Hams are communicators!
A communicator can cause a person (s) to think the same thoughts of another person even if they are a thousand miles apart.

Hi gang, Don't forget Kansas Section News has a great web page on the ARRL web. The ALERT feature is very important for you to know about. Make >> http://www.arrl.org/ << your home page so it comes up on your screen the very first thing. If there is an "ALERT" you will see it on the right hand side of your screen. Click on "ALERT" and you are there. If there is no ALERT it will just say "Kansas Section News." Your ARRL Ks Section Manager, Ron KBØDTI has control of posting the ALERT and the Kansas Section News. Let Ron know immediately of any emergency or disaster so he can post it. Other time valued information can be posted as well. If there is no ALERT you will see "Kansas Section News" and click on it for the latest Kansas happenings. If you wish to honor your fellow hams for some achievement, let Ron know, send him a photo to be posted. At the present time there is a very good photo of the Johnson County ARES group. Take a look >>> http://www.arrl.org/sections/KS.html

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Most of you reading KAR have seen me mention the changes in the "Public Service Honor Roll" (PSHR) in the last few months. It is published each month around page 80 in QST. Some high scorers were catching my eye and I wondered how they were doing it so sent off a inquiry to the HQ staff. I will share my question and the answer with you with the following emails.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Cook, Orlan
Sent: Monday, March 03, 2003 2:56 AM
To: Ewald, Steve, WV1X
Cc: Walstrom, Wade, W0EJ (DIR MW); Frahm, Bruce (Vice Dir, Midwest)
Subject: PSHR

Hi Steve,
Hope this finds you well and enjoying life. I am still above ground here, hi hi. I have a question about the new PSHR. I notice the top guns are making some very high points and I would like to know how they do it. Last October QST shows the top gun reporting 2010 points. The maximum allowable points that are possible on the first 3 categories are 110, all in traffic handling. That leaves 2010 - 110 = 1900 points for the last 3 categories. Categories 4 and five are 5 points per hour. 1900 points divided by 5 points an
hour gives us 380 hours of public service. Most of us work 160 hours a month at making a living so I don't see that accounting for the high points.
Can category 6 account for part of the 1900 points? I would like to know how this is done. I am ashamed to turn in my PSHR points with the change.
Is some one still using the old point system? Are the SMs missing this or is it just me? Does some one have his thumb on the scales? Let me know what I am missing.
Thanks for being there for us in the field!
73, Orlan wØoyh - ARRL Ks ASM
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----- Original Message ----- From: Ewald, Steve, WV1X To: Cook, OrlanCc: Walstrom, Wade, W0EJ (DIR MW) ; Frahm, Bruce (Vice Dir, Midwest) Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2003 9:31 AM Subject: PSHR Categories

Hi Orlan,
Thanks for your inquiry about PSHR categories. Yes, things are going well over here.
The top scores in PSHR these days are achieved by operators who are accounting for lots of time related to public service-oriented work and emergency communications work. Some operators are getting point credit for Category 6, too.
Participants in Categories 4 and 5 may receive five points per hour of time spent in either coordinating and/or operating in the public service event (no limit) [Category 4] -- or -- time spent directly involved in the emergency situation [Category 5].
In July, 2002, Ray Taylor, N5NAV (SM of South Texas) scored a very large PSHR report (reported in October 2002 QST) because he spent an extraordinary amount of time in coordinating emergency operations related to the flooding in South Texas. As I remember, the flooding in South Texas occurred all summer long -- especially throughout the entire month of July. Ray was always "on call" during these flooding situations.
By the way, no one is reporting PSHR scores under the former criteria.
I will be glad to receive your PSHR report each month along with the others from Kansas that Ron submits.
See you later and 73,
Steve, WV1X

Thanks Steve,
Well that shows you I am over the hill. No way I could handle an extra 380 hours in a month. Guess I retired at the right time. Thanks for being there for us out here in the field.
I will pass this along to our Ks hams in the KAR newsletter. 73, Orlan

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What If...?

Many years ago FEMA ran a test with Amateur Radio with out many of us knowing it. Bob Summers, our SM was given 2 or 3 three messages to introduce into Kansas emergency communications to see how long it would take for them to get to DC. That was peace time and now we are under an alert and have a new "Home land Security" agency. What if we were again tested? What if our ARES Groups were presented the task of writing and sending a message to DC. We are talking long distance communications! Can we do it? With tax payer funded grants coming to us to pay for emergency communications classes, Uncle Sam has more of a right now then before to check us out. What if...?Something to think about. Your editor, Orlan wØoyh dit dit

FROM OUR ARRL KS SECTION MANAGER:

I have heard that there are pockets of packet activity. I am interested in knowing if you have activity in your area and what frequency is in use. Kansas had a pretty good network before internet and affordable computers showed up. We used our radios instead of land line, no backhoe problems there!
Ron kb0dti@arrl.org
Hiram Percy Maxim Award deadline is March 31st. This award is bestowed on a ham under 21 years old. If you have someone in mind that would be a model representative of the youth of Amateur Radio please call me or send an e-mail.

Affiliated clubs may take an instant rebate on New ARRL Memberships. New members or those that have been "out of the family" for 2 or more years qualify for the $15.00 rebate program. The form and info may be found on ARRL Web. This is something your membership committee should look at.

Kansas RACES/ARES Net is held on the First Thursday of the month at 7PM on 3.940 MHz. Check in and make sure YOUR county and group are represented.

73, Ron kbØdti - ARRL Ks Section Mgr. - [Read the rest from Ron > http://www.arrl.org/sections/KS.html](http://www.arrl.org/sections/KS.html)

**DAY TIME TENTH REGIONAL NET (DTRN) IS BACK ON THE AIR:**

Subject: FW: Tenth Region Cycle Two

Bill

As requested, find included the Tenth Region activity report for February. Kansas traffic handlers attended as follows:

W0WWWR – 44 sessions, KC0IDI – 18 sessions, AA0OM – 10 sessions, KB0AMY – 5 sessions and N0XG – 1 session.

Thanks for your assistance in picking up net control duties and being a central area liaison it is greatly appreciated.

73's Dick

-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Roberts [mailto:rlrobert@attbi.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 02, 2003 1:51 AM
To: J.J. Leist; Ewald, Steve, WV1X
Cc: elspider@bellsouth.net
Subject: Tenth Region Cycle Two

This is to report the activities of the Tenth Region Cycle Two Traffic Net for February 2003. Fifty Six sessions were held totaling 670 minutes. During the nets we had 513 traffic handlers check into the 56 sessions and handled 167 pieces of number NTS traffic. All traffic was of a routine nature with no emergency, time valued or welfare traffic handled during this period. In the Tenth Region we have an honor roll for any Amateur that handles traffic and attends 75% of the available sessions. This month three traffic handlers were given the honor; wa0tfc with 54 of 56 sessions attended, wa0kld with 50 of 56 sessions attended, and w0wwwr with 44 of 56 sessions attended. These Hams are commended for their dedication to public service and value to the NTS.

Dick Roberts, Net Manager

Thanks Bill for the info. Maybe you could tell us more about the net for next month KAR with time, frequencies etc.

THE ARRL LETTER:

The ARRL Letter Vol. 22, No. 09 February 28, 2003

IN THIS EDITION:

* +All-ham ISS crew returning via Soyuz capsule
* +ARRL concerned about proposed 70-cm changes
* +Hams aid debris search in Western states
* +FCC lifts ham ticket of Michigan pirate broadcaster
* +Hurricane conference looks ahead to stormy skies
Field Day will gain another entry class for 2003. "Class F" stations will operate at emergency operations centers, or EOCs. The change renews the emphasis of Field Day's 1933 origins as an emergency preparedness exercise as opposed to a routine contest. For the rest of the story go to >> http://www.arrl.org/

SILENT KEY:
Bill Bidwell-W0ECD of Eldorado is now a Silent Key. --- Please send SK info to SM, Ron kbßdti, kbßdti@arrl.org

TECHNICIAN THROUGH EXTRA CLASSES:
Well, we're going to try another one, however if there remains ZERO interest, then we will not be able to continue offering these exam sessions much longer! If you, or someone you know, is interested in upgrading their current license or getting their Amateur Radio license, then by all means mark March 18, 2003 on your calendar!

The Marshall County Amateur Radio Club will be offering examinations for all classes of Amateur Radio license, Technician through Extra. The session will be held prior to the normal monthly meeting of the Marshall County Amateur Radio Club at the meeting facility of Community Memorial Hospital, 802 N. 18th St., Marysville, KS. The exam session will start at 7 PM. Please plan to arrive around 6:45 so paper work may be processed.

For those not quite sure about the current licensing structure, here is a short synopsis. There are now three issued operator license classes. These are Technician, General, and Extra. Only General and Extra require a code examination of 5 Words Per Minute. The Technician and General examinations are 35 questions each while the Extra is 50 questions. Anyone with proof of having held a Novice license at any time, regardless of their current license status, and those who held the technician license at any time prior to February 14, 1991 have a lifetime code credit of 5 WPM, Element 1. Anyone having held a Technician license prior to March 21, 1987 has Element 1 and Element 3 credit if the license has expired and can apply for an "instant upgrade" to General upon demostrating proof of licensing to the VE team and paying the current exam fee. Please contact me directly if you or someone you know meets these criteria and would like to upgrade.

More details can be found on the MCARC exam page at: http://www.qsl.net/n0nb/ham/exams.html

Keep in mind that the time to upgrade is NOW! We are required by W5YI VEC to hold at least four exam sessions per year. While we scheduled four sessions in 2002, only two were held. As such, we may not be allowed to conduct the sessions in Marysville much longer.

Thank you and good luck! 73, de Nate >>

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Wireless | Amateur Radio Station N0NB | "We have awakened a
Internet | n0nb@networksplus.net | sleeping giant and
Location | Bremen, Kansas USA EM19ov | have instilled in him
THE 3920 CENTURY CLUB:

Dear Mr. Cook,

The 3905 Century Club was founded in 1977. We operate eleven nets on various bands and modes including PSK31, RTTY, CW, SSB and soon SSTV. We are basically a Worked All States and Awards Club and operate our own QSL Bureaus.

Each year, many of the club members gather somewhere in the U.S. for a weekend eyeball. Eyeball 2003 will be held at a campground near Kansas City, just north of the airport during the weekend of July 31st through August 3rd. Saturday, August 2nd will be the big day where those that choose not to attend for all four days will attend. We normally attract around one hundred twenty Amateurs including family members and always have a great time. This year we are planning a tradeshow format where various members of the club that have a particular facet of Ham Radio that they are passionate about will be able to share that passion in various booths that we will have set up.

Each year, one of the highlights of the weekend is listening to one of the ARRL's Directors, Vice-Directors or Section Managers tell us about what is going on in Ham Radio outside of our club's activities. Last year we were privileged to hear from Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML and he was well received. This year we would like to continue that tradition and ask you to be our guest and to hear the latest news from the ARRL.

The club operates a Website at: http://www.3905ccn.com and after perusing it, I'm sure you see that we have a lot of talent in our ranks and that our club has great character. Please feel free to ask me any questions regarding this request or about the club and its operations, etc. I can be reached by replying to this email or feel free to call me on my cell phone at (913) 219-7044 at any time - I always have it with me.

I'm hopeful that you'll consider my request.

Sincerely yours and 73,

Lon, KØWJ
3905 Century Club "Eyeball 2003" Coordinator

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

WHAT LIES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN AND TWITCHES? --- A nervous wreck
WHERE DO YOU FIND A DOG WITH NO LEGS? --- Right where you left him.
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ROAST BEEF AND PEA SOUP? --- Anyone can roast beef
WHY DO GORILLAS HAVE BIG NOSTRILS --- Because they have big fingers

Ron Trembly - Thanks Ron
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Let me tell you something that we Israelis have against Moses. He took us 40 years through the desert in order to bring us to the one spot in the Middle East that has no oil! Golda Meir

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TEACHER: George, go to the map and find North America.
GEORGE: Here it is!
TEACHER: Correct. Now, class, who discovered America?
CLASS: George!
TEACHER: Willy, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.
WILLY: Me!
TEACHER: Tommy, why do you always get so dirty?
TOMMY: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.
SYLVIA: Dad, can you write in the dark?
FATHER: I think so. What do you want me to write?
SYLVIA: Your name on this report card.
TEACHER: How can you prevent diseases caused by biting insects?
JOSE: Don't bite any. Harold Howard - Thanks

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:
"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Jesus - Mat. 4:4

Afternoon, Ron. Sorry I didn't get this in yesterday but things seems to have gotten a little hectic around here the last few days. My sister decided she wanted me to build her a new computer and lo and behold, my other brother in law decided he needed one and then my wife, Lynne, said since I was building to just build her a new one at the same time. So last saturday, I spent all day at the computer show buying parts. And, like Lynne says, I have computer guts scattered all over this room and trying to build three new, fast and up to date computers. Got one finished and alive and well. Should finish #2 this afternoon and #3 tomorrow. I hope. Enough of that. Had a pretty good month even tho it was short a couple of days. Check in count was down a little but the message count was up. Who can figure what its going to do.
L8r...AB5PA...Jay

Monthly Report for Central States Traffic Net for February '03
Total Sessions = 24
Total QNI = 2316
Total QTC = 96

Thanks for being there for us. Hope you can make it down to the 'Bridges in May. Would like to shake your hand. I'm planning on going up on the 10th altho the picnic isn't until the following weekend, the 17th and 18th. Hope your and yours are fine and don't have to much snow. We didn't get any at all down here.
L8r...Jay

P.S. Orlan, I'm sending this to you also just so you know Central states is alive and well. 73.

Jay is the Central States Traffic Manager. Net meets week days at 12:30 PM on 7253 kHz. The net covers 7 or more states. This is a very big bunch of hams who have a big camp ground meeting every year. UR welcome.

Orlan, I have been tracking down the source of an interfering signal on 147.06. The signal is unmodulated, although sometimes I hear faintly what sounds like pager sounds. I used some DF equipment to locate the source to a tower north of Tonganoxie. On the gate to the tower was a sign with the FCC Reg # 1032085. A quick search on the FCC web site, indicates the tower is owned by SBC Tower Holdings of Dallas Tx. The signal is intermittent and only shows up when the temp is below freezine. Do you know anyone locally that I can contact to notify of the problem at SBC, or should I call the phone number listed on the FCC web site in Dallas?
TIA Jim Cordill KI0BK - OLATHE, KS

Jim, What if anything have you found? Orlan

Orlan, With the return of the cold wx, the interference signal has also returned. I called SBC Tower Holdings in Dallas TX at 972/733-2000 this morning and was given a number to call to report the problem. I called Jill Ombertz at and was told she would report it to an engineer and that I should be contacted in the next 24 hours for details. I'll keep you informed.
73 Jim KI0BK
Sounds like you have the problem well on the way of being solved. Yes keep me up I would like to put it in KAR. Thank you! 73, Orlan wØoyh - ASM

Just received this message from Roger, Bessmer, KB0IIG, formerly of this area, now "retired" in Arkansas.

Please refer to ARRL weekly letter. Your email list would be most important in support of Bill HR713. Please note this was introduced by Representative Boosman, Republican of Arkansas.

Dennis Moore, third district Kansas, has previously endorsed Amateur Radio bills, at my request, and could be additional help. I'll go to work on Arkansas reps willing to deal with Democrats for this purpose.

The text of HR 713 is available via the Thomas Web site <http://thomas.loc.gov/>. Enter "HR713" in the "Bill Number" window. ARRL asks that members soliciting their members of Congress to cosponsor this legislation to copy their correspondence to the League via e-mail to specbill03@arrl.org.

So, the point of this message is to encourage you to write, email, call your Congressman and ask his/her support for HR 713.

Many thanks to Roger for alerting me to this. 73, Larry Staples, W0AIB

ARRL NEWS LETTER (S) FOUND AT>>> http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/

Hi Preston,
Well I went to the local ARES/SATURN meeting last night. I read off three messages. One book of two and one single message so the folks could get the format down on how to send some traffic. There was around fifteen people there.
Everyone had paper and pencil and copied the traffic. Then we had a big question and answer session and I fielded a lot of questions. One lady there gave me a piece of traffic there to send out on NTS.
Tonight at 7:10 PM on 146.82 is the ARES two meter traffic net. Preston you might want to qni there with me because there might be many messages going out and the two of us can cut the time to rx msg's in half by moving off freq to rx them.
Hope you have time to make it. Mike/K0PY Thanks guys! Good to see UR ARES getting hooked up to the outside world through you.

George,
Congratulations to you and all in your Honeywell (King Radio) ham club! You, or someone, should submit this to the ARRL for possible publication. Do you have some past photos and newspaper write-ups of the many school ham radio demonstration events your group has done they could use should they decide to publicize the award in an upcoming issue of QST? I'll be happy to scan then post anything you have to one of my Web sites if you'd like me to.

Gary Yantis WØTM

We're doing another program tomorrow at the school.

BRGA Olathe Wins EMAF School/Business Partnership Award Honeywell is one of two businesses in the United States to win the Employment Management Association Foundation (EMAF) School/Business Partnership Award. The recognition, including a $5000 award to ensure continued program success, honors partnerships that successfully reinforce the connection between education and workreadiness. The partnership between Honeywell and the Olathe School District is entering its fifth year. Honeywell partners with students of all ages. Honeywell sponsors classroom awards at Meadowlane Elementary School, and the Honeywell ham radio club provides demonstrations and cultural studies. Olathe junior high schools benefit from career day participation and an aerospace summer camp. Honeywell
has contributed to curriculum development for the State Board of Education as well as the 21st Century aerospace engineering program at the new Olathe Northwest High School. Top seniors across the district compete to participate in Honeywell's mentored internship. More than 30 "minterns" have worked summers and part-time throughout the school year at Honeywell BRGA Kansas. Honeywell Olathe will be recognized at the EMA annual conference on April 24, 2003. The award is sponsored by the Society for Human Resource Management and The Wall Street Journal.

George Yanits wØ

Orlan

We have moved to Harlingen, TX. We moved south so would be warmer. See several Kansas cars here in the Palm Gardens

Mobile Park. 73 Hal W5GZI I got this from Harold just B4 I sent KAR out. Good to hear from you...!

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Room for your report here!  Ron kb0dti@arrl.org

The photo below says it all....... EC June KBØWEQ and part of ARES Group.

73, Orlan w0oyh . KAR editor dit dit