Hi gang, Looks like KAR is winding down. Not receiving much from hams and ARRL officials in Kansas now days. Tom is still giving us lots from Denver, but not much from hams in Kansas. I hear from Chuck KØBOG at ARRL often and appreciate the info he has for us. Bob KØBXF always send me a very nice report on ARES to share with Ks hams.

I see from the latest “Trojan Newsletter” that our ARRL vice president had a tower problem. I <sniped> this …… Bruce –KØBJ’s new tower project – As most of you know, Bruce lost the top of his tower earlier this year. He now has 50+ feet of Rohn 25 in the air. He will need some assistance with the last section, rotator and new Tennadyne Log Periodic install. Two or three of us will probably be able to get the job done. Stay tuned for further info on this project.

I gleaned the following from the QRZ newsletter. Notice from the ARRL We’re pleased to tell you that the ARRL Executive Committee has approved the holding of an ARRL approved Operating Specialty Convention (W0DXCC Convention) on July 23, 2011 in Leavenworth, KS under the sponsorship of the Kansas City DX Club.

I attended a funeral this week just 10 blocks from my home. Bob KØBXF son passed away of a heart attack. It was a very nice service.

I was reading in the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Club newsletter about the Pony Express 150th Anniversary and remembered my sister sending me a letter via the Pony Express back in 1949. I looked through my scrap book and found it and scanned it and here it is for all to see. I also sent this as a Pdf to the club and the sponsor and got a nice email back.

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THE MAIL RIDES AGAIN
PONY EXPRESS AS IN 1860
OVER THE SAME ROUTE
U. S. 30 LINCOLN HIGHWAY
DIRECT ROUTE COAST TO COAST

(Stamp is for Nebraska Postal Service)

City: Belleville State: Kansas
Street: 1022 N. Street

(Autographs for mailing on reverse side)
Tomorrow I will be seeing the “Pain Management” doctor and I hope he turns out to be a “Pain Killer” doctor. I have not been able to walk very far in the last three months. I have a nerve about three inches right of my tail bone that makes it feel like I am walking around with a knife stuck in me. When it hurts it shoots lighting bolts down my right leg to my ankle. My doctor shot it with cortisone twice and handed me over to pain management. For some reason that sounds too much like “learn to live with it.” That reminds me when you used to buy a spray to kill weeds, now you buy a spray that says weed control. We use to kill weeds and now we “Practice Weed Control.”

Here is a quick URL for downloading the Adobe Reader. http://get.adobe.com/reader/

I got hungry the other day and went on line for a telephone number of a Bar-B-Q place not far from me and noticed the map had better resolution than most maps. I list the URL below for your look-C.

http://www.urbanspoon.com/u/map/380118/restaurant/Kansas-City/Bates-City-Bar-B-Que-Shawnee

◆ ATTENTION ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN PROMOTING FIELD DAY.

Want Ham Radio to Grow?

Join the free 90 minute webinar on April 22nd beginning at 9:00 PM EDT <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/932645064>

Field Day is the #1 event to get attention for Ham Radio in your area.


◆ If you are looking for a downloadable Kansas ARES map or other information, go to http://www.cenkares.org/

◆ KAR newsletters>>> http://ksarrl.org
◆ Kansas Section News Click >>> http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS
◆ Keep up with the world of ham radio, CLICK >>>> http://www.arrl.org/
◆ NF9L Kansas City page http://kcHamRadio.com
◆ To download and view the World Radio Online, go to the CQ home page at <www.cq-amateur-radio.com> and click on the "WorldRadio Online" box.

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

Feb Activity ARES Report
Mar 1, 2010

For some time now, as most of you know, I have been reporting the shortage of hams to take a few active rolls in the Emergency Communications part of our great hobby here in Kansas.

I firmly believe that every ham radio operator, (active or in-active) should register their station and personnel capabilities with the Emergency Coordinator of the county they live in.

BECAUSE: For quite some time we have always been known as an organization that can do and be willing to do almost anything we can do to assist other volunteer groups as well as those official National, State, and County agencies that provide some of the necessary services mankind need in times of disaster situations.

There are a lot of agencies and volunteer groups that exist, who do use, and a few more that probably would use if, Ham Radio was better known. However, we (ARES) too are just as short of regular volunteers as each of those agencies/groups are. There are more than 75 different agencies / groups involved in Disaster operations that could ask for amateur radio assistance in their emergency effort.

I have tried to impress on the need of all ham operators that join other various inities to remember first you are a communicator and as soon as your need for that service at that location has ended, there is probably another
location you could be of service to. You then have to choose, are you a volunteer communicator ready to be reassigned or are you another peon (exploited laborer) in the agencies program. It is hard to be knee deep in damage assessment or making sandwiches etc and have your full attention on the job of emergency communication. That's like the ole proverb. 'you can't be knee deep in the swamp with alligators and help save lives and property of your fellow man at the same time.'

The need to know Who, how, when, where, what, why of every known ham is of importance to the ARRL Emergency Coordination effort. Utilization is determined by the resources each EC has previously registered in the respective area communication plan of each ARRL Zone.

Now it can become a bit weird and scary. For instance SKYWARN needs and uses Ham radio operators in their program (some dedicated to that program only) --- We need to know who. The Salvation Army SATERN program also has the need for a number of those so called dedicated ham operators, the local Emergency Management/ State Emergency Management needs some of the same type dedicated operators for the programs they are responsible for. The MARS operation has the need of Ham Radio operators to make their program function, the American Rec Cross, KSvoad, possibly the local Transportation and the local Hospitals and the list could go on and on of groups, we Ham Radio operators supply a valuable service to and for the public.

If you can talk, If you have equipment that could be put to use, if you have and I hope you do care about your family and mine as well as your yet unknown fellow man, then you should contact your local Emergency coordinator and be known (registered). Then as help is requested, help can be assigned and utilized to its fullest.

I have asked a few groups / agencies to tell us what they do in these times of emergency and how many operators they usually need to do the job. This should help considerably if we are all coordinated in our common field of communicating. Hope each of you do watch for these bits of information throughout this year of 2010.

February ARES activity reported by 13 zone EC for totals of 88 nets being called with 782 QNI and 35 QTC.

Chapter 110 QCWA 5 nets 40 QNI.
Army MARS reported 447 on air hours operation and 293 messages originated.
SATERN for Kansas reported 120 man hours of operation.
RACES net operation still hindered by poor band conditions and the retirement of our state RACES officer from the employment of the State of Kansas. Joe WD0DMV should be on soon with lots of vigor, hoping to find a good supply of county representation the first Thursday of each month 3940 khz 7:00 PM. See you there.

73

Bob Summers K0BXF ARRL SEC KS RSUMMBXF@aol.com

You can find Bob on the Kansas Sideband Net on 3920 kHz at 6:30 pm most evenings.

◆ If you are looking for a downloadable Kansas ARES map or other information, go to http://www.cenkares.org/
To all of you...

I have repeatedly asked for content and help with updating the present list of active stations for all given ARRL appointments. I have gotten only one from June. The domain ksarrl.org is up for renewal and I have footed the bill. However, I can not see that there is a high enough demand for past issues of KAR to keep the domain going.

I put a lot of time into the site development, and hate that is has gone to waste. I am going to turn off the ARES information available from www.cenkares.org as I plan to use it for the purpose I bought it - to promote the Alpha5 Zone. If you want the maps and ARES information available as I have tried to keep up, I would greatly appreciate more help in getting the site updated and more visitors. Please let me know as the domain 'ksarrl.org' expires April 12

This is the most recent summary of the activity for ksarrl.org
Total ......................
635
   Average per Day ............
3
   Average Visit Length ........
4:20
   This Week ...................
22

Page Views

Total ......................
1,217
   Average per Day ............
7
   Average per Visit ...........
2.2
   This Week .................... 49

635 visitors in a year is dismal and not worth the time and effort. All of my other sites are around 4,000 yearly. So this domain must not be needed, and people don't have time to update the officers list.

http://www.ksarrl.org/section/

73
Kent
KB0RWI
Those gud old days ~~~~~~~~~~~~~

In 1955, my XYL and I visited her uncle WØPR in St Joseph, Mo. And I shot this photo of his ham shack.

Ok....for sure it is a completer collins station.

Lower center is the 51S
Lower left is the 75A-1
Upper right is the 32V2
xmitter far right is the 30K-1
upper left has me stumped...I know I have seen it before but can't place it...
I know its a xtyl control rig...but just cant place it..It will come to me.
Sun set in Alaska

~~~~~~~~~~~~ KANSAS SILENT KEYS ~~~~~~~~~~~~~

KDØFRP-Dean Speaks, Salina
WØMXJ- Russell Wemmer, Sedan
KØLAD- Dennis Dressler, Topeka

<sniped> from KSN  No reports sent to KAR.
Be sure to report any Silent Keys to out Section Manager Ron KBØDTI so he can report them to ARRL for publication in the QST._Kb0dti@arrl.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 in coming 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

KANSAS STATE ARRL CONVENTION:
AUGUST 15, 2010

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

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

A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his torch around, looking for valuables, and when he picked up a CD player to place in his sack, a strange, disembodied voice echoed from the dark saying, "Jesus is watching you."

He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his torch out, and froze. When he heard nothing more after a bit, he shook his head, promised himself a holiday after the next big score, then clicked the light on and began searching for more valuables.

Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard, "Jesus is watching you."

Freaked out, he shone his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his torch beam came to rest on a parrot.

"Did you say that?" He hissed at the parrot.

"Yep," the parrot confessed, then squawked, "I'm just trying to warn you."

The burglar relaxed. "Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?"

"Moses," replied the bird.

"Moses?" the burglar laughed. "What kind of people would name a bird Moses?"

The bird replied. "The kind of people that would name a rottweiler Jesus."

◆ If you remembered 0-5 = You're still young and........
If you remembered 6-10 = You are getting older and ......
If you remembered 11-15 = Don't tell your age and......
If you remembered 16-25 = You're older than dirt!

I might be older than dirt but those memories are some of the best parts of my life
Another problem caused by deforestation
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Hello Orlan,

I hope the check up went well. I just saw this and thought you might like to check it out. The one link lets you review the book. It’s fascinating to read about the early transmitters.

http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2010/03/16/11390/?nc=1

The sun is shining brightly today so St Patrick’s day should be nice tomorrow, don’t forget to wear green.

73, Chuck, KØBOG at ARRL  I always appreciate hearing from Chuck whose home is Gt. Bend, Ks.

◆The March 2010 Issue of the CKARC’s QSP has been uploaded to the CKARC web site
http://www.centralksarc.com  Click on the QSP tab.

The Postal version is also on its way.

Sid  N00BM  QSP Editor


◆Hi Orlan,
I hope you are doing better. As you probably have read, today starts the use of the new league web site. I’m sure there will be a learning curve.
http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2010/03/23/11401/?nc=1

I kind of hate to say goodbye to the old one, it’s served us well, like an old friend.

Take care. Chuck, KØBOG at ARRL

◆Orlan, Try this http://googleblog.blogspot.com/2010/04/different-kind-of-company-name.html site today! And www.google.com

Happy April 1st!

Chuck KØBOG – ARRL

◆Larry:

Yesterday afternoon I attempted to log into an online account I have and was blocked from doing so. When I contacted the Tech Support people they told me that my login was blocked because they suspected I had ‘malware’ on my computer. They directed me to go to

<http://www.cnet.com/1770-5_1-0.html?query=malwarebytes&tag=srch>

and scan down to “Malwarebytes Anti-Malware” where I downloaded a program to scan my computer.
If you do this you'll get a free version of the software that is fully functional when you install it ... I did so and I was impressed... It found 24 Trojan, and other malware that my virus scanners (F-Prot and Norton) missed. I ran the scan on both my machine and my wife's machine and when I told it to delete the malware it cleared up a number of problems that were on her machine.

You can leave the program installed and manually run it whenever you want. Or you can purchase an activation code and then set it to scan on a schedule and what to scan. For my primary computers this was the option I chose, but I will have it on all my machines so I can run it at will if there are any problems...

Just thought you might like to know my results and remember it's a freebie....

Note: This is for Windows machines only.

Harry Myers, K8IRB  <sniped> from "LL"
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Larry, Harry's virus scanner didn't "miss them". Malware (and adware) are not viruses and virus scanners, generally, are not designed to look for them.

Another good malware scanner is Spybot, which is also free. <http://www.safer-networking.org/en/spybotsd/index.html>

Philip Leonard, WV0T
<leonarp@seidkr.com>

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Another good piece of free anti-malware is SpywareBlaster.

<http://www.javacoolsoftware.com/sbdownload.html>

Dick Carter, N0TO
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Don and Orlan Cook 1937 Mahaska, Ks
County IDs were numbers and mine was 73.
 While back in Kansas City, I dropped by ASSOCIATED RADIO in Overland Park. They had this SWAN 500C w/PS... just like the one I had back in 1971. I’d just begun to work for Burstein-Applebee Co, and wandered over the "ham shack", run by Ellis Eldred. He asked what kind of rig I had, and I said that I had a Central Electronics 20A exciter, 458 VFO (dressed up ARC-5), 600L linear, and a 1941 Hammarlund Super Pro receiver... he showed me this almost new SWAN 500C (5 months old), and offered to trade me the SWAN for my whole station... I took it. Had that bugger till 1986 and worked tons of DX with it. Ellis also threw in the manual, both power supplies (AC & DC), and an Astatic D-104 microphone, which I still have.

So, now I have my "first nice rig"... aside from the single 6AG7 xmtr, the Heathkit AR-3 receiver, and the Heathkit "Twoer" which was sold in '86 (the buyer still has it).

I haggled a bit, and came home with it for $120 - gad..... another project. I love it.  H http://www.radiophile.com/swan500c.htm

TC


Lots of frequencies for many states, military, aviation, and others.

◆----- Original Message -----◆

From: TC Dailey
To: Orlan
Sent: Friday, April 02, 2010 2:27 PM
Subject: WLW Pictures

Shortcut to: http://www.ominous-valve.com/wlwpics.html

◆Having been a Burstein-Applebee (BA) alumni, and knowing a few others who were - it's time I solicited for BA stories. If you knew a BA employee or had an interesting experience with BA or maybe Ellis Eldred (used to run the Ham Shack store), please send your stories to me Tom - WØEAJ at... daileyservices@qwest.net

DO TRY to spell correctly, and don't include pictures (if you have them) AT THIS TIME. For those of you who are too young to remember this fine company that went from 1927 till 1980, they were on a par with ALLIED RADIO, LAFAYETTE RADIO, and a few others. Their motto "Everything in Electronics"
was no stretch.

73 - Tom Dailey - WØEAJ - Denver, Colorado

Yep......

Now I have......

1964 Vibroplex Presentation Deluxe "U.S.N."
1946 (I think) Johnson Speed-X bug
1936 Electric Specialty Mfg. Co "Cedar Rapids" bug (Jim - WØKI's (SK) )

Plus...

1959 B-A Special brass straight key
1943 Lionel J-38 (brand new)
1953 Johnson Speed-X straight key
US Navy "boxed" key
US Navy aircraft key (w "Navy" knob)

Yeah... gets addictive, don't it?

TC

◆ Neat article... back in 1963, when I was home on leave after completing Radioman "A" school, I was bored one afternoon, and being down in the basement, I got a piece of WOOD, and some metal pieces..... a piece of #8 copper wire, some 3/4" lead sheeting, a piece of that spring-steel banding that goes on packing crates, and some other stuff, and MADE A BUG.  you had to hold it down with one hand, while using it with the other, but that baby WORKED.

I actually took it back to San Diego with me, and used it on a Navy CW circuit... think somebody stole it, 'cause it disappeared sometime that year.  The wooden bug... betcha nobody ever did THAT before.

◆ A different picture of my "new" (old) rig.  Got one of these babies from ASSOCIATED RADIO in Overland Park, KS - used to run one from about 1971 till 1986... just had to have it when I saw it on their shelf.  Bert, Jerry, and Dale remember when I had one in a very big house at 41st. and Mercier in KCMO... ran it through a hombrewed "L" network tuner into a 200 foot longwire - it worked splendidly.... and women thought it was "cool".

TC
Yep......  http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2010/03/29/11410/?nc=1

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◆ This is a key I found in my Stepdad's closet, owned by him - Jim Carl (WØKI SK). Based on the fact that I found his FCC Radio TELEGRAPH license, dated 1940, in the same place... I'm positive that THIS is the key he used with the CAA (which became the FAA), during WW-II, when all their interagency comms were done on low-freq CW.
This key has been written up in numerous books and websites as the **ONLY** key, ever offered as a **KIT**. It was invented in 1936, and sold for $2.97; offered first in 1939, it was sold up till 1955. They were offered with some options, such as a shorting bar kit, and a speed slowing kit. Unique to this key is the arm-damper, which featured a metal hub with a "rubber tire", that resembled a typewriter eraser.

—I find it amusing that after all these years of demonizing "valves", now we have a "NEW" amplifier with tubes... ha ha ha (can you say "dynamic range", boys and girls?)

Tom

Moonbounce for Everyone -- Courtesy of the Arecibo Radio Telescope!

Here is a EME event you can't miss. Dust off your CW key, its time for Satellite, QRP EME. The 1,000 foot dish has 60 dBi on 432 mc and 400 watts. That comes out to be approximately 243,902,443 Million Watts ERP.

The Arecibo Observatory Amateur Radio Club will be putting the 1000-foot radio telescope on the air for 432 MHz EME from April 16-18. It can be heard with a small hand-held yagi pointed at the moon

The scheduled times of operation are:

April 16: 1645 - 1930 UTC
April 17: 1740 - 2020 UTC
April 18: 1840 - 2125 UTC

Callsign: KP4AO
Tx Frequency: 432.045 MHz
Rx Frequency: 432.050 to 432.060+
Tx power: 400 W
Antenna gain: 60 dBi
System noise temp: 120 K (cold sky)
System noise temp: 330 K (when pointed at moon)
KP4AO can be heard with a small hand-held yagi pointed at the moon and a good receiver. A 15 dBi antenna and 100 W will be enough to work us on CW.
Operators at KP4AO will do their best to work as many stations as possible. Each session will start with a brief announcement and CQ in SSB.
> SSB QSOs may continue for 30 minutes to an hour, if the QSO rate remains
> high.
> > The mode will be shifted to CW as soon as it is judged that higher QSO
> rates would result.
> > We will listen for calls at frequencies 5-15 kHz higher than our own, and
> even higher if QRN warrants. Callers who s-p-r-e-a-d o-u-t are more likely
> to be copied.
> > If you've already worked us in any mode, please do not call again -- give
> others a chance.
> > If we call "CQ QRP", we will listen for stations running 100 W or less to
> a single yagi. Please do not answer such a CQ if you are running more
> power or have a larger antenna.
> > On April 18, if we reach a condition where most calling stations have been
> worked, and we judge that operating in the digital mode JT65B would
> produce a higher QSO rate, we will switch to JT65B.
> > Note that any of these planned operating strategies may be changed as
> circumstances dictate.

Tom

Ham Radio at Arecibo to bounce signals off the moon
Local hams will try to talk back.

The huge Arecibo radio telescope will be used by Amateur Radio operators (often called "hams") April 16-18 to bounce signals off the moon and back to Earth where people around the world can receive them. The Arecibo Observatory Amateur Radio Club will put the 1000-foot radio telescope on the air using the frequency of 432 MHz, commonly used by hams for regional communications. Using the FCC callsign of KP4AO their signal can be heard with only a small hand-held directional antenna pointed at the moon and a good ham radio receiver.

Radio amateurs will also be able to bounce signals back off the moon to Arecibo using voice and Morse code. For this, the hams will only need about 100 watts of power and a slightly larger (15dBi) antenna.

This coincides with the International Amateur Radio Union's "World Amateur Radio Day" on April 18th. The scheduled times of Arecibo's operations are:

April 16:  1645 - 1930 UTC
April 17:  1740 - 2020 UTC
April 18:  1840 - 2125 UTC

In ___your town____ the _________ Amateur Radio Club will be monitoring the moon bounce signals at ___location___ from ___time/day_____. If conditions permit, they will also attempt to bounce a signal off the moon back through space to KP4AO. Club members will be available to explain the activity and technologies involved to the public. For more information, contact ___call____@arrl.net . <snip> from "LL"

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