SILENT KEY  Frank Neal, N8FN became a silent key 2 AM Saturday morning 6 hours after being in surgery 12 hour to remove a tumor on his spine. Frank was 50 and leaves his wife Joyce of 27 years. He was Engineering Supervisor for TV-9 and taught computer classes at our Community College. Frank was the web master of our "KAR", Kansas Amateur Radio and our ARES web sites. >>>>>> http://www.colossus.org/kar/ < and > org./ares/ < You can access them for a few more days. Frank was also our ARRL Technical Coordinator. He contributed much to Ham Radio. There will not be a funeral. He will be cremated. Visitation will be at the Amos funeral home from 6 to 8 PM Monday at 10113 Lenexa Dr. Lenexa, Ks. Frank will be missed.

HI GANG! I mentioned last time that Tom WB0ZNY was retiring as QKS Net Mgr after 14 years. If you would like to say TKS, you can catch him on 3610 kHz March 31 at 10 PM as Net Control Station. Check in or after QNF (net is free) give him a call and say TKS. Many thanks agn Tom!

Mike K0PY from Wichita will be taking the Net Managers job as Tom signs off. Mike went from Tech to Extra in less than 2 years and 40 WPM sooner then that. Mike use to "County Hunt" going down the high way in an 18 wheeler at 40 WPM, and 60 MPH. He had to stop because it took all day Saturday and Sunday to send out the QSL cards. He is mow working on a key to go on his motorcycle right handlebar. I hope Mike can bring his cycle on to the Convention floor Aug 19 so we can get a demo.

I need obits from newspapers of Silent Keys in order to get them in the QST SK column. I can use your club news articles for the newsletter. QUESTION TO THE READERS: I was wondering if you cud supply me with a list of "ragchewers" working cw, and the approximate speeds of the various nets. I have been licensed for almost a year, work cw only and wud like to find an open net working at about 25 wpm. Does the ARRL have this info, or cud u refer me some where? Tks in advance fer ur help. Ira Stein k0ira Any ragchewers out there? Let me hear from you>> orlan@swbell.net

SCIENCE DAY CORRECTION:
Orlan,
On the Science-Day info I set you earlier, I have two spelling corrections to make: The school was Corinth, rather than Cornith. K0GY’s last name should be spelled Yantis. Sorry for the errors. 73, Jim K0NK

No sweat Jim, fb job, many TKS! Orlan

HAM RADIO AND SCIENCE DAY
Orlan, This is a very good presentation. If something like this had happened when I was growing up in the state of Florida, by now I would be eligible for QCWA membership!! (I have to wait until the year 2018 for that.) Ron Ligenzowski  Wichita, Ks.

ARRL MOU WITH NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE:

Orlan:
The MOU with the National Weather Service is good to know.. but the real issue that the guy at WABC is grappling: can weather spotters make telephone calls to that TV station after they've just reported storm sitings through SkyWarn on the ham frequencies? The SkyWarn guy seemed to pooh-pooh the WABC-TV coverage. The WABC guy counters that stormspotters have been urged to give their reports through SkyWarn to NWS before providing eyewitness reports to WABC-TV.

For stormspotters here in Johnson County, Kansas, we've been encouraged to be tuned to only the SkyWarn frequency on which we're assigned. I'm uncertain whether it would be looked upon with kindness if we also made a phone call to the local TV stations. We might miss an important notification from Net Control while we're on the cel to Action News Central.

Are the TV stations monitoring that ham frequency? That's another whole kettle of fish, but they ARE public airwaves. As long as I'm not speaking directly to a TV station (I'm just conversing with Net Control), I guess that the TV station could risk making a statement that "an amateur radio operator has just reported seeing..(whatever)". That borders on the dangerous. As a former radio newsperson, I would monitor police frequencies on a scanner, but we ALWAYS doublechecked on the police and fire calls that we heard before we aired any announcements.

73 de KC0DYA,  Scott  ARRL Ks PIC - Tkank Scott.... Orlan

ARRL GIVES GO! TO STATE CONVENTION:

March 2, 2001

Ronald Tremblay, WA0PSF
112 North Douglas Drive
Salina, KS 67401-3516

Dear Ron:

We're pleased to tell you that the ARRL Executive Committee has approved the holding of an ARRL Kansas State Convention on August 19, 2001 in Salina, KS under the sponsorship of the Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club.

Good luck! We wish you the best for a successful event.

Let us know if there is anything else we can do to help with your convention plans.

Sincerely, Gail Iannone
Convention Program Manager  ARRL HQ

57th ARRL AFFILIATION ANNIVERSARY OF THE VALLEY ARC
The Valley Amateur Radio Club of Topeka is gearing up for a celebration
of their 75th Club affiliation with ARRL this coming November. Orlan

Should read KAW VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, KVARC, W0CET. Preliminary information can be found at www.cjnetworks.com/~jzobel.

tnx & 73
John KC0ADP

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY RA CLUB:
It looks like the Johnson County RA Club will be celebrating their 50th anniversary some time in August. They are trying to coordinate this the time someone will be in the area for the Aug 19 ARRL State Convention at Salina. I will keep everyone up as decisions are finalized. Orlan

ARRL EMERGENCY COORDINATOR CERTIFICATION
I received a HF radio message through our Kansas Sideband Net from Mike K0FJ that he is taking the New ARRL program and working on the Emergency Coordinators Certification. Thanks Mike, first one I have heard enrolled. GL to you. Mike is EC for the Decatur, Thomas, Sheridan and Logan Co.

QSP IS NOW ON LINE
QSP is now online at http://homepage.netpaceonline.com/~tremblay
Click on the club logo.

Enjoy, Ron Trenbly - ARRL 2001 Ks Convention - Salina, Ks.

WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY CELEBRATION.
Here is an email from Scott, ARRL Public Information Coordinator and PIO Officer. Please read it and the following IARU celebration info. I would like to hear from other PIOs and anyone interested. Orlan

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Orlan: I picked up a little piece from my weekly ARRL e-mailing about the mid-April celebration of World Amateur Radio Day. Did you have any ideas on how we might capitalize on this? I've noticed that it's going to have a slant towards disaster communications, which may call for something with ARES groups.

Let me know your thoughts, and we'll shoot for some publicity on this.

73 de KC0DYA, Scott

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In a related item, the International Telecommunication Union has approved publication of the Disaster Communications Handbook for Developing Countries. The role of the Amateur Radio service in disaster communications is one of the main points of the Handbook. IARU is the principal contributor to the Handbook. This event will coincide with the 76th anniversary of the founding of the IARU.

HAM MONITOR:
Orlan

I see you have contacted J.J. Walters about the the Ham Monitor and I helped J.J put it out for the ham clubs in Kansas and we enjoyed it, J.J printed the weekly paper at Marquette and I lived in McPherson, Call
was W0ETX. I moved to Arizona and went to work for the FAA so gave up my part in it. My W0ETX call is issued to a ham in Colorado and I have been in contact with him, as he wandering more about the call. I am now W5GZI and live here in Kerrville, TX. I have several copies of the Ham Monitor and if you wish one will send one up and would like to see a copy of KAR. We have several Kansas hams here in Kerrville. I take the Cappers paper, use to be the Cappers Weekly and pass it around here. I can operate most bands. I had KD7EC while in Arizona.

73, Harold Howard - Kerrville, TX.

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Hi Harold,

Nice to meet you. I am putting you on my "KAR" newsletter emailing list. I think I have 16 from 1960 thru 63. A friend, Ken KC0GL gave them to me. He was the originator of KAR and a printer. His were were a very good quality magazine. I have been using them to add interest to my newsletter. I am trying to figure out how I can reproduce them to fit into the newsletter. I did Xerox one and send it to JJ because of his response to my newsletter. I will see if I can find the KAR on my hard drive and Fwd it.

Thank you for your letter and best of 73 to you, Orlan w0oyh dit dit

MORE HAM MONITOR REPLIES:

The Ham Monitor! Very interesting indeed. Hal I hope this e-mail gets back to the writer. I was in the Air Force and stationed at Smokey Hill, AFB, Kan. The Base had been reopened and there was no housing in the area. We had to rent a place in McPherson, Kan. While driving around McPherson I noticed this Ham antenna. I knocked on the door and Hal invited me into his house. We became very good friends. I had some junk box parts and Hal added some of his to what I had and made me a transmitter. I was so amazed and grateful for what he was able to do. Do you think an electrical engineer of today could do that?

I was transferred to Randolph AFB in Texas and every Wednesday morning at about 3AM we would make contact. What a thrill that was. Thanks for the memories Hal,

REPEATER COORDINATION - REPEATER COORDINATION ?? ?? ?? 

Orlan,

I noticed in the last KAR you sent out that the WEB site address for the Kansas Repeater Council was incorrect. The correct web site is:

http://www.qsl.net/karc/

REPEATER COORDINATION

I am responsible for doing a "ARRL repeater audit" this year and some of the problems can be attributed to individuals changing the power, location, call sign, trustee, etc and not submitting a NEW coordination request. Also some of the update returns have not been received in time to be included in the current list being sent to the ARRL. That makes their data in the ARRL directory a year old, and incorrect.

The KARC is working very hard this year to get repeater listings up to date. Next year we will be sending out the update forms much earlier so
that we can include the late returns in the list being sent to the ARRL. The KARC is also going to be sending out the update forms to the repeater trustee. This is in line with the ARRL and FCC's suggestions that the trustee be more involved and informed of the stations in their control. The KARC will also be looking into de-coordinating repeater frequencies whose owner/trustee's have not updated the KARC in the last several years.

Thanks for your efforts to "advertise" the KARC's annual meeting at the ARRL Kansas State Convention in Salina. Last year's meeting attendance was very good and we expect this year's attendance to be even better. Continue your efforts to encourage repeater owners/trustees to attend this meeting to get answers to their questions.

As always the KARC officers and board members are available to answer your questions. Their email addresses are listed on the KARC WEB page. If you are unable to contact them please give me a call or email with your request and I will see that it gets to the right person.

Bill Brinker  WAØCBW  
Vice President KARC - william474@aol.com  
WELCOME DON KA0JLF TO "KAR"  
I'm not sure but I think you said you wanted us to send you stuff that we have done.  
Cris and I worked a two hour shift at the NWS Regional Office downtown KC at their Special Event Station. WE had some much fun we came home and fired up the HF and worked several of the other NWS offices on all bands, at least SSB and Packet (APRS). We never sent in our log sheets but had lots of fun.

73 de Don

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[Signature File]

Name=Don Pfister KA0JLF  
HABITAT SkyLab soon to add SeaLab (underwater robotics)  
(High Altitude Basic Investigation Testing And Tracking)  
Email=ka0jlf@earthlink.net or dpfister@grapevine.net or donp@netlab.org

http://habitat.netlab.org  
http://www.kc.net/~dpfister  
http://www.netlab.org/~donp  
http://home.earthlink.net/~ka0jlf  
http://home.kc.rr.com/cdpfister/  
http://www.netlab.org:8888/  
Visit the Lab in the Hobby wing. HABITAT being built...  
view stations on the web real time (~3 minute updates):  
http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?KA0JLF  
http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?KA0JLF-9  
http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?KA0JLF-11  
balloon

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FYI, I think you said you wanted us to send you stuff like this.  
73 de Don KA0JLF  Thanks Don ..... Orlan ’
The vhf contesting team of K0FPC, KA0JLF, and N3KKM ranked 4th in the ARRL Midwest Region in the Limited Multi-Operator Division of the Sept 2000 VHF Contest. The Midwest Region consists of the ARRL Sections Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, North Texas, Oklahoma, South Texas, West Texas, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan. (See Mar QST p.80 and 84.) Want to try again in June? Bill

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Bill All N3KKM
Near Space Balloon Group
http://www.kcnet.com/~n3kkm/nearspace.html
e-mail: n3kkm@kcnet.com

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God Bless, Lyman and Bev
VIRUS - VIRUS - VIRUS
Hi Guys,
Well I got my first Monday. Into the trash it went and dump the trash I did. It said HAHAHA Snow White. Take care and the best of 73, Orlan

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Ron Peterson wrote:
Hi Orlan and Nice To Meet You Ron...............glad to hear you don't have the virus, Orlan. It isn't dangerous, only a pest. We didn't get the virus, at least I never did > open the attachment, and my understanding is, if you haven't opened the attachment enclosed with the msg you can't get the virus. Anyway, when you get the message from someone, bring it up on the screen, (don't open the attachment!) go to "View", then "Page Source" and it will tell you exactly WHO sent it to you. Sometimes I don't know who they are, however. Our server can track it down, but ours would prefer not to. They notified a couple, then told me to turn them in to a virus watch dog. Anyway, when I was being bombarded with getting the message I called our server and they told me to contact those who were sending it out so they would be aware of it, since, as you know, the virus sends itself out without your knowledge. When your name came up on the page source, that indicated you had the virus. Anyway, after receiving two from you, I wrote you back. It must be mutating. Hmmm. Way over my head! I don't figure why someone feels it necessary to do this kind of rotten stuff. We are just using E mail for FUN..............someone always has to spoil the fun, don't they! Fact of life! Thanks for the correspondence Orlan, and nice to meet you, Ron! 73, Ron

A-1 OPERATORS AWARD

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Floyd Cook wrote:
Greetings Orlan ---
I have posted your request for Clubs' consideration of Education Awards. And, while I was at it, I reviewed the ARRL's Awards program(s).
I have decided that there are probably opportunities for awards in each Club. We're just too busy to do the details to claim an award for
In particular, it looks like the A1 Operator award is one with 'attainable' criteria. (Let's face it: YOU have one.!.!)

Just kidding Orlan. At any rate, during Field Day I got a chance to watch members operate. Jim, AC0E was an outstanding operator, and his CW skills are the Standard to strive for. Another candidate, especially with contest operating skills is Rod, K0EQH. His ability to take command of a contest frequency and 'rope in' the log entries is a lesson in How-To-Do-It.

I am unsure of the absolute procedure for soliciting an award. I understand that to be nominated the individual needs to be recommended by two existing A1 Club members.

I see on the Roster for the Zero callsign area that you and Bruce, KOBJ are members of this elite club. It may be that both you and Bruce can attest to the skills of these two gents. The problem is that Bruce will be in Grand Cayman for another week, and will be swamped for a week or two after he gets back. I wonder if you know of someone else on the Roster list who might testify as to the operating skills of either one or both of these operators?

Tell me what I need to do to get these guys some recognition. I would be proud to frame the certificates and make the presentation at a Club meeting, or some other event.

Best Regards.
Floyd Cook, WØYQX
fcook@odsgc.net
Check the SandHills Amateur Radio Club at:
http://www.odsgc.net/~sharc/whatsnew.html

Hi Floyd,
"In particular, it looks like the A1 Operator award is one with attainable' criteria. (Let's face it: YOU have one.!.!)

That is a great idea. I will see what I can do about that. ANY ONE OUT THERE IN KAR LAND WANT TO VOLUNTEER? Let me HR from U. Orlan

Orlan, Participation in the Kansas QSO Party was much better this year and band conditions were much more favorable. I have received 30 or so logs from Kansas stations and scores are much higher this year. The big winner is KK0SS who posted a record 1,117,116 points. This is nearly double the previous record score and his log had over 1000 contacts plus over 70 DX countries! This is an extraordinary score for any 24 hour contest and a new record score for the Kansas QSO Party.

Rick Carver, WA0KS

RUSSELL KANSAS HAM RADIO WEB SITE UP AND RUNNING

Subject: WEB SITE CHANGE
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 17:36:07 -0600
From: vlyczak@media-net.net (Victor Lyczak)
Orlan there has been a change of the Russell web site

FROM http://www.russellks.net/~roe/ham.html

TO http://ham.russellks.net/
SORRY - SORRY- SORRY
Subject: RE: March KAR Newsletter.
   Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2001 07:48:05 -0600
   From: "Thompson, Ken" <kthompso@lsil.com>
   To: "orlan@swbell.net" <orlan@swbell.net>
"ARRL KANSAS STATE CONVENTION"

One still must ask is it in Garden City or Lenexa?

I need a proof reader. I will edit the next one btr. Orlan
ARRL KANSAS STATE CONVENTION - 2001
Salina, Kansas - Bicentennial Center -August 19, 2001
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ROOM   TIME       EVENT

201     0800-1600  YL ACTIVITIES

203C    0800-1200  VE TESTING Richard Swaringen KBØVXU
             Testing begins at 0900

203A and B 0900-1000  ARRL Forum – Midwest Division Director
             Wade Walstrom,WØEJ, and Asst Dir. Bruce
             Frahm, KØBJ ARRL Representative?

203A and B 1000-1200  ARRL Kansas Section Meeting,
             ARRL Ks Section Mgr. Orlan Cook WØOYH

LUNCH  1200-13      On your own. Concessions available in
             Heritage hall main floor.

203A and B 1200-1400  1200-1300 for Board Meeting 1300-1400
             General Meeting Kansas Amateur Repeater
             Council - Jim Hand, NØPXH

203C    1300-1400  Kansas MARS Meeting, Bob Summers, KØBXF

203A and B 1400-1500  AVAILABLE not in use as of Jan 22, 2001

203C    1400-1500  Kansas SATERN Meeting June Jeffers, KBØWEQ

203A and B 1500-1600  Kansas Node Operators, John Bandy WØUT

203C    1500-1600  QCWA, Don Fitzgerald, KAØEIC

Heritage 1600  Prize Drawings. Need not be present to win
Hall

None of the above except for the Repeater Council has been confirmed as of January 22, 2001

MAP - ARRL KS STATE CONVENTION MAP
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W. Cloud ________________

I-135 >

E. Magnolia _____________

1| X< Applebees
   E. Schilling

1. Red Lobster, Tuson's, Chilr's, Amarilla Grill, & others.
2. Long John Silvers   3. Mc Donalds   4. Red Coach In, Super 8,

SB QST @ ARL $ARLB007

The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2001 is now officially HR 817. Rep Michael Bilirakis of Florida introduced the bill on March 1 in the US House of Representatives. ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, and ARRL First Vice President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, visited the Congressman's office to thank him personally for his continuing interest in protecting amateur allocations. See> http://www.arrl.org <for full details.
ARLB008 ARRL Seeks to Expand Amateur Access to 216-220 MHz

ARLB009 ARRL 160-Meter Band Plan Committee seeks input

ARLB010 FCC Denies LA County 2.4 GHz Application, Cancels Experimental Grant to City

SANDHILLS AR CLUB WEB SITE:
Greetings all ---
There has been some question, (but not much) about the reduced breadth of the SandHills Amateur Radio Club's web site. For those who might be interested, the factors affecting this change are listed at:

http://www.odsgc.net/~sharc/humor13.html

Regards,
Floyd Cook, WØYQX
fcook@odsgc.net

Check the SandHills Amateur Radio Club at:
http://www.odsgc.net/~sharc/

REPEATER CHANGE:
Greetings All --- Be advised ---
The 146.910 mHz repeater now requires a "PL" tone of 156.7 Hz.

Floyd Cook, WØYQX
fcook@odsgc.net

Check the SandHills Amateur Radio Club at:
http://www.odsgc.net/~sharc/

RE: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE AND SKYWARN
"Our Credibility Problem"

"The fault, dear Brutus, lies not in our stars, but in ourselves."

I agree, and thank you for so clearly reminding all of us the importance of "not cutting off our nose to spite our face"...:-( Be safe...
Adios...DE Jack...K

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The Kansas Section "ARRL Field Service Department"

Made up of more than 200 Special Kansas volunteer hams serving their community, counties, state and country through the ARES "Amateur Radio Emergency Service", NTS " National Traffic System and other ARRL supporting groups. For more >>> orlan@swbell.net <<<

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SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER MONTHLY REPORT:
Month of Jan. tfc for March report 2000

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Submitted by Ron Cowan, KB0DTI, STM of Kansas Section  FDS-254

ARRL KANSAS SECTION MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT TO ARRL

THE FOLLOWING is for the QST Kansas News Column.

KANSAS: SM Orlan Cook W0OYH, ASM/ACC/OCC Robert Summers K0BXF, SEC Joseph Plankinton WD0DMV, STM Ron Cowan KB0DTI PIC Scott Slocum KC0DYA and TC Frank Neal N8FN.Congrats to Preston W0WWR for making BPL in Jan. He tells me he is going for the "Medallion". For more info see Mar QST pg 97 lower right. Tom WB0ZNY, NM of our QKS Ks CW NTS net will retire Mar 31 after 14 years of great service to HR. Mike K0PY will be our new NM. TKs guys! A big TU to Ron, KB0DTI who has kept our slow-speed net alive for many years. In the 70s & days of the novice license, we had a membership of over 100. Don't forget to mark your calendar for our ARRL State convention Aug 19 at Salina. Complete info in my free monthly enewsletter. To get on mailing send me UR email address to orlan@swbell.net < Send me UR news. I also need SK obits clipped from newspapers for the QST SK column. >>> www.colossus.org/kar/Jan. Kansas Nets: sessions/QNI/QTC, KSBN 31/1378/91 KPN 22/342/33 KMWN 31/744/565 KWN 31/1153/759 CSTN 27/2187/90 QKS 60/321/144 QKS-SS 11/32/7 SEC 64/702/21 QNS KB0 AMY N0BTH KCOCFL KC0CIG WD0DQG WD0DVMAA0IQ W0PBV KB0WEQ Joseph WD0DVM SEC. TEN 367 msgs 62 sessions Kansas 95% w/AA0FO KX0I NB0Z W0WWR WB0ZNY W0SS/Mgr. BBS AA0HJ received 45 W1AW Bulletins 344 Personal 0 NTS.Ks tfc W0WWR 570 WB0ZNY 88 W0OYH 50 KB00DT 39 NB0Z 20 N0RZ 16 W0FCL 10 OBS-WA0DTH 12 and lots of room 4 UR report.

THE FOLLOWING is for the "Field Organization Report" page and is not to be incorporated into the above "Kansas Section News" column.

! KANSAS SECTION BPL REPORT !
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KANSAS SECTION PSHR REPORT

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INDEPENDENT NETS

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73, Orlan w0oyh ARRL Ks Section Mgr