"KAR" Kansas Amateur Radio "KAR"

July 2009 issue

Hi Gang, First I want to give the DECs and ECs a heads up by saying I will be sending out the KAR ARES report about 4 days after this issue.

Every now and then I get a complaint from the west end of Kansas saying the east end of Kansas acts like the west does not exist. One of my reasons for publishing KAR is to keep the whole Kansas ham family informed. It seems many of our east Kansas readers forget KAR when they have some thing the whole states needs to know and only publish it in Larry's List which only covers a few counties here on the east end. So! R U forgetting KAR or west of Topeka?

August looks like a busy month with our ARRL KS State convention on Sunday the 16th. I hope you have not scheduled your vacation or something else on this day. You need to support Kansas ham radio by turning out. Large air-conditioned building with meeting rooms and a lot of parking right out side of the door. Say TU to the host, The Central Kansas ARClub.

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

◆I received an inquiry from Eric wanting information of any RTTY digital traffic handlers and nets in Ks or area. If you can help him please reply to kd0arw@arrl.net and CC me.

◆Hi guys, I thought U guys would enjoy this bit of tech info. Click on the URL below and read the article. <http://www.qsl.net/va3iul/Noise/noise.html>

There is another URL at the end of his article which is real easy to miss and I place it here..... *http://www.qsl.net/va3iul* Check out some of his projects like the 100 MHz Spectrum Analizer.

◆Here is a photo of Bill Barnes WBØNSQ on the job.
https://communityfaces.kcstar.com/?action=viewbig&id=1951&ImageID=191814&s=1&ac=1&ct=1&pc=1&fs=1&stf=1&preview=0

◆I have been sent a 5MB pdf 1938 License Manual doc from Orlin KØOJ with cover and back. Any one wishing a copy, email w0oyh@arrl.net

☐**The KAR newsletter** and back issues can be down loaded from >>> http://ksarrl.org
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

Visit the "Ks Section News" page for more from Ron and lots of photos,
CLICK >>> http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS

You will find Ron on the Ks Weather Net 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

From K0BXF SEC KS
June report of May activity July 6, 2009

22 ARES Zones reporting May activity for a total of 120 net sessions, 1027 QNI and 32 QTC.

Army MARS reports 498 on air hours and 260 messages originated.

RACES had 8 stations from Riley, McPherson, Linn, Mitchell, Wyandotte, Neosho and Shawnee Counties.

QCWA chapter 110 reported 5 net sessions 42 QNI and no traffic handled.

I am hearing a few new calls on our state network system. Hope those stations are also looking up their local EC and getting aquinted with another form of communication.

Field Day is over and quite successful in some cases from what I have heard.
Do you have a tale or so to pass on???? Contact W0OYH, editor of the KAR and share with us all.

Congratulations to Curt Robinson KC0NVK who has accepted the EC position for 4B, Wyandotte County, KS. Put Curt in your address book cmr-nkr@sbcglobal.net.

73 for now see you later with June activity report, perhaph your call might be the next NEW EC to step forward.

Bob Summers K0BXF ARRL SEC KS

KANSAS STATE RACES OFFICER - Joseph WDØDMV

Hello all. The well known fact that metal expands when hot and contracts when cold, was observed this month. My dipole, number 2 copper wire, with all the warm days this past month caused it to sag more than I every remember over the past years. I may have to put a spring on the ends to keep it up and still allow for contraction. Anyway, hope all had a chance to participate in Field Day this year, or at least stopped by and observed one of the many going on in Kansas. A great way to meet other Amateurs, make friends, and practice handling traffic and making on the air contacts. The next big event is the State Ham Radio Conference in Salina next month. Hope you are planning to be there.

I want to thank all those that did check into the RACES net this month. We still don't have the majority of the counties yet represented. We need you to check in and represent your county as having an active Ham operator. Again thanks to you all for your support for Kansas RACES.

The Kansas RACES Net meets every month on the first Thursday at 7:00 pm 3940 KHz

All stations are welcome.

Stations heard July 2nd Net

Call	County	
WØPBV	Riley	
NYØT	McPherson	
KBØDTI	Linn	
KØBXF	Wyandotte	
KDØBKH	Wyandotte	
KDØBZI	Wyandotte	
WDØDMV	Shawnee	NC

5 Counties 7 QNI Ø QTC

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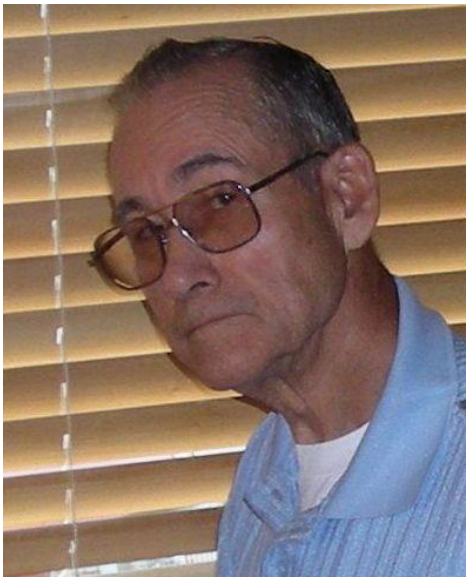
73, Joseph WDØDMV - State RACES Officer wd0dmv@arrl.ner

REGION 7 ARMY MARS DIRECTOR – John Halladay KCØJMO



John Halladay KAØJMO
Region 7 Army MARS Director

Congressman Moore,
I would ask for your support of HR 2160 Restrictive Covenants on antennas.
We have many ham operators who would be available for emergency communications, if they were not restricted on the antenna tower in their home locations.
I am currently the Region 7 Army MARS Director for the four state area of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. Our mission is support of Homeland Security emergency communications under DoD. Some of our members are in areas that restrict them from being able to install antenna towers to enable them to have the capability of communicating better throughout the Region. Therefore, I ask for your vote in passing this Legislation to get things started in the right direction.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH:

Orlan...

Nice KAR News letter.... I know you need content...so I will send you some...

I am sending you some pictures....

The first picture (waswc.jpg) is myself in about 1968. DX-40, NC-57, VF-1 VFO and a whole lot of dipoles. Picture was taken by W0BH (ex-WA0OUS) Bob Harder

Salina1_wa0swc.jpg is my answer to a Collins S-Line. It was all Heathkit Green. The SB200 - A hombrew VFO mounted in a SP600 Speaker, SB-102, and a hombrew Transmatch mounted in an SB-200 cabinet (I still have the tuner too). This was about 1977 in Salina.

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THought you could use some more older picks.

Lee - K0WA

The New Kansas QSO Party - August 29, Sat 9am-9pm and August 30 Sun 9am-3pm CDT
More Info at: http://www.ksqsoparty.org/

In our day and age it seems that Common Sense is in short supply. If you don't have any Common Sense - get some Common Sense and use it. If you can't find any Common Sense, ask for help from somebody who has some Common Sense. Is Common Sense divine?

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Many thanks Lee! I appreciate your contribution to KAR. I hope others will do the same thing as you have. TU Orlan

AROUND THE SECTION:

This wonderful -- a Field Day Proclamation from Governor Parkinson, of Kansas. Thanks to Ken for this message:
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An 11th hour 2009 Proclamation for Field Day Week from Kansas Governor Parkinson, courtesy Marshall County Amateur Radio Club:
<http://qsl.net/kk0hf/2009proc.jpg>

73,

Ken Kopp, KK0HF

<snip>from "LL"

Orlan,

Please make sure K0BYK of Marysville gets all credit for this one. I am just the messenger this year.

73, Ken

◆Guys, I returned the 756Pro to the the LEC and hooked it to the power supply.
We still have to install the new antenna on top of the LEC.

I got the pc network running with the N1MM logging software today. I have it running on two laptops.
We can network up to 15 machines. Maybe we can add one more to have as a casual total logbook and total contacts/score
position.

It is exactly three weeks until Field Day begins!

The Saturday night meal is Burgers and Dogs/Brauts with fixing's

Hope to hear from many of you before hand so we can get some of the gear out and dusted off!

Hanna's cafe at 9AM on Saturday.

73's Jim ACØE

p.s. I worked KC7ESB, Reed, in Rigby Idaho on 10 meters at about noon time here on RTTY.

PACKET:

Dale, I didn't have your email at work when I sent this to everyone else and maybe Gene has
Already sent it to you. Anyway, if you don't have it I thought you might like to see it.
The first part of this message is from Gene WA5ETK the pictures are from me.

73,Rick WØQS

Big success from Hugoton, KS!
I just left a packet message in Harry's (N0HQG's)
mailbox... through HUG. My route was:
GRAY>HEMPHL>GUYMON>HUG>N0HQG-1
Here's the print-out:

cmd:c gray
cmd:*** CONNECTED to GRAY
C HEMPHL
GRAY:W5GAF-1} Connected to HEMPHL:W5GAF-6
C GUYMON
HEMPHL:W5GAF-6} Connected to GUYMON:N5DFQ-10
C HUG
GUYMON:N5DFQ-10} Connected to HUG:W0WBS-5
I
HUG:W0WBS-5} X1J4 NODE - HUGOTON, KS - SOUTHERN PLAINS AMATEUR RADIO KLUB
N
HUG:W0WBS-5} Nodes:
GCK:W0GCK-5 GUYMON:N5DFQ-10 HEMPHL:W5GAF-6
C GCK
HUG:W0WBS-5} Failure with GCK:W0GCK-5
MH
HUG:W0WBS-5}

Callsign	Pkts	Port	Time	Type
N5DFQ-10	229	0	0:0:0	Node
W5GAF-6	38	0	0:0:1	Node
WA5ETK	8	0	0:0:32	
N0HQG	126	0	0:4:18	
W0GCK-5	6	0	0:13:42	Node
GCK	3	0	0:27:8	
N0KQX-15	3	0	0:27:27	
N0KQX	4	0	0:27:43	
W0QS	239	0	0:29:31	
W0QS-15	10	0	0:32:25	

C N0HQG-1
HUG:W0WBS-5} Connected to N0HQG-1

[AEA-9808-H$]
WELCOME TO HARRYS MAILBOX IN HUGOTON, KS.
(AEA PK-232M) 17668 free (A,B,H,J,K,L,R,S,V,?) >
S N0HQG
Subject:

10:54 p.m. Texas Time
Enter Message, ^Z (CTRL-Z) or /EX to End

HELLO HARRY! Coming through HUG! My route is:
GRAY>HEMPHL>GUYMON>HUG>N0HQG-1 Congratulations!

Message stored as # 28
(AEA PK-232M) 17500 free (A,B,H,J,K,L,R,S,V,?) >

As you will note (above), I wasn't able to connect from HUG to Garden City (GCK), but... as Rick relates in the following report.. that situation may improve.

THANKS, Rick, for the report and photos!!! And C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !

Gene,
HUG is on the air! We don't seem to have a solid path north to GCK but seems to reliably connect to GUYMON. We are going to put up a different radio at GCK and maybe that will help. I've attached a few photographs for your enjoyment.
73, Rick W0QS

KANSAS STATE ARRL CONVENTION:

AUGUST 16 2009

MAP >>> http://www.centralksarc.com/prnt.php_files/mapimage.png

More Info & Central Kansas ARC >>> http://www.centralksarc.com

Back issue of KAR found at > http://ksarrl.org

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

HA - HA - HA - HA – HA

His request approved, the New York Times photographer quickly used a cell phone to call the local airport to charter a flight. He was told a single engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport.

Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger. He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut, and shouted, 'Let's go.' The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off. Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, 'Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides.'

'Why?' asked the pilot.

'Because I'm a photographer for the New York Times,' he responded. 'And I need to get some close up shots.'

The pilot was strangely silent for a moment.

YOU ARE GOING TO LOVE THE NEXT LINE

Finally he stammered, 'So, what you're telling me is .... you're NOT my flight instructor?

◆Subject: Check out Circle the Cat ~ Grandma Faith's

I need to warn you, this is addictive!!!!.....

Don't start it if you're at work.....

I won the 2nd time..... Orlan

Click here: Circle the Cat ~ Grandma Faith's

◆As a bagpiper, I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man who had no family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a cemetery in the remote countryside and this man would be the first to be laid to rest there.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods area, I became lost and being a typical man, did not stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late. I saw the backhoe and the crew who were eating lunch but the hearse was nowhere in sight.

I apologized to the workers for my tardiness and stepped to the side of the open grave where I saw the vault lid already in place.

I assured the workers I would not hold them up for long but this was the proper thing to do. The workers gathered around, still eating their lunch. I played out my heart and soul.

As I played the workers began to weep. I played and I played like I'd never played before, from Going Home and The Lord is My Shepherd to Flowers of the Forest . I closed the lengthy session with Amazing Grace and walked to my car.

As I was opening the door and taking off my coat, I overheard one of the workers saying to another, Sweet Jeezuz, Mary 'n Joseph, I have never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years.

SILENT KEYS:

Mort Wilmoth (WS0R) passed away about 3 a.m. today in Parsons. The funeral
> will probably be
> Wednesday or Thursday at Wesley United Methodist Church in Parsons, with
> visitation/family night held the night before. As soon as I get exact
> details, I will let you know.
> Bill Collins,
> N0RRY, Parsons, KS

Orlan,
The funeral is to be held at Wesley United Methodist Church in Parsons, Wednesday June 17, at 10:30 a.m.. Family Visitation is tonight from 7 to 8 pm at the Carson Wall Funeral Home.
Bill Collins, N0RRY
Parsons, KS.

◆Many thanks to KB0NQL for the following message:

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Larry,

I was informed this morning of the passing of a former area ham Charles Love KB0SPU. I was able to find the obituary in the KC Star, so I have included it.

Charles Alvie Love - KB0SPU

Charles Alvie Love, 61, Grove, Okla., formerly of Kansas City, Kan., died Monday, June 15, 2009, at his home. Memorial services 11 a.m. Friday, at Worley-Luginbuel Funeral Home in Grove. Memorials are suggested to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 3027 Walnut, Kansas City, MO 64108.

73,
Todd Harvey, KB0NQL

The web links for the obituary are:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/kansascity/obituary-search.aspx?daterange=30&firstname=charles&lastname=love&countryid=1&stateid=28&affiliateid=1164

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Subject: Your station photo

The photo in the KAR news shows some ARC-5 transmitters in various states of modification, and the power supply shown is using either 866 or 866A's, can't tell on the detail. Don't think they are 816s.

Looks also like a a radar indicator being used as a station "scope". Not sure of nomenclature.

Looks like the power supply from the QST transmitter in the 50s somewhere. Got one!

I collect old military gear, if you hear of any, I'd be interested. WWII and such.

Rod
KØEQH
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Hi Rod,

Orlan here…….
Yep, 866 mercury vapor jugs and a 5Y4 in the smaller supply. I think there is a VR-150 on the Osc supply. Been too long to remember.

I never did anything with the scope. I took off for K-State two months later.

The power supply was made around some very cheep surplus pwr transformers that had to be in series to give me what I wanted. Today the shipping on those two x-formers would be more than what I had in the rig, hi hi.

Ok on collecting old mil gear. I remembered in 1947 when the surplus was selling for $25.00 a ton and I was making $38.00 a week and going to Hi school. I could really dream tho, hi hi.

Look FWD 2 CNU in Salina Aug 16, Orlan

◆ **Subject:** tubes in power supply

Look like 866's to me, at least they are the right shape.And by the way if anyone has any tubes they want to pitch let me know. I know lots of hams that will give them a good home. Just send me a list and what you want for them and I will let you know if I need them (or someone I know)...Some one needs to keep those audio chains and power supplyes going in those old AM rigs..73 Tom WBØZNY
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◆ Thank you, Orlan, for keeping me on the list.

Larry w0aib

◆Good morning, Orlan!
I hope that you're getting along okay and feeling better. I always enjoy reading it each month.

We didn't get any real stormy weather here yesterday, except a good 2.25" rain in about a half hour's time. Some pea size hail for about 5 minutes, but it didn't do any damage to my tomato plants. It never did blow hard, but on out west and to the south around Bronson, Uniontown, and Redfield, the wind was pretty strong. Also, some sightings of funnel clouds in the sky and on the ground in various locations, especially out around Hiattville and Hepler.
Take care, & thanks!
73s, Keith - WBØQDE
"IN GOD WE TRUST

◆Thank you, Orlan. You have the best newsletter of any I've seen!
Dick Anderson W9YBH/5

◆Thanks, Orlan. Larry shared your website and I enjoy pictures of lightning. I had a fantastic picture of a lightning storm, a time exposure storm photo with a flash after 20 minutes, above my desk at work. The flash filled in the local cactii and sage brush, and the lights of Phoenix were about five miles away where the lightning was striking. I got a lot of comments on that photo and wish I still had it; I think I lost it in one of the moves inside the Bendix plant. Thanks again.
Dick N0TO
tp://www.stumbleupon.com/s/#25xbog/www.flixya.com/post/MysticBren/1418133/Stunning_Facts_About_Lightening/

◆Larry,

To get acquainted with lightning, live under an 1100 ft tower for a few years. I did at a television station before I came to KC. You can feel a concussion when it hits the tower and then hear it come down to ground. In the 13 years I was there, we never had any lightning damage. I was standing in the transmitter control room once during a storm and noted a strange glow behind an audio rack. It went up the back of the rack, showed at the top as a fireball about the size of a volleyball or a little larger, slid down the front of the rack, followed a trough cover to another rack, up the side of it and across the top, then down to a console rack, across it and down into the trough. Immediately the room filled with smoke and I had to crawl out to get out of the smoke. We never found any damage. Dunno. My motto: Lightning does what it wants to do.

73 de,
Jim Lasley, NØJL, A1-Op
(former citizen of Kansas City)
n0jl<at>yahoo.com; n0jl<at>arrl.org
n0jl<at>arrl.net; ARRL Life Member;
QCWA Life Member, 24811;

SKCC Life Member, 2079T;
FISTS 13917; NAQCC Life Member, 2429;
FP Life Member, 2054; NRA Life Member
Did you ever see so much signature that didn't say anything?
<snip> "LL"

◆The Grounded Grid for July 2009 is now on-line at:

http://warc1.org/grid/2009-07.pdf

As always, you can get previous Grids by visiting

http://warc1.org/grid/

If you no longer wish to be notified about the Grounded Grid being published, please let me know.

David Hagood, N0YKG
Webmaster, Wichita Amateur Radio Club
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webmaster@warc1.org

◆Thanks to Joel, KC0ELZ, for this!

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Hi RARC and Larry:

Check this out on KC Star web site:

<http://www.kansascity.com/938/gallery/1301456.html>

Joel, KC0ELZ from "LL"

◆What a great job Barb and Kim Byrnes did! Amateur radio was very favorably presented.

Charlie Hett, K0THN

◆Dear List Members: This is very nicely done. Thanks Barb, KG0UT and Jerry, NF9L and all the members of the Raytown Amateur Radio Club.

This is a compilation of the FOX TV coverage done this last Sunday morning. Our President Barb, did a very professional job explaining exactly what "Field Day" is all about!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3gRWG-EUGU> Jerry – NF9L from "LL"

◆We had fair propagation and great wx. SPARK sets up 1a at the Hugoton airport. We have our picnic in the hanger and set up the shack in the pilot lounge area. We get great coverage from the Hugoton paper.

cu in Salina

Charles Hollar

◆Orlan,

I hope you have a good Field Day weekend, thanks for getting the word out. I plan to help again with the local club's effort. We will be using our new call NA1RL, so if you hear us be sure to give us a call. W1AW will also be on the air so look for them too!

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed notice of Lentini's open house and some of their history. You probably remember their ads in QST over the years. They had been located just a few blocks from headquarters but now have moved to another adjoining town a bit farther away. We're certainly glad that they are expanding and staying in the business.

73,

Chuck, KØBOG

FREE OPEN HOUSE FOR HAMS- FREE RAFFLE FOR A YAESU RADIO - FREE DONUTS- COFFEE- -- FREE DISCOUNT TICKETS

GABFEST WITH YOUR FRIEJNDS PLUS A Special feature D-STAR TECH TALK with nationally-known D-Star authority ICOM 's Ray Novak N9JA who is ICOM's North American Technical Sales Director

It's Lentini's Open House Come one Come All for donuts, coffee, free raffle to Alex Lentini's new glittering showroom

Mark your calendars for Saturday July 11from 9 AM to 2 M, and come to visit Alex Lentini N1EBU and Bill Simpson N1GBS in the new Lentini at 221 Christian Lane, Berlin CT easily accessible from I-84 or I-91 via Route 9. And if you have musical friends bring them along to see the Route 66 Musical Products....

You'll feast your eyes on stuff some hams dream of, except this is reality, right here in what promises to be showplace for ham radio.

Antennas, radios, scanners, transceivers, mikes, headsets hardware, come to look, chat and munch.

History of Lentini's or How Amateur Radio Led to a Livelihood

Founded in 1954 by WWII US Navy veteran the late Michael Lentini W1VLA, Mike parlayed his ham radio knowledge into a livelihood on Winthrop Street in New Britain as a TV shop, .Mike later moved it to Newington. Eventually Mike and Alex metamorphosed the company into a communications depot, serving municipal, industrial, and medical 2-way radio users, and made it a mecca for radio hams from throughout southern new England and nearby New York. Alex, being also a musician, added the Route 66 Music division.

Today the new Lentini s showroom and warehouse stands as a living testament to what amateur radio can lead

The Lentini Communications and Route 66 Music showroom and warehouse are now open at 221 Christian Lane, Unit A, in Berlin.

◆Thanks Orlan,

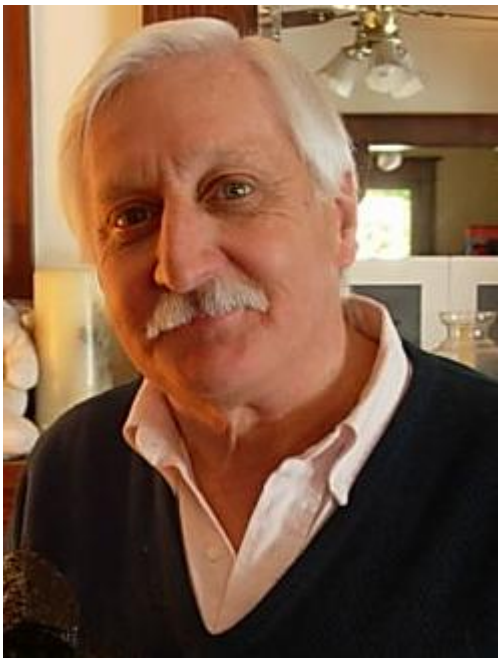
You can always work FD from the home QTH and give people a QSO from KS! I don't know if Ron has asked for a rep for Salina yet or not, but it's always nice to come back. He always does a great job organizing the event. Still one of the nicest facilities I've been to.

That is something with the similar call signs, they've been around here for a long time so good to see them continuing. Not many ham stores left anymore. We just had our local hamfest this past weekend and had a good turnout, the weather cooperated as it started to rain lightly as we were closing up.

Chuck

◆ **World Radio Online** To download and view the issue, go to the CQ home page at < http://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.

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



Shortcut to: http://www.cjonline.com/news/business/2009-06-19/bobos_among_8_wonders_winners

My "city" Grandparents used to take me to Bobo's for "steakburgers" (they really ARE made from steak), and I was just there this past week. Yep, still have "curb service" with the tray that hangs off of your window. Going to Bobo's, as a little kid, was an incredible treat..... and still is. A piece of "Americana", NOT TO BE MISSED.

Tom

◆Dear Editor of FEEDBACK, (Jo Co RAClub newsletter)

Reading about those stalwart souls who "endured" FD in Kansas made me admire their pluck. My crazy friends and I *(NØAUB-Ed, WB9NJB-Hunter, W1ROD-Rod, KBØODM-Greg, and WØEAJ-Tom... yours truly)* spent FD near Larkspur, CO on a friend's property, and at least I thought of you folks in Kansas, braving the 90 degree plus temps, and worse - the high *hum-a-ditty* (as one KC wx-forecaster used to say).

On Sunday morning, we had to shake the **ice** off of the pavillion cover, so it wouldn't RAIN on us, preparing breakfast. One guy (W1ROD - Rod) had prepared his famous "menudo" (breakfast-of-champions) the night before, and it tasted mighty good on that chilly morning. By contrast, I recall making a few calls with one of the KC clubs, under the South hill shelter at Antioch Park, some years ago... the air was HEAVY with humidity, and boy was it hot. Then again, that's what it's all about - an "excersize" that began after WW-1, and continues to this day. With "The Dummy Load Society", it's more about comradere' and fun, than seeing how many folks we can work; accompanied always with SOME act-of-astounding-stupidity that makes us laugh, long after FD is done and packed away.

This year, we made "tracers" for our potato cannon - using that day-glo "trail tape", we threaded strips through our potato "ammo", and when they were fired (using the tried-and-true AQUA NET for propellant), you could see where they went. Leave it to a bunch of old Vietnam vets to think up something silly like that. [yes, I read about the guy in QST who made his astoundingly complicated one, using air pressure "cause he was concerned with the noise-pollution..... pull-eee-zzzeee!] Yes Virginia, you CAN hang long-wire antennas with a potato-cannon - but trust me, you ain't gettin' 'em back.

73 - Tom - WØEAJ

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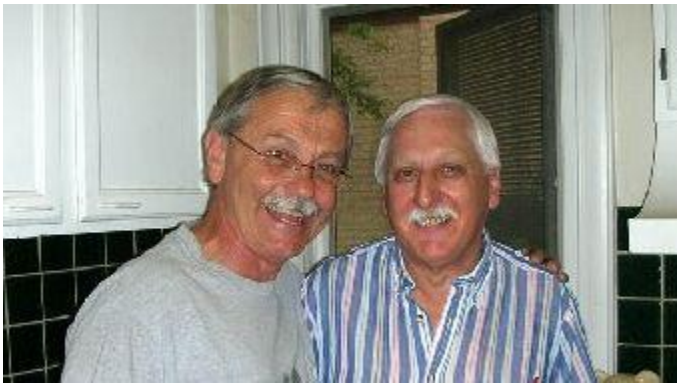

My Navy friend, Tom. We had not seen each other in 40 years (since 1969). I searched for him for years, eventually found him, via the internet, as I didn't know if he'd come home from Vietnam... walking or being carried. The images are up near Glen Haven, Colorado - at my friend John's, father-in-law's cabin. We hiked, and explored... ate like kings and drank like savages. Told stories and laughed all night - Two old coots with grey-hair, remembering when we were 20-somethings and warriors, ready to save the World.

It's true - God looks out for fools and idiots... this is living proof.

◆Upcoming HamFests
Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association Inc. MEGAFEST
07/18/2009
Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd. Monument Doors Open at 8 AM
Table Cost: $12.00 Admission: $5.00
Talkin: 146.97(+ (100 Hz PL))
Contact: Go To http://www.ppraa.org
for more information

Denver Radio Club Hamfest
08/16/2009
Jefferson County Fairgrounds 15200 West 6th Avenue Golden 8:30 AM - 2 PM
Table Cost: $10.00 Admission: $5.00
Talkin: 145.49(-(100 Hz PL))
Contact: Note Table price DOES NOT include admission http://www.w0tx.org
drcfest@w0tx.org

◆**Subject:** My review of the Yaesu ATAS 100 & 120

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◆My Uncle Bill was a plane captain for many officers' aircraft... When he reported aboard the USS CONSTELLATION as an Aviation Machinst's Mate, First Class... he was walking down the pier and an officer was coming toward him - as they grew closer, they each recognized each other = The officer had been a new Ensign, flying an F8F Bearcat (No. 402) on USS TARAWA, and had taken top honors in fleet bombing, gunnery, and aerial tactics...

He was now a full 4-stripe Captain, as Bill tried to switch shoulders from the heavy seabag, to salute him... The Captain said "no no... no need, Bill"... He pumped Bill's hand and they told a couple of stories, and Bill asked him "So what's your spot on the ship, Sir?"..... "Oh, I'm the Skipper!".... Bill grinned and they both chuckled - Uncle Bill told me the Captain said "Bill, you never let me down, and neither did the airplane you took care of for me - if you ever need ANYTHING, you let me know"

Bill never did, but he never forgot the Ensign who made full Captain... but didn't forget the little guy who turned the wrenches.

True Story - I lost him 2 years ago... my absolute hero.

Tom

◆Gotta watch this...www.chicagotribune.com/radiomuseum

◆This site describes the pinouts, wiring, conversion, and use of "ATX" computer power supplies. The label on the side indicates they're capable of providing **12vdc @ 11 amps** - That's more than enough to run many radios. Apparently, they're becoming available, as the ATX is being phased out.

Tom
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◆At home, in Colorado... on my 66th. birthday. (geez, that can't be **MY** birthday!). Guess Dad's influence is strong... all these years later, and I still love sitting by a creek, it's bubbling voice speaking peaceful memories to me, of simpler times.

TC