Nsa54_Q&feature=channel_page

◆ My son Brian sent this to me and I think you will enjoy it too. Subject: Happy birthday, Nikola Tesla: thanks for the electricity Technology guardian.co.uk

http://www.guardian.co.uk/technology/blog/2009/jul/10/tesla-electricity-inventor-birthday-anniversary

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Please visit http://www.cenkares.org/ for other Kansas ham radio info.

☐Kansas Section News Click >>> **http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS**

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73, Orlan wØoyh UR KAR ed and ARRL Ks Ast. Section Mgr. w0oyh@arrl.net

ARRL KS SECTION MANAGER - Ron KBØDTI

Our state convention is a week away, I hope you're planning to attend. This is your opportunity to get together with other operators from across the state.
Contesters, DXers, Traffic Handlers, A.R.E.S. , card checking will all be there.
The Midwest Division Directors meeting will begin at 10:00 with K0BJ. K0BOG from HQ will be with us for the weekend as well.
The Kansas Section meeting will follow with the presentation of the Kansas Radio Amateur of the Year. M.A.R.S. will join us in the Kansas meeting. Kent and I think this will provide a good avenue to let everyone know what MARS is doing and how it relates to what you may be involved in.

We're having a QSO party the end of this month. The folks that put it together will be there to answer your questions.

Field Day was different this year. I stopped at 8 sites in the Kansas City area. Somehow I got off schedule and missed dinner. The Sonic on K10 in Lawrence was open at 10:00 Saturday nite though.

I left the house and went as far North as Leavenworth. I don't know what happened but by the time I reached KU at 5P my back is cramping up. I had to streach out on the picnic bench at Olathe and streach out hamstrings. I continued that thru the duration of the weekend. The same bench where Senator Sam Brownback made a contact 8 hours earlier.

Wach the Kansas news for a full FD RPT. **http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS**

73,

Ron KBØDTI
ARRL Ks Section Manager

You will find Ron on the Ks Weather Net (as NCS some times) on 3920 kHz at 6:00 PM and on the Ks Sideband Net at 6:30 PM and on the QKS CW net at 7 & 10 PM on 3574 kHz.

ARRL KS SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR - Bob KØBXF

Aug 1, 2009
DE K0BXF ARRL SEC KS

Been busy around this QTH, revamping antenna system. Have to make it right this time because I
have noticed a bit of hard work attached to this activity and at my age I should only be fishin' every day, Huh?

We had 15 ARES zones reporting activity this month for a total of 118 net sessions, 844 QNI and 11 pieces of traffic handled.

Hope every group did report their Field Day 2009 totals to W0OYH so we can see how the other half operated ands what the other , other half can do to show them up next year.
Army MARS reported 476.5 man hours of operation this month with 263 messages handled.
KS RACES net had 11 county checkins with reps from Riley, McPherson, Montgomery, Linn, Mitchell, Wyandotte, Neosho, Leavenworth, Miami and Shawnee counties. Joe WD0MDF would welcome doubling the effort the rest of the year, let us see if you can rep your area the first Thurs of each month 7PM on 3940.

73 for now, hope to see quite a few of you at the STATE convention August 16 and perhaps at the Saturday evening get together at Applebys around 6 PM.

Bob Summers K0BXF ARRL SEC KS
You can find Bob on the Kansas Sideband Net on 3920 kHz at 6:30 pm most evenings.

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KANSAS ARRL Youth Ast. Section Manager – Emily KCØPTO

"Hello all! I'm about to leave for KU for my first semester of college. I'm so excited to start school!

The 2009 Kansas Young Ham of the Year will be announced at the Kansas Convention. We had excellent applications. It was very exciting to see the effort that young operators are putting into this hobby.

As always, send any suggestions to me at kc0ptl@arrl.net.

73,

Emily"

Hello,

As I have announced, I have created a Kansas Young Ham of the Year award. I would like you to be a judge of the two applications that I have received. They are attached as two PDF files.

Please create a seperate e-mail with your choice with a subject line of "Selection."

I really appreciate your participation.

73,

Emily
KC0PTL

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"Young Ham Of The Year" PDF doc.

OK. I have uploaded them to http://yhoty.ksarrl.org/KU0DM_YHOTY_2009_Nomination_Form.pdf
http://yhoty.ksarrl.org/N8NCC_KS_YHOTY_Final.pdf

I am hosting on a 3MB (Megabit) server, and get the files at 310kbps. There is little to no traffic on ksarrl.org -- only getting 4 visitors in a week. I would like to update the Section list soon on the site. http://ksarrl.org/section/ if this information is not hosted somewhere already.

Kent, KB0RWI

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For those of you who would like to receive the two pdf doc files as email attachments, just request them from w0oyh@arrl.net I will collect names for a week and send them all at one time cuz one file is about 15 MB and the other about 5MB and the upload time for me is about 5 minutes. Don't Let that scare you, the down load for you from your server is less than a minute.

PONY EXPRESS SPECIAL EVENT STATION

Commemorating the 149th Anniversary of the Pony Express and the important role the telegraph played in its operation.

Sunday, August 30, 2009
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. CDT
Operating from the Historic
Hollenberg Pony Express Station

1 mile east of Hanover KS on Hwy 243
(15 miles WNW of Marysville, KS)

The Pony Express operated from April 1860 to October 1861. Riders took about 10 days to travel between St. Joseph, MO and Sacramento, CA. When a telegraph line was finally stretched across the plains and through the mountains, the Pony Express became a part of history.

Amateur Radio Station KØASA will operate as an 1860s-style Telegraph Office during the annual Hollenberg Pony Express Station Festival. Frequencies: **3.540, 7.040, 14.040 & 14.240 MHz.** Certificate awarded. Sponsored by the Crown Amateur Radio Association, Olathe KS.
Operated by the Kansas State Historical Society, this Pony Express Station is thought to be the only Pony Express station in the nation that has been preserved and left on the original location. The festival includes early-American exhibits and activities.
Contact KØASA on the air or stop by and visit.

See: http://www.arrlmidwest.org/ponyexpress.html

Jim KØNK

AROUND THE SECTION:

Pony Express Reride 2009

Hiawatha ARC, with George WA0SRR, Mike W0MSC gave Communications, Safety backup, coordination with Law enforcement, for the Pony Express reride from St. Joe, MO to HWY US 75 North of Holton, KS where the Marshall County ARC, with Dave K0KSI, Dennis K0BYK, Mike N0UDF, Al KD0AKT, using K0BYK's motor home followed the PX riders with similar services to the Nebr/KS line meeting with Frank KB0HFJ, Max KB0HIR who took them into Nebr. Time involved was nearly two and a half days of coverage. Lyle Ladner, KS State Director for Nat. Pony Express (NPEA) expressing his appreciation to the Hams for assisting in the event. Plans are already forming for the next year (2010, 150 Anniv., and media coverage). It will commence Sunday June 6th in Calif, and finish in St. Joe, MO Sat. June 26, 2010. Amateurs are needed in the other states to follow the riders, contact K0BYK for info.

Dennis KØBYK

◆ Orlan,

Thanks for the most recent issue of KAR. It is one of the most informative emails I get. We have been testing and licensing new hams out here for many years now.

This past Saturday I was fortunate enough to be the VE liaison for another Technician Class review & test session sponsored by Southwest Kansas Emergency Communications Team - **SKECT.**
This session had only three attendees making it the smallest session since **SKECT** began haviang these sessions the past two years.
We tested seven candidates with two who came to upgrade and two who studied independently. Only one of the upgrade candidates failed to pass an exam.

The scorecard is
new **Technicians**:
Victor Hawkins - Garden City
Matthew Douglass - Garden City
Richard Wilson - Garden City
David Winger - Sublette
Upgrades:
Ted Musgrove - Syracuse General to **Extra**
Pete Tuls - Liberal nothing to **General**

Congratulations and a hearty welcome to the newcomers and upgraders alike!

73 ~
Jim Douglass, ACoE
VE liaison & ARRL EC
Garden City

◆For the seventh year, members of the McPherson Amateur Radio Club and ARES members provided communication support for a local bicycle event (The Mowbray Metric).

Nine Amateur Operators manned a net control and five reststops to support eighty-four bicycle riders and event organizers. The ride started at 0730 local time and operations were over at 1330. The 147.33 2M repeater was the backbone of the tactial net and covered McPherson County and a small portion of Reno County.

This event has proven to be the best test of manpower and equipment for our county ARES group. Again this year, the event was very successful and we feel confident of the capabilities of our equipment and team members.

WD0EUF
EC McPherson County

◆Orlan, This has been a great **sporadic E summer**. Many times the best summer E season come on low sunspot times. Wednesday evening July 29z I worked K1WHS in Maine on 2 meters for state #48. The people in VHF that keep track of these things say I am # 13 ever to do this. It helps to live in the Midwest and they say I am also the Western most station to work all continues 48 states on non EME or digital. 11 years ago Vermont was worked for state # 47 so it took a long time for another E cloud to be in the correct location. Quite a thrill this week.
Larry N0LL EM09OS Kansas **TU Larry for keeping us up with the VHF world. ed**

◆QCWA Chapter 211 3 sessions 15 members
CAARC Repeater 1 session 6 members
Chanute Simplex 3 sessions 15 members

Net sessions indicates low activity. Actually no activity.
No training.
Most folks gone camping or just outside.
Hope for better next month.

73

Gary

◆**Subject:** Tomas/KC0KYD

Tomas was life watched to Wichita yesterday evening. He had a pretty nasty 4-wheeler accident over by Healy, Eagle Med actually took off from Hwy 4 to get him here quicker. He is still unconscious and had bleeding of the brain. They are waiting for him to wake-up and determine the amount of damage he suffered....

Keep him in your prayers and I'll keep you posted.

Chad

QKS - THE ARRL KS CW TFC NET OF THE NTS

Net operated daily at 7 and 10 pm on 3547 kHz. 7 pm is the out going tfc into the NTS system and incoming at 10 pm. You are welcome to check in with or without tfc. Our manager is James, NBØZ I am Net control on Monday, Fridays and Saturdays at 10 PM. Been doing that for 30+

years... Orlan

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This is a reminder that the Kansas ARRL State Convention is rapidly approaching
August 16, 2009 in Salina at the Salina Bicentennial Center, 800 The Midway.
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM CDST

Same location as the past several years.

Several folks meet for Dinner at Applebee's the evening before the HamFest.

Sid N0OBM

CKARC QSP Editor
CKARC VE Team Leader
etc.

HA - HA - HA - HA – HA

--- THIS OUGHT TO MAKE ALL GRANDPAS FEEL WARM & FUZZY....

A six year old goes to the hospital with her grandmother to visit her Grandpa. When they get to the hospital, she runs ahead of her Grandma and Bursts into her Grandpa's room...

"Grandpa, Grandpa," she says excitedly, "As soon as Grandma comes Into the room, make a noise like a frog!"

"What?" said her Grandpa. "Make a noise like a frog - because Grandma said that as soon as you Croak, we're all going to Disney Land !"

◆This guy is 72 years old and loves to fish.

He was sitting in his boat the other day
when he heard a voice say, "Pick me up."

He looked around and couldn't see any one.

He thought he was dreaming when he heard the voice say a gain, "Pick me up."

He looked in the water and there, floating on the top, was a frog.

The man said, "Are you talking to me?"

The frog said, "Yes, I'm talking to you. Pick me up then, kiss me and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen. I'll make sure that all your friends are envious and jealous because I will be your bride!"

The man looked at the frog for a short time,
reached over, picked it up carefully, and placed it in his front breast pocket.

Then the frog said, "What, are you nuts? Didn't you hear what I said? I said kiss me and I will be your beautiful bride."

He opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said,
"Nah, at my age I'd rather have a talking frog."

◆ "Anyone with needs to be prayed over, come forward, to the front at the altar," the Preacher says.

Leroy gets in line, and when it's his turn, the preacher asks: "Leroy, what do you want me to pray about for you."

Leroy replies: "Preacher, I need you to pray for my hearing." The preacher puts one finger in Leroy's ear, and he places the other hand on top of Leroy's head and prays and prays and prays, he prays a blue streak for
Leroy.

After a few minutes, the Preacher removes his hands, stands back and asks,"Leroy, how is your hearing now?"

Leroy says, "I don't know, Reverend, it ain't til next Wednesday!"

◆ These sentences appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'
The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM
in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

SILENT KEYS:

Folks it is with sorrow that I must pass on the news we received this eve.
Barney Alfers NØSZS passed away today. No arrangements are made yet and I will

pass on any information as soon as I receive it.
Dennis KØBYK
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The Funeral for Barney Alfers, NØSZS will be Monday at the Methodist Church in Axtell, KS (about 20 miles East of Marysville, KS) at 10:00 am, there will be a viewing visitation Sunday eve from 7 - 8 pm at the Funeral Home.

Dennis KØBYK
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This is from Chad N0YK. For those of you who don't know Tomas, he was a SHARC member a few years back and is a cousin to Chad.

◆I am sad to say that yes, it is THE Walter Kronkite that is now a sk.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 17, 2009, at 6:27 PM, "TC Dailey" <daileyservices@qwest.net> wrote:

The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:
Shortcut to: http://www.qrz.com/db/KB2GSD

I'm not sure this is THE Walter Cronkite, but based on the "overlooking Central Park" address, I think it is.

He became a Silent Key today...
<KB2GSD.url>

◆It is my sad duty to report the death of my dad Ray Richard (Dick) Biege WØIUL. He was an active ham in the Hutchinson / Topeka area for over 60 years. I'm sure a lot of hams in the area have had QSO's with him or knew him through his military duty as Captain Biege USNR. Dad passed in Plano Texas May 30th 2009 after loosing the battle with lung cancer.

Don Biege KCØGTA **sent to KAR by** Sid N0OBM

◆Seymour Nathan Salvay ("Nate")

Seymour Nathan ("Nate") Salvay, 93, of Mission Hills, KS, passed away July 20, 2009, at Menorah Medical Center, Overland Park, KS. Funeral services will be held in the Katz Chapel at Congregation Beth Shalom, 9400 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO, at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, followed by burial at Rose Hill Cemetery, 69th and Troost, Kansas City, MO. Kindly omit flowers; the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, Village Shalom or the charity of one's choice. Nathan was born March 11, 1916, in Kansas City, MO, to Israel David Salvay (born Soloveichik in Veisiejai, Lithuania) and Anna Salvay (born Brudner [Kiansky] in Starodub, Russia). In his youth, Nathan was an avid ham radio operator (W9KTC) spending many happy hours at his radio set in his parents' home on Bellefontaine; he graduated Central High School (Kansas City) in 1932. Seeing a Curtis

"pusher" fly overhead while on his father's shoulders at age 3, he was smitten with a desire to fly; he soloed in an OX5 bi-plane in 1937; his first passengers were his parents. He taught flying throughout the late '30s and early '40s, including aerobatics. During the depths of the Depression, he worked for Burstein-Applebee Electronics, selling throughout Kansas. Prior to WWII, Nathan continued his education, earning an aeronautical engineering degree in 1940 from Curtis Wright Technical Institute, Los Angeles, CA. Just prior to WWII, he earned his commercial pilot's license in Logan, UT. Just after the onset of World War II, Nathan was a civilian flight instructor for the Army Air Corps (now U.S. Air Force) in Coffeyville, KS; he was invited to dinner at the home of Elias Krigel, whose daughter Rose suggested that Nathan call her cousin Geraldine when he was next in Kansas City. Nathan did just that, and Gerry and Nate were married in January 1946. In 1943, Nathan enlisted in the Army Air Corps and flew "the Hump" (over the Himalaya Mountains) in the China- Burma-India Theatre, where he served as second lieutenant and pilot-in- command of C47 cargo planes ferrying supplies to the Chinese. Nathan returned to Kansas City to find that his brother Gene had built a tiny, single-seat airplane, the "Skyhopper," in the basement of their parents' home; he piloted it cross-country and delivered it to Gene in Los Angeles while his bride, Gerry, followed along his route by train. After his discharge from the service, he and Gerry started The Salvay Flying Service at Richards-Gebaur Airport in Grandview, MO; they used their two small planes for flight instruction and charter. He was an engineer briefly for Black & Veatch. In 1950, he joined Milgram Food Stores, from which he retired in 1984 as vice president of the non-foods division. After his retirement, Nathan worked several years as a market researcher and consultant to the supermarket industry. Nathan's life focused on his family and his cherished friends. In his later years, Nathan (a.k.a. "Mr. Seymour") regularly frequented area food stores and restaurants, where he was known for his ready smile and patient ear and his parting greeting, "Be well." His kindness, compassion and wise advice will be long remembered. Mr. Salvay was preceded in death by his parents and by his beloved son, Steven Howard Salvay. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Geraldine June "Gerry" (Krigel) Salvay; his daughter-in- law Helen Schwartz Salvay of Tucson, AZ, and her two children: David of Chicago, and Miriam (Salvay) Shwartz (husband, Gilad) of Elbert, CO; his son and daughter-in-law, Craig and Linda Salvay of Prairie Village, KS, and their two children: Rachel of San Francisco, and Sarah (Salvay) Gallardo (husband, Robert) of Overland Park, KS; his son and daughter-in-law, Brian Allan "Boruch" and Loretta "Miriam" (Goodman) Salvay of Woodridge, NY, and their eight children: Naftoli (wife, Sarah) of New Hempstead, NY, Yosef of Nanuet, NY, Binyomin of Woodridge, NY, Naomi of Woodridge, NY, Shmuel of Woodridge, NY, Levi (wife, Chanah Rochel) of Far Rockaway (Queens), NY, Yisroel Meir of Woodridge, NY, Esther Manya of Woodridge, NY. Nathan leaves five great-grandchildren: Shirel Leah, Meira Batyah, Moshe Chaim, Talia Shira, and Nicholas Giovanni.

He is also survived by his brother, Melvin Eugene ("Gene") Salvay of Encino, CA, and his family; by his brother- in-law Edwin M. ("Ed") Krigel and his family; by his sister-in-law Peggy Krigel and her family, and by numerous beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Online guest book available at www.louismemorialchapel.com (Arr.: The Louis Memorial Chapel, 816-361- 5211.)
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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/kansascity/obituary.aspx?n=seymour-nathan-salvay-nate&pid=130149859

<snip> from "LL"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Thanks Orlan, for the response and your insight. I enjoy qni qks when I get the chance. Best 73 and God bless.

Mike K0TQ dit dit Gud to hr ur fist Mike. Another displaced Kansans

◆ Orlan,

Bruce, KØBJ made it to Newington in good shape yesterday and we had a chance to go over Kansas news. I think they are keeping him busy with meetings. We had a good Field Day on Saturday last month but I went with a friend to an Air Show in Rhode Island on Sunday, always fun to see the planes and watch some of them in action. Weather here is turning a bit warmer but guess we have been lucky so far. It's hard to imagine it is the middle of July already!

73,

Chuck, KØBOG

◆Follow 40th anniversary of moon launch here.

<http://wechoosethemoon.com/>

George Yantis, K0GY I just ate at the Old Country Buffet a few minutes ago and saw George there.

◆ The Grounded Grid for August is now on-line at:

http://warc1.org/grid/2009-08.pdf

As always, you can get previous Grids by visiting

http://warc1.org/grid/

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webmaster@warc1.org

◆I challenge any of you to do better than this.....

>> For pictures of my mobile station:
>> http://www.cardomain.com/ride/2630240

>>
>> Scott Heath (AF4KK)

Dale NØKQX

◆My goodness Lee -- those are some wild pix in KAR. I resembxxxxx.... er... recognize those guys. But you really need to tell the KAR readers about your "unintentional 2 el wire beam"

CU at Salina.... I'll look for the guy with those geeky glasses and the Green Collins line :-) On second thought, never mind, I'll look for his hot YL....

73 Bruce KØBJ Reference to Lee's photos in last months KAR

◆Larry, I just heard about this. It sounds interesting. A loop antenna mounted to the mast of the tribander would be steerable by itself to eliminate unwanted signals. The phased array would not need to be rotated.

<http://www.wellbrook.uk.com/phasedarray.html>

Robin Cross, Chief Engineer, WØFEN
KCUR-FM 89.3 MHz

<robin@kcur.org>
<www.kcur.org> <snip> from "LL"

◆The July 2009 issue of QSP will be on-line "shortly" if it's not already. For those of you who get your copy via the US Postal Service, it's "in the box".

Sid N0OBM QSP Editor
Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club **http://www.centralksarc.com**
http://www.centralksarc.com/qsppage.htm

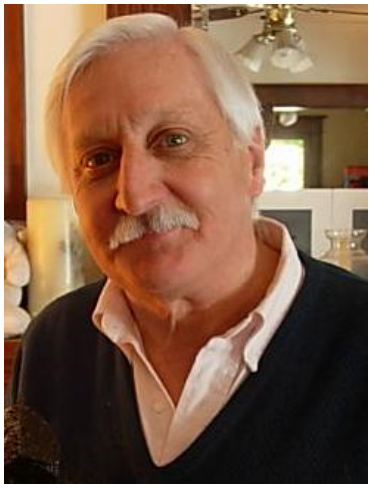
◆Thanks, Orlan. Tom is a good Ambassador for Amateur Radio.
Dick W9YBH

◆35-years ago, August 8, 1974, I made the fateful trek to the 17th Floor of the Federal Building at 601 E. 12th Street, where I appeared before Etta Songer and attempted to pass 13-wpm code and a General written test.

I passed, sort of, and the rest is history.

Bill WBØNSQ

Tom's Key-Strokes - WØEAJ Denver, Co. Displaced Ks neighbor



...and just in case the readers wondered what the heck a swabbie's reunion had to do with ham radio? I took the IC-706 MK-II/G and a beat-up MFJ tuner with me to those mountains... ran about 150' of wire up the mountainside (atop the rocks - great insulators), and luckily had a terrific ground into the stream. We worked lots of folks on 160m through 20m, and as I'd been a Radioman in the Navy, and Tom had been an Electronics Technician, he was truly amazed at what I could do with a pair of little black boxes and a piece of wire.

We even managed to QSO with a fellow in his home of Reading, Mass - who called his wife to tell her that the Two Tom's were just fine, and laughing a lot.

THAT's what it had to do with Ham Radio.

Tom

◆Electronically Challenged Seniors

Things are spiraling out of control. I think I have become lost in a world of electronic madness.

One of my sons informed me this week that my cell phone has become obsolete and I must head down to the Cell Phone store and get a phone that is contemporary with the time.

I pointed out that the fancy Razor/Slim line phone with camera built in that he made me trade my perfectly good flip-top Motorola cell phone for two years ago still works perfectly fine. Well, except for the camera thing. Never could figure that out.. Even the few times I actually did take pictures I couldn't figure what to do with them and gave up.

That is except when I would push the wrong button and take a video of the ceiling or my feet.

Seems the issue is that I am unable to text with the tiny little 3 character buttons. "Hi, son," would come out looking like, "Gh Qmo." My grandkids have even spoken to my wife about Poppa's crazy text messages. Give me a break. Whatever happened to actually talking on a phone? Isn't that what they were invented for?

They want me to get one of those phones that you can turn upside down and sideways and has a typewriter keyboard with keys about one-eighth the size of my pinky finger.

One of my four sons is a realtor whose real occupation is fly fishing. "Way to go, son."
Or in my text language, "Xbz um Io, rmo."

We were floating the Yakima River in his guide quality drift boat south of Ellensburg, Washington.

We were miles from anything remotely resembling civilization. Rock canyon walls were on either side of us. Bear with me as I try to explain this strange thing.

His "Blackberry" rang. It was blue and I asked him why it wasn't called a Blueberry. He shook his head with that "dealing with an elder" despair look I get a lot these days. It was another realtor who called to say that the sellers he represented had agreed to my son's client's changes and he had the signed documents in hand.

My son told him to FAX the papers to his office and he would get them signed and Faxed back, to close the deal that morning. A minute later the phone rang and he hit a few buttons and looked over the FAX, now on the Yakima River with us.

He then called his clients and told them he was Faxing the papers to them to sign and asked them to FAX them back to his office. While he was waiting, he hooked into a fat rainbow and was just releasing this 22 inch beauty as his phone rang again with the signed FAX from his clients.

He called the other realtor and told him he was sending the signed papers back by FAX. The deal was closed. He smiled and just said, "You are a little behind the times, Dad." I guess I am.

I thought about the sixty million dollar a year business I ran with 1800 employees, all without a Blackberry that played music, took videos, pictures and communicated with Facebook and Twitter.

I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook, so my seven kids, their spouse, 13 grandkids and 2 great grand kids could communicate with me in the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter with only 140 characters of space.

That was before one of my grandkids hooked me up for Tweeter, Tweetree, Twhirl, Twitterfon, Tweetie and Twittererific Tweetdeck, Twitpix and something that sends every message to my cell phone and every other program within the texting world.

My phone was beeping every three minutes with the details of everything except the bowel movements of the entire next generation. I am not ready to live like this. I keep my cell phone in the garage in my golf bag.

The kids bought me a GPS for my last birthday because they say I get lost every now and then going over to the grocery store or library. I keep that in a box under my tool bench with the Blue tooth [it's red] phone I am supposed to use when I drive. I wore it once and was standing in line at Barnes and Nobles talking to my wife as everyone in the nearest 50 yards was glaring at me. Seems I have to take my hearing aid out to use it and got a little loud.

I mean the GPS looked pretty smart on my dash board, but the lady inside was the most annoying, rudest person I had run into in a long time. Every 10 minutes, she would sarcastically say, "Re-calc-ul-ating" You would think that she could be nicer. It was like she could barely olerate me. She would let go with a deep sigh and then tell me to make a U-turn at the next light. Then when I would make a right turn instead, it was not good.

When I get really lost now, I call my wife and tell her the name of the cross streets and while she is starting to develop the same tone as Gypsy, the GSP lady, at least she loves me.

To be perfectly frank, I am still trying to learn how to use the cordless phones in our house. We have had them for 4 years, but I still haven't figured out how I can lose three phones all at once and have run around digging under chair cushions and checking bathrooms and the dirty laundry baskets when the phone rings.

Oh, and have you noticed that we obviously came from another era, 'cause we say words like "point", "decimal", and "period"? It would appear that those words have been replaced with the universal term of "dot" - I always thought those had to do with polkas.

The world is just getting too complex for me. They even mess me up every time I go to the grocery store. You would think they could settle on something themselves but this sudden "Paper or Plastic?" every time I check out just knocks me for a loop.

I bought some of those cloth re-usable bags to avoid looking confused but never remember to take them in with me.

Now I toss it back to them. When they ask me, "Paper or Plastic?" I just say, "Doesn't matter to me. I am bi-sacksual." Then it's their turn to stare at me with a blank look.

◆Rabbit-ears are worthless; it's time to build a REAL antenna. This one's easy, and works great - provides gain, as well.

Hams have been MAKING antennas for years... big deal that it uses coat-hangers - they're cheap and "wire is wire". http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EWQhlmJTMzw

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I've made these from brazing rod (welding torch type), AND... if you can stick it up in the attic, all the better...

Remember:

HEIGHT = RECEPTION

Tom

◆The Elmer's File:

As we often muse about our "Elmers", and the contributions they made to us, as a result of their friendship, their talent, their experience, and their support, we often recall serious stories, but the best are the funny ones. How we first realized that B+ voltage HURT!, and how bad grounds resulted in burned lips... that kind of thing. Or how when my Mother would OFTEN decry my feeble attempts at radio-experimentation by saying *"That radio junk will NEVER make you a PENNY!"*... usually coupled with her frustration at walking into yet another piece of wire I'd erected in the basement or back yard. Yes, I still kid her about that statement, as of course, my life's career has been ELECTRONICS and COMMUNICATIONS, directly related to those youthful attempts at "hearing another one".

Carl Bruns (**KØGOZ SK**) lived just South of 71st. St. on Lowell in Overland Park. He's the guy whose wife invited a very hot and sweatstained kid on a bicycle, down into the basement to Carl's shack,

then brought cookies and milk, while I salivated over his "rig". It became very apparent, very quickly, that I did NOT have a ticket, so he set about convincing me that only a handfull of the Best and Brightest in the World, qualified for an Amateur Radio License... wooooooooo. (insert open-mouthed GASP here), and I obviously was ONE of those... man, what a salesman. My stepdad (**WØKI**) still has Carl's Power/SWR meter.

The other driving force was a high-school buddy's Dad - Stanley Linder (**KØVLZ SK**) His son Harold (**KØVLT**), my friend Chuck (**KØCDM**), and I would spend Friday and Saturday evenings in their shack, in what was THEN, the Southern part of Overland Park (it sure isn't now), listening to the Gonset "Gooney Bird" on 6m AM, or the fellows on 75m SSB, on a National NC-303 (insert very LARGE gasp, here). Only Harold had much of a social life, Chuck's was slightly better, and mine was non-existant... so something fun to do on Saturday night, was pretty cool. Later on, when I was in the Navy on Guam Island (KG6 land at the time), and some "other places"... Stan and I had a sked on 20m or 15m, and he'd run patches to my girlfriend Susie (who wrote me a Dear John letter - THANKS!..... insert "raspberry" here), and my Mom in OP. Mom got so good at it, that Stan would put her on VOX, and just sit back and listen in his chair.

In later years, there came Manny (**WØZXH**) and Beryl Masters (**WBØEJJ SK**), along with a whole host of other miscreant funny-men, who never failed to make drive-time a hilarous event. The absolute TOTAL LAUGHTER involved when Beryl would successfully guide somebody to a seemingly unfindable destination, calling out the billboards, stoplights, and businesses passed, only to have the hapless pilot later discover that the guy who'd given him such PERFECT directions, couldn't SEE. I never referred to Beryl as "blind", as his eyes may not have worked, but he darned sure was NOT blind.

One of the funnier tales involved the KCPD; Beryl and his wife lived off of Wornell Rd, on Washington. It got really dark over there, and wasn't known for being a great neighorhood, after a while, anyway. There was something amiss with Beryl's car, and as he was a MASTER MACHINIST for Bendix, he was not foreign to engines and things that go varoooom! So, there's this short, kind of overweight older guy with his head stuck under the hood of a car, and he's banging tools... oh, and it's near midnight, PITCH DARK, and he does NOT have a flashight - two KC police officers walk up on him, watch for a bit, and demand *"Whaddya doin?"* Beryl, without looking up or out [sic], says *"None of your ******* business!"* - this miffs the PD types, and they say it again - this time Beryl exclaims *"I'm working on my damned car, what the hell does it LOOK like I'm doing?"* By now, they're really up... so demand *"without a flashlight?"....* Beryl, senses the confusion, and said later, then heard the "ticking" of the overhead lights on the cop car, so responds..... *"well, damnit... I'm blind, so I dont' NEED a damned flashlight!"*

These cops are about have a conniption-fit until Beryl's wife looks out the door, and explains that it's SHE who drives <u>"most of the time"....</u> ha ha ha ha The story eventually got resolved, and it became a sort of rite-of-passage for old sergeants to take "newbies" over by Beryl's house, and suck 'em into a similar story line. Oh, and Beryl drank beer back then (his doctor made him quit it), so he had a refrigerator in the basement with a KEG inside, and a pull-handle on the outside of the door - Beryl would always courteously ask the cops if they'd like a cold beer!..... priceless

Manny as I'm reminded by my co-worker from Burstein-Applebee, Dale Clark (**WAØCFQ**), found out about some obscure law in Independance concerning "Yellow Cars", back in the 70's. Dale drove a yellow car back then, so Manny kept reminding him NOT to drive the car in Independance... and always on the 34/10-4 repeater (as we used to joke). Dale's other story about Manny was that he

once got lost while trying to get to Belton, MO.. I guess he drove ALL OVER Raytown one day, looking for Belton, and couldn't find it anywhere! Beryl, was finally able to steer Manny and get him "un-lost" after some lengthy directional instructions. (Dale reminds us that there was none of that GPS stuff, back then) It was very amusing to hear Beryl direct Manny out of Raytown, and FINALLY to Belton - took about 2 hours.

One fellow you don't know of, but he's the guy who got me going, finally. I was assigned to Electronics Technician "A" school at Treasure Island, CA (SFRAN), and after finding out they had a ham club (affording lots of special priviledges), I joined. They knew I didn't have a ticket, so assigned my friend to be, Dave Sublette (**K9IHG** at the time... now **K4TO**) and another couple of fellows to help me get my NOVICE. They DID accomplish that, and I remember (although THEY DON'T) the initation involving peanut butter and mustard on my face... then being walked out to the shoreline blindfolded, and made to get into a metal washtub... they held it firmly (although I didn't know that at the time), and totally convinced me that I'd been set adrift in San Francisco BAY as part of the process - I was terrified. Dave became a mentor and tutor to me, and I finally got to thank him a couple of years ago, thanks to the **K6NCG** website http://www.qsl.net/k6ncg/index.html (**The 60's - 5th. row, far right..... ME**), and before him, the "boss" of the club, Frank Mizzell (K4DCU SK).

Each person we meet, or counsel, or share time with, or help put up an antenna with becomes another chapter in our Elmer's File. Unlike other files however, these don't get closed and forgotten; every time we push down on the key, or grip a microphone, or twist a knob, or cut another wire for a project... these folks waft through our memory like whispering breezes over a mountain cliff. The real triggers are having somebody's old gear... you know, the old key that was given to you; maybe a pair of needle-nosed pliers with lots of wear, a screwdriver that's JUST THE RIGHT SIZE for taking knobs off, or a radio, or piece of test equipment that you know "That GUY" once owned and cherished. In my case, I still have the 1N34 diode, bought from Mr. Taylor, in 7th. Grade shop class, at Old Mission JHS, that took the place of the piece of galena that came from Uncle Bill, to create my FIRST crystal set (that I heard **WØQQ** on, back in 1954)... and that CK722 transistor (missing the emitter lead) that I got at Henshaw Electronics, back in 1955 - I think it cost me $8.00 - a HUGE amount of money, but it made lots of projects possible... and all because somebody took the time to inspire a dorky 97-pound weakling kid, with no social life.

I guess that makes ham radio a kind of "Immortal Science", 'cause somehow, no matter how short the time, if you help somebody in this silly hobby, they'll remember you..... and in return, you get a kind of short-term immortality.

73

Tom - WØEAJ

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As an add to the story I just sent you - I just got off of a 15 minute CW QSO with K4TO... the guy in the story that helped me GET my license

How's that for cool? (he was astounded that I was using a BUG and not a keyer - I'm miserably bad with a keyer)

Tom

◆ NAVRADSTA Big Jim Creek, WA

Used to bcst on **12 kHz*** - it was said that subs, 100 miles N of Austrailia, at periscope depth, could copy it, 5 by 9. http://www.archive.org/details/LargestR1950

Tom - WØEAJ

I listened to them at COMTRAPAC COMMS @ SDIEGO on an RBA receiver - you could often hear "whistlers" on the freq.

◆The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:
Shortcut to: http://www.archive.org/details/living_past

Runs quite a while, but astounding footage from 1901 and 1904, with Admiral Dewey's fleet off of Venezuela

◆THIS CAME OFF OF THE "HBR Reflector". FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW MUCH (OR ANYTHING) ABOUT THE HBR RECEIVERS, IT'S A FACINATING JOURNEY THROUGH THE PEAK OF "HOME-BREW" EQUIPMENT. The articles from W6TC (SK) first appeared in the pages of QST, and are still found on the HBR website: http://www.qsl.net/k5bcq/HBR/hbr.html#Q I myself, own an HBR-11 (11 tubes), built in 1964... entirely from scratch. To this day, it displays astounding selectivity and incredible sensitivity (Readable CW at only.045 uv on 75m). To anybody who's ever home-brewed, or to those who think about creating something that provides wonderful satisfaction at little cost - this is the project for you. Oh, and YES... tube-type HBR receivers are STILL being built as I write these words.

Tom - WØEAJ

Subject: [HBR] Recollections of a Radio Receiver

>I have been working with Jay for the past few years on
> his book. Jay knew Ted Crosby personally and felt
> that the HBR adventure should not fade away. The
> book is a treasure trove of information relating to
> the HBR's and how to build them as well as other
> information relating to building vacuum tube receivers.
> It also delves into the
sonality of Ted Crosby and
> his inner circle.
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> It started out to be a paper bound book. As the pages
> started adding up, Jay came to a fork in the road to
> delete some information to keep the book a reasonable
> size. This meant deleting some relevant information.
> In discussions with me and Lee, WB6SSW, he made
> the decision to go to a CD so that all the information
> could be retained. It is now in the vicinity of 500
> pages of information. The pages are all in PDF

> files and easy to print out.
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> There is a lot of information that has not been published
> before as well as information from a lot of sources
> that is compiled in one CD.
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> Having this CD is like having an old Handbook but
> it is just vacuum tube receivers of the Ted Crosby
> design.
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> This book is not going to make Jay rich and he
> never will be compensated for the time he put
> into the writing and editing that he has done.
> I hope there is enough support from this group
> that will have made his efforts worthwhile.
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> The website is _www.w6hht.com_ (http://www.w6hht.com) . I have no
> financial
> interest in this project.
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> 73, Kurt, W6PH (HBR-13C)

◆A good friend of mine, Ed Nesselrode (NØAUB), originally from KC, by the way... does a short bit for NPR up in Montana called "Second Take". He interviewed me on Ham-Radio Field Day, and used the piece on the air... by the way, it's the LAST bit on the run.... But the previous pieces are pretty fun, too.

Lads,

The show is archived at the following website: http://www.esnips.com/web/SecondTake/

Under **Files**, look for the second listing...**Second Take 071309 to 071709.mp3.**

Download the file, which will contain all five shows from last week.

TC's interview is Friday...patient folks will want to listen to the entire week (and maybe the following week, as well).
The rest of you will want to cruise through 80 percent of the file and get straight to the TC talk!

Oh, on returning home I discovered my humble radio program won the category! No second place for **Second Take**! Of course, no money, either...

Ed

◆Hi,

Just a quickie to let you know that Mom turned 93 this past week. I made a flash-burn trip back, surprised the heck out of her (didn't tell her I was coming), and spent a day... then had to scream back, so no time to visit.... unfortunately.

I'll be back in later October, so hopefully we can shoot-the-proverbial-quanity over a coffee or something.

Picked up a little Saturn wagon, so gotta figure out how the heck to make a bracket for my ATAS-120 antenna... (I refuse to buy store-bought mounts)..... it ain't "ham-like", ya'know?

Found out from Jim (my stepdad - WØKI), that the Palomar power/SWR meter he has downstairs, came from the SK estate of old Carl Bruns - KØGOZ (SK)... who was my ORIGINAL ELMER. I've written of him a few times, but Jim said I could take the meter back next time, so I'll have something that once belonged to the guy who got me started in this silly hobby.

Cool, huh?

Tom

◆I wasn't on an airdale ship, but I DO recall the "care packages" from home. Mom's cookies, sometimes a jar of home made sauerkraut from Kansas (we're all Czechs), and on occasion a tin or two of sardines (they'd chase everybody out of the berthing compartment), and a couple of times, she sent some "SPAM", which the mistakenly thought I'd like... she didn't know we got a lot of it.

I still have a box of Cracker Jack that she sent me in one, while I was on Guam Island... she always put one in, as the sailor and dog on the front, reminded her of me, she said.

I had 3 Uncles in the USN during WW-II, a Father in the Army Infantry (SOPAC), and another uncle in the USCG, on patrol around Greenland and Iceland. One was on Guadacanal when the fleet escaped the Japs and left 'em behind for 22 days (he ate captured rice and a couple of snakes), another was at Placentia Bay, Newfoundland when Roosevelt met Churchill... Uncle Hank (Meriden, ks) was on the USS McDOUGAL DD-358, which accompanied the cruiser AUGUSTA... escorted convoys to Arcangel, Russia, and England, provided support to the British 8th. Army into Africa, and he eventually ended up flying with the BLACK CATS out of Tacloban, PI (Luzon)... another Uncle was on the carrier FRANKLIN when she caught a torpedo spread. During Korea, 2 of the Uncles were in the USN, one on the carrier SHANGRI LA, another on the PHILLIPINE SEA.... and during Vietnam, one uncle was on the CONSTELLATION, one on MIDWAY, and I was on USS VEGA (AF-59)... later NAVCOMMSTA GUAM, and NAVCOMMSTA VUNG TAU, RVN

Pop was "C" Company, 148th. Infantry, 37th. Division, Army... Guadacanal, Bougainville, New Georgia, then into Bagio and Manilla, PI

Yep... we served in all of 'em, and damned proud OF IT.

To a shipmate... I can truly say.....

Welcome Home, Brother.

Tom - WØEAJ

I forgot to mention - the guy who did the interviewing... Ed..... is a retired Command Sergeant Major, US Army

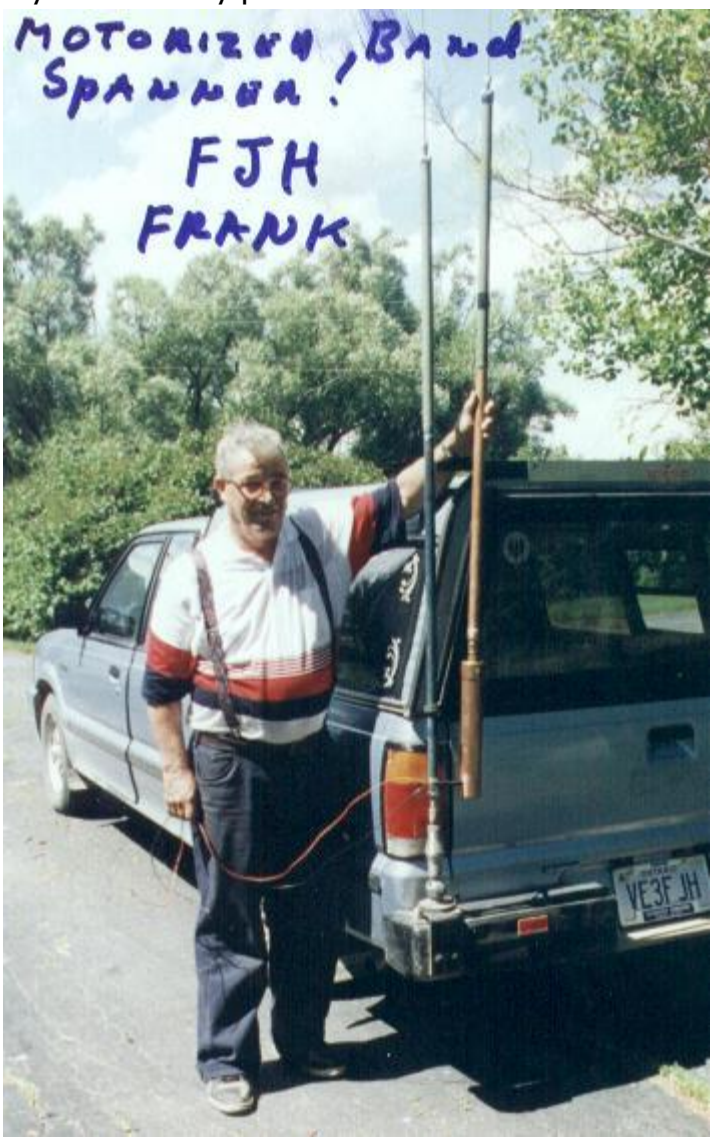
Subject: The First Screwdrivers

One of our AmRad newsletters, out here in Colorado happened to speak of screwdriver antennas, and I got to thinking about their origins.

The earliest screwdriver antennas which WE KNOW of today, used a SKIL motorized screwdriver (geared) motor for the active part, run through a big dropping resistor, to run the wound coil up-and-down the shorting springs on top of the "mast" barrel, for tuning. But, there were some EARLIER types that used the principle as well.

The 1963 ARRL Mobile Manual (which has a guy on the front who looks astoundingly like a young Bob Dylan) shows several antenna "schemes" which use a surplus reversible motor to tune a variable cap and in other cases, a tunable inductor, which are then link-coupled to our old friend, the 102" whip (quarter-wave vertical on our OLD ham band - 11 meters). There's even a circuit (using tubes) for an auto-tuner, which I'm adapting to solid-state.

Actually the FIRST screwdriver "type" antenna was the Webster Band spanner - it used the principle of "shorted turns" to "tune" the antenna - modern versions of this antenna are referred to as the "Bug catcher" for good reason. Early ARRL mobile manuals showed versions of modified Webster Band Spanners in which the shorting spring (shaped in a circle, like a donut) movement-rod was moved up and down by a geared motor at 90 degrees to the base, but that was a lot of "wind loading" on your '59 Mercury Turnpike Cruiser, so they weren't very prolific.



There were also a brace of home-brewed, center-loaded mobile antennas which used a bronze slug to detune the tapped-inductance inside a "coil box". This enabled you to adjust the resonant point on a particular band, without moving the tap on the coil, it'self.

I won't get into Hustler, Master Mobile, Webster coil-matic, and a brace of others, as they're not "automatic" in any way, shape, or form. Today we see Hamsticks (which work great for a single band) and some others. Yaesu still makes the ATAS series of "screwdrivers"... first the ATAS-100, then the -120... I work on a lot of these, and they DO have their quirks and problems, but the science is good.

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The strangest mobile antenna, and most likely the most scientifically created, but also the most forgotten was the "skeleton slot" concept used on a CB antenna that we sold at the old Burstein-Applepee (B-A) company for a while. An aerospace engineer's kid, having watched his dad experiment with the skeleton-slot feed method,

worked with his Dad, and they ended up, basically loading up the CAR BODY as an antenna.....don't laugh - commercial airliners use a variation of this....

The basic principle is that the opening of the rear window, forms a matching transformer that's shunt-fed by the wire from the "tuning box". One simply matches 50 ohms to the "matching window" impedance, and joila'... you're loading up the car-body, and it's got a really LOW angle of radiation, which makes long-skip very likely.

At any rate, there was a small tuning-box with a couple of compression trimmers inside, tied to a single output wire; the box was mounted at the dead-center TOP of one's back window opening (cars used to ALL have this)... the vertically run wire grounded at the bottom, and the box was adjusted until the SWR was minimum - it worked really great, but never caught on, as the cheap trimmers kept "unscrewing" under the vehicle's vibration, and nobody thought to "glyptol" them in place. As a result, nearly all of them came back to us as defective, when they'd simply gotten loose.

So there you have my thoughts on EARLY mobile antennae

Tom - WØEAJ – Denver

WOW! That is great reading Tom. Keep em coming…… Orlan ur ed