



## August 2018 Newsletter

### ARRL Board Adopts Volunteer Monitoring Program

The ARRL Board of Directors has adopted the recommendations of the Official Observer Program Study Committee, which would retire the venerable Official Observer (OO) Program and institute the Volunteer Monitoring (VM) Program. The Board took the action at its July 20 - 21 meeting in Windsor, Connecticut, instructing that the transition "be implemented as soon as practicable." Under the terms of the new program, current Official Observers will be invited to apply for appointment as Volunteer Monitors. The Board expressed its appreciation for the OOs and their dedicated volunteer service over the years.

The Board said the action is expected to re-energize enforcement efforts in the Amateur Radio bands and was undertaken at the request of the FCC in the wake of several FCC regional office closures and a reduction in field staff. Coordination of cases and evidence gathering would become the responsibility of ARRL Headquarters staff, while the FCC will retain the responsibility for final decisions regarding action in specific cases.

The study committee report spelled out the additional steps necessary to launch the Volunteer Monitoring Program. Among them would be the appointment of a dedicated Headquarters staff member or an independent contractor working under the direction of ARRL Headquarters to administer the new program and interface with its participants. The Volunteer Monitoring Program administrator would, among other duties, create a vetting and accreditation process for prospective Volunteer Monitors. The authority to accredit, appoint, and dismiss Volunteer Monitors would be assigned to ARRL Headquarters staff. Section Managers will continue to be a part of the vetting process for VMs, although they will not have appointment or dismissal authority.

Volunteer Monitor accreditation would be limited to a 3-year term, renewable by satisfying requirements necessary to ensure competency. A new *Volunteer Monitoring Training Manual* is in the final stages of development.

Story continued online in the [August 2 ARRL Letter](#)

### ARRL KANSAS STATE CONVENTION

**AUGUST 19, 2018**

Webster Conference Center, Ohio St, N of I-70

**Sponsored by the Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club**

Credit Cards will be accepted for Admission (and tables) to the Convention

<http://w0cy.org/schedule18.html>

**Sunday, August 26, 2018**

**9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. CDT**

**Operating from the Historic**

## **Hollenberg Pony Express Station**

1 mile east of Hanover KS on Hwy 243

**Amateur Radio Station KØASA** will operate as an 1860s-style Telegraph Office during the annual Hollenberg Pony Express Station Festival. Frequencies: **3.545, 7.045, 14.045 & 14.285 MHz**. Certificate awarded. Sponsored by the Crown Amateur Radio Association, Olathe KS.

To make it easier for Kansas hams to find us, KØASA will be operating on **80m at 11 am and 2 pm CDT** as well as at other unscheduled times. 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.



73,  
Jim Andera, KONK

Gardner, KS

<b>UPDATED September 5, 2017 22:29</b>				
<b>Days</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Mgr</b>	<b>Freq</b>	<b>Net Name</b>
M, W, F	6:45AM	KB0PPQ	3920 KHz	Kansas Phone Net
Daily	7:00AM	WB0YWZ	3920 KHz	Kansas AM Weather Net
Sat, Sun	8:00AM	KB0PPQ	3920 KHz	Kansas Phone Net
Mon -Fri	12:30PM	KE0DL	7253.5 KHz	Central States Traffic Net
Daily	6:00PM	WB0YWZ	3920 KHz	Kansas Weather Net
Daily	6:30PM	KB0PPQ	3920 KHz	Kansas Sideband Net
Daily	7:00PM	NB0Z	3547 KHz	QKS CW NTS Traffic Net
Mon	7:30PM	WD0ESF	3547 KHz	QKS SS CW Traffic Net
Daily	10:00PM	NB0Z	3547 KHz	QKS CW NTS Traffic Net

## Pre-Convention Dinner at Martinelli's

The Kansas State ARRL Convention will be held in Salina, KS, August 19th, sponsored by the Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club, Inc (CKARC). This is not a CKARC sponsored function, but they are aware of it.

We will again have a "before Convention" dinner this year on Saturday evening, August 18th. A number have indicated they enjoyed the gathering we had and would like to do it again.

There will be several people in town Saturday evening - as well as some of the local folk, so I will need an RSVP by August 15 if you are interested in attending the dinner this year!

The venue again this year will be Martinelli's 158 S Santa Fe Ave, Salina. Dinner will start at 6:30PM CDT, plan to arrive around 6:15PM or so but NOT a lot earlier. Feel free to spread the word - the more the merrier!

I will need to have a total head count prior to the event, YL's, XYL's, harmonics, friends and family are welcome. Please include ALL in your party!

MARTINELLI'S is a formal restaurant, not a fast food place - they do have ADULT beverages available. A little change up this year. At the restaurant's request we will offer "Family Style" dining. This will speed up ordering and wait staff service. (Ordering from the menu will still be available.)

PLEASE be sure to RSVP so I can inform the restaurant the number of tables and chairs to have set up for us and wait staff assigned.

I have the evening reserved in my name.

The program this year will be presented by Rod, KØDAS, who will provide a slide show and talk on his experience at the "Dayton of Europe" held this year in Friedrichshafen, Germany. Should be interesting.

Please respond via phone, e-mail, US Mail address given below. I will NOT be acknowledging email reservations If they don't bounce, I got it!

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73,  
Rod Hogg  
KØEQH

## Links for Kansas Hams!

ARRL	<a href="http://www.arrl.org">http://www.arrl.org</a>
ARRL KS Section News Page	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/kansas">http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/kansas</a>
ARRL Midwest Director's Newsletter	<a href="http://www.arrlmidwest.org/newsletter/newsletter.pdf">http://www.arrlmidwest.org/newsletter/newsletter.pdf</a>
Kansas Section Pages and KAR's	<a href="http://ksarrl.org/">http://ksarrl.org/</a>
W Mo-Kansas S. A. T. E. R. N.	<a href="http://www.salarmymokan.org">http://www.salarmymokan.org</a>
Kansas QSO Party	<a href="http://ksqsoparty.org">http://ksqsoparty.org</a>
Newton ARC	<a href="http://newtonarc.org/">http://newtonarc.org/</a>
Wichita ARC	<a href="http://www.warc1.org">http://www.warc1.org</a>
Ensor Museum	<a href="http://www.ensorparkandmuseum.org/m-e-m-o-amateur-radio-club/">http://www.ensorparkandmuseum.org/m-e-m-o-amateur-radio-club/</a>
Wichita NWS SKYWARN	<a href="http://ict-skywarn.org">http://ict-skywarn.org</a>
Wheat State Wireless Association	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/WSOWA/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/WSOWA/</a>
Sand Hills Amateur Radio Club, Inc	<a href="http://www.SandhillsARC.com">http://www.SandhillsARC.com</a>
Jarbalo Amateur Radio Association	<a href="http://jara.signaleer.us">http://jara.signaleer.us</a>

## Kansas Amateur of the Year Nominations

The AOTY award will be given out at the Kansas State ARRL Convention, which is being held August 19, 2018 in Salina. Nominations should be in by now and a winner selected.

## Silent Key

Ronald E. Farthing, Sr., passed away on July 13, 2018, a retired manager in technical publications at Boeing Military Aircraft Company & retired Valley Center Police Detective. He was a Shriner, Mason, American Legion Member & Wichita Weather Bureau Storm Spotter. Born in Albany Missouri on April 4, 1932 to Rhuben C Farthing & Thelma L Smith.



*Ron Farthing, Sr, KØFFR*

Preceded in death by his parents, son Richard, grandson Jeremy C Hensley & son in law David G Hensley.

Survived by daughters Cheryl D Hensley, Rhonda R (James) Presley, son Ronald E Farthing Jr (Pat Noullet), granddaughters Jessica D (Wade) Davis, Madison C (Derrick) Schmidt, Katie Mosiman, grandson Robert J Jones and great grandson Quentin E Davis, brothers Fred M & Roger L Farthing, sister Betty L Belshe, numerous nieces, nephews & many friends.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30am, Friday, July 20, 2018 at Valley Center Cemetery, Valley Center, KS.

In lieu of flowers memorials to W. A. A. L. (Wichita Animal Action League) Rescue & Shriners Children's Hospital.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/wichita-ks/ronald-farthing-7935409>

## ARRL Midwest Director Roderick K. Blocksome KØDAS

The ARRL Midwest Division August 2018 Newsletter is now available on the Division's Web page. Here's the direct link:

<http://www.arrlmidwest.org/newsletter/newsletter.pdf>

This link always takes you to the current month's newsletter. If this month's newsletter doesn't open, try refreshing the page or clearing your browser's cache, in case your browser is loading a copy of a previous newsletter. Previous newsletters are available at:

<http://www.arrlmidwest.org/newsletter.html>

Highlights this month are:

- Amateur Radio on Kids' Day in Wichita, Kansas
- Louisburg Legacy---The Cider Mill Century Ride
- ARRL Midwest Division News (64 Years Old)
- Scenes from the 2018 Central States VHF Conference
- Midwest Division ARRL Hamfests & Conventions
- Midwest Division Special Event Stations

Thanks and 73's,  
ARRL Midwest Division Director:  
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### **PERSEID METEOR SHOWER**

Earth is entering a stream of debris from giant comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle, parent of the annual Perseid meteor shower. Although the shower is not expected to peak until next weekend, NASA all-sky cameras are already detecting dozens of Perseid fireballs every night over the USA. This early activity may be a good omen for the nights ahead, especially Aug. 11th-13th when Earth is expected to pass through the densest part of the comet's debris zone.



# S.A.T.E.R.N.

**S**alvation **A**rmey **T**eam **E**mergency **R**adio **N**etwork

Latest W MO/KS Newsletter

<http://satern.ksarrl.org/>





Supporting Our Veterans - Honorably Discharged  
S\*M\*A\*R\*T - Special Military Active Retired Travel Club

*KCONDG Sherwin  
or SARG; EX-K102 1960 to 1987  
or TOP, 1SG ; Army USAR, Retired 1951 to 1987 --- final discharge 1994*

God Bless those who have served this great country AMERICA  
Proud Military Veteran

SEEING THE COUNTRY WE DEFEND

SHERWIN & DOROTHY STIELOW

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">ARES – Amateur Radio Emergency Service</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Complete list of ECs and a printable State ARES map <a href="http://ksarrl.org/ares/">http://ksarrl.org/ares/</a></p>	
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<http://ksarrl.org/ares/alphaks.php/>

<http://ksarrl.org/distks.php>

### AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

### MONTHLY EC REPORT

◆ **Zone 4A – Brian KCØBS**

JULY MONTHLY ARES REPORT TO DEC & SEC

Total of ACTIVE ARES members: 150 +0

Local Net Name: Johnson County ARES

Emergency Coordinator = Brian Short KC0BS 913-638-7373

Alternate Emergency Coordinator, Recruiting = Jim Andera K0NK 913-884-6613

Assistant Emergency Coordinators:  
Herb Fiddick - ECS Liaison  
George McCarville WB0CNK - Training, Drills  
Matt May KC4WCG - IDs, MECC  
Bill Gery KA2FNK - Recruiting, Technology  
Darren Martin NOMZW - Net Manager  
Brad Kelsey KU0FAN – Membership  
Jesse Gonzalez KE0ECS – CERT  
Chuck Simpson KCONUG - Rapid Response  
Jim Andera K0NK - KCHEART

NTS liaison is maintained with the KS SSB Net:  
Jim Andera K0NK                      Terry Reim WA0DTH  
George McCarville WB0CNK        Jim Cordill KI0BK  
Debbie Britain AB0UY                Rich Britain N0ENO  
Wretha Galeener KC0HHO

Net Sessions: 48  
QNI: 337  
QTC: 0

5 nets = 2 Meter Voice  
5 nets = 2 Meter SATERN Voice  
5 nets = CW  
5 nets = 6 Meter  
5 nets = 2 Meter Voice Simplex  
5 nets = PSK 31 SATERN  
5 nets = APRS Packet  
4 nets = 70CM  
4 nets = 1.25 Meter  
5 nets = SATERN 80 meter SSB

Report prepared by:  
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Johnson County Kansas

**◆ Zone 6A, E & G – Rod KØEQH**

Kansas ARES Zones 6A, E & G Net Report July 2018

Total Nets.....5  
Total Check ins.....33  
Total QTC.....1 (net report)  
Alt NCS...NØOMC

Stations participating: WBØQYA, NØOXQ, NØKQX, KGØVA, KDØTWO, ACØE, ACØE, NØOMC, KØEQH

Rod,  
KØEQH  
NCS

