Hi gang, We owe JD Spradling KCØNYS and the PRB-1 Committee a big thank you for all the work put in passing the HB 2805. Maybe Ron, our ARRL Section Manager can have JD as one of our speakers this coming August 17 in Salina at our Ks Section meeting, during our Ks state ARRL convention where we can all say thank you.

Last month I shared with you information from our European counterparts concerning recognizing only our Advance and Extra class licenses. You can read more about it in the April issue of QST, page 61. I remember when I took my General test in 1952, I had to draw a power supply schematic from memory and list all the parts. I had to do the same for a Hartley oscillator. There were a few math problems you had to work out too.

On page 83 I see a couple of Kansas calls listed on the New Years "Straight Key" night. Nate NØNB from Marysville who I hear often on our Ks Sideband Net. I see George WBØCNK from Overland Park who is a very active ham with SATERN. Read the whole page on the activity and see if you would like to join in next New Years.

♦ Our official PRB-1 PRESS RELEASE will be sent out shortly after I get confirmation on a few more items. JD Spradling KCEM
PRB-1 Committee Chairman

♦ Greetings from Newington,
Our congratulations and best wishes to all who worked so hard to achieve this goal. As Orlan calls us a displaced Kansan, we definitely had a vested interest in this and were happy to hear the news. Well done!
73, Chuck Skolaut, KØBOG
Field & Regulatory Correspondent
ARRL - The national association for Amateur Radio
860 594 0239
cskolaut@arrl.org

♦ Orlan, Just a note to say thanks for your involvement in getting this PRB-1 passed. Without your messages and your motivation this bill may have never been passed. Thank you to everyone that gave of their time and money to motivate, push and got involved in getting PRB-1 passed. I believe that due to the personal input and the appearance of those that did address this issue in person are the unsung hero's. For our elected legislators to sit down and listen to these people (HAMS) that this bill would effect is remarkable. Thank you to all that took the time to write and call in assisting in getting this bill passed and to those that went in person to meet eyeball to eyeball and put it all on the table and in eloquent voice educated our legislators. Your efforts are appreciated for all the time and energy each of you put forth in accomplishing this feat. Team work. nuff said.
Gordon Alkire
KB0YYO
Riley KS
Good afternoon, Orlan!
Our Fort Scott Amateur Radio User Group here in Fort Scott has started a Wednesday evening net called **The 715 Net**. As you might guess, the time for the net starts at 7:15 pm. All amateur radio operators within the area are welcome to check into the net, with or without traffic. The new coordinated output frequency is 146.715 - , with the PL tone of 91.5. We are getting good results with our check-ins, but will always welcome more. We hope you are getting along okay healthwise. Take care!

73s,
Keith - WBØQDE

Hello Would you please publish the upcoming Lonestar Century Bike Ride? This event is sponsored by the Johnson County Bike Club, is scheduled for June 1st, 2008, and takes place both Johnson and Douglas counties. We will need all of the help we can get. To volunteer, please contact Brian Short @ kcshorty@gmail.com

73s Darren N0MZW

Here is a misplaced Kansas web site. Ken KØKS moved a few months ago

http://www.k0ks.com/

Contact is the product of the PR section of ARRL, headed by the superlative Allen Pitts, W1AGP.

<http://www.arrl.org/pio/contact/2008/04/#last>

Printable Ks ARES map  CLICK>>> http://www.cenkares.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/

73, Orlan w0oyh UR KAR ed and ARRL Ks Ast. Section Mgr. & KAR ed
ARRL KS SECTION MANAGER - Ron KBØDTI

For more from Ron and **lots of new photos**.
CLICK >>>> http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS
Ron also makes him self available to the Kansas hams on the Kansas HF nets. You will even find him as the Net Control Station on the Weather Net at 6 PM on 3920 kHz several times a month. He is available to all on the Kansas Sideband Net daily at 6:30 PM on 3920 kHz. You will also find him on QKS the ARRL Ks CW net at 7 & 10 PM daily on 3547 kHz. All of our SMs in the past have made them selves available to Ks hams this way on all three nets. At one time it was the only way to send our monthly reports to
KANSAS SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATORS REPORT:
From the desk of K0BXF ARRL SEC KS
Mar 30, 2008
ARES net activities reports indicate not too much change from previous months activity. 487 members registered to be of service with zones reporting a total of 113 net sessions with 912 QNI and 23 pieces of traffic handled during the month of February. However, that should change with the storm season upon us. Be alert Guys and Gals, let us not get caught with antenna needing repair and not able to get on the air. I am sure each EC within the state will welcome your participation in any and all activity that goes on within the Zone. While you are at it, why not give the state traffic and weather nets some of your attention. Net managers are always looking for new QNI. Any one not knowing who your EC is, please contact me ASAP for the info.

rsummbxf@aol.com or 913-299-1128.
The roll call of the KSBN net could be well over 150 if all those that frequent the net from time to time do happen to show up on any given session. Is your county represented? Listen in on 3920 khz and find out. The roll call of the Kansas Weather net also has potential of over 100 if everyone shows up. If interested in what is going on weather wise in your area, guess what? 3920 khz again is the frequency to monitor quite often. Some have asked me about those real hams out there. The CW gang, well 3547 khz could find surprise or so, give it a shot. Time available for all to participate in Public Service thru Ham Radio. Don't forget also to check the ARRL web page for additional Kansas Section activities. Last but not least, every active ham should be receiving the KAR publication, edited and produced by W0OYH. Make sure your email address is in his KAR file. 73 see you around the nets

Printable Ks AREs map. CLICK>>> http://www.cenkares.org/

73, Bob Summers K0BXF ARRL Ks Section Emergency Coordinator
Bob can be found on the 3920 kHz Kansas net at 6:30 PM.
Hey all,
Dayton Hamvention is coming up! Be sure to reserve a seat in your jalopies or on the airplane for the little ones!
We are planning to have our youth lounge again this year, so stop by and we'll give the young ones activities to keep them busy while you shop!
As always, suggestions and comments are welcome!
73,

Emily, KCØPTL

KANSAS STATE RACES OFFICER - Joseph WDØDMV

Still no word from the State EM about getting an HF antenna up at the State EOC. It has been over three years now. Storm season is here. Maybe others should be inquiring about the state of the State RACES program and if Amateur communications are going to be available to and from the State EOC. Maybe a complete redo of the State RACES program is needed. I want to thank all those that do check into the RACES net.
The Kansas RACES Net meets every month on the first Thursday at 7:00 pm 3940 KHz All stations are welcome. Stations heard April 3rd Net

Call County
WØCCW Mitchell
AAØOM Phillips
WØPBV Riley
KBØGWK Sedgwick
NUØB Montgomery
KØB XF Wyandotte
WA5FLV Neosho
NØKQX Finney
KØNK Johnson
WAØGDI Miami
WØMQY Crawford
WDØDMV Shawnee NC
12 Counties 12 QNI Ø QTC

73 Joseph WDØDMV
State RACES Officer Proud to be a Ham
wd0dmv@arrl.net

The RACES Net meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm on 3940 kHz
Joseph can be found on 3920 kHz at 6:30 PM and following as the Net Control Station on Wed evenings.

SALVATION ARMY TEAM EMERGENCY RADIO NETWORK [S.A.T.E.R.N.]

June Jeffers KB0WEQ
KS ARRL DEC - Liaison to The Salvation Army
KS & Western MO Division S.A.T.E.R.N. Coordinator

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS -- NEW MADRID EARTHQUAKE EXERCISE

Our Kansas and Western Missouri [MO-KAN] Division SATERN group is still organizing rapid response teams, called "SATERN Activation Team [SAT]" for SATERN operations. We now have 5 teams and several members still looking for a partner. We especially need some teams in western Kansas districts #3 and #6. We will also accept two ARES members as a team if you are interested. We desperately need SATERN members in Missouri...Cass County and North!! Within the structure of our SATERN Incident Command System [ICS] we give our SATERN County Coordinators authority to provide whatever is needed in their local area...becoming the Incident Commander. Members in each county support their local County
Coordinator. Of course we look to our members living in the local county to provide us with information immediately. The SAT teams will only be sent when we have no members in the local area.

New this year we added to the support for these County Coordinators by assigning SATERN District Coordinators, using the same counties that make up the ARES Districts. These District Coordinators can assist the County Coordinators within their district area, with phone calls, email if power is out and relay from the disaster area through the local repeaters.

SATERN has setup new guidelines for being deployed. Any volunteer has to be processed and provide information ahead of time. In a recent seminar I attended, it was brought up over and over the problems dealing with the "un-affiliated" volunteer [someone who has not joined] -- they will soon be obsolete. Due to complicated requirements for information to be on file for people sent into a disaster site, the processing of volunteers will HAVE to be done ahead of time. Most of the emergency response organizations in attendance agreed that taking the "un-affiliated" volunteer during the disaster brings a real burden to the organization.

Joining the organization ahead of time to get the training and orientation a volunteer needs is more critical now than ever before -- NOW is the time to join those organizations you are interested in serving! SATERN is organizing a New Madrid Earthquake Communications Exercise to be held on October 4th - this will be during the ARRL national SET weekend. New Madrid fault is located in Southern Missouri and will effect most of Missouri and states South and East of Missouri. Kansas will need to be there to help! We currently have these agencies that will be interacting with our exercise: The Salvation Army, Kansas City MO & St Louis; The American Red Cross, Kansas City; Missouri Dept of Transportation; Missouri State Emergency Management Agency. We plan to utilize the NTS nets and MARS to handle traffic and work very closely with many of the ARES groups in Missouri to gather local information. As we determine the objectives of these agencies, we will be needing operators to provide the necessary communications. ALL agencies and organizations are welcome to participate, as well as all ham operators. If you are interested in being a part of this exercise, send me an email and you will be added to the Email distribution list for updates as the planning progresses.

Come to our meeting at the ARARAT HAMFEST in Kansas City, MO on April 19th, at Noon. Everyone is welcome! Our EmComm Trailer and our Generator Trailer will be on display outside. If you have already seen our trailers, just stop by for a visit at the display and mention you read this column each month and get a special gift!
If you really want to serve during a disaster -- SATERN is where you need to be!
If you have portable APRS equipment -- we need YOU!
June Jeffers KB0WEQ
KS ARRL DEC - Liaison to The Salvation Army
KS & Western MO Division S.A.T.E.R.N. Coordinator
Gardner, KS 66030 [Johnson County]
Home: 913-856-8674
Email reply: KSSATERN@kc.rr.com
WEBSITE: http://home.kc.rr.com/saternkansas
HB 2805 and HAM RADIO

Orlan, got this message from our state senator today Monday noon. Looks very favorable to get a bill passed.
Larry N0LL

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Re: SJ1388
Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 12:07:40 -0500
From: Senator Janis Lee <lee@senate.state.ks.us>
To: Larry Lambert <n0ll@ruraltel.net>
References: <47DDCEAD.2080408@ruraltel.net>

We passed that bill out of committee this morning and I voted for it. I am planning on being in the Old Settlers Day parade again this year.

Janis Lee

◆----- Original Message -----◆
From: "Larry Lambert" <n0ll@ruraltel.net>
To: <lee@senate.state.ks.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2008 8:51 PM
Subject: SJ1388

Senator Lee, How you doing down there? Looks like many issues to consider.

The Amateur Radio operators in the state have built momentum on this PRB-1 that came from the Federal Communication Commission many years ago. Each state has the opportunity to endorse it. The concern for one is the home owners associations put unreasonable restrictions on putting up antennas and antenna heights. This issue doesn't really affect me and never should but a PRB-1 endorsement would make things more likely to be of fairness in dealing with antenna heights, etc. The operators in the metropolitan areas are most concerned about this. Some City and County commissions don't know what Amateur Radio (Ham) is. Getting to be an old persons hobby I guess.

For Old Settlers which is Sept 26th, 27th we hope to have K-States Bill Snyder. I hope he wants to come do a High School homecoming the 26th because of Roger Barta.

Thank You
Larry Lambert

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

SILENT KEYS:
It is sad news I report that Norm, KX0L, passed away Saturday, March 15. He was born in 1916. Norm had a hard last few years being on regular dialysis, which he was removed from about a week ago.
His funeral will be in Scott City at The First Baptist Church, Tuesday, March at 10:30AM.
He had been a great asset to the Sand Hills ARC, and we will surely miss him.
Rod Hogg
K0EQH
Scott City

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Kevin J. Cutright - NA0S

Kevin J. "NA0S" Cutright, 49 years old, of Atchison, died Monday, March 17, 2008, of an apparent heart attack at the Atchison Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, March 21, 2008, at the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Sunset Memory Gardens, Atchison. The family will receive friends from 6:30-8p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Wagon Wheel Memorial Campership Fund and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences to the family may be left online at www.beckerdyer.com.

Kevin was born on Feb. 27, 1959, in Hamilton County, Ohio, the son of Wayne and Margaret "Jo" (Werth) Cutright. He graduated from Mt. Orab High School, Mt. Orab, Ohio. Kevin moved to Atchison in September of 2000 from Felicity, Ohio. Kevin was a former Registered Emergency Medical Technician and life squad volunteer in Ohio. He presently worked as a data processing supervisor for Atchison Casting. He was a very active Boy Scout leader of Troop 53, serving as an assistant scoutmaster and advancement recorder for the troop. Kevin was an honorary warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, his tribal name being Big Fighting Hawk. Kevin attended Wood Badge adult leader training in 2005 and received his Wood Badge beads. He also enjoyed amateur radios and was a member of the local amateur radio club. He enjoyed traveling, yard sales, flea markets, and cooking, and especially his family.

Kevin was married to Julie Zimmerman-Yardley on April 6, 2001. Julie survives of the home. Additional survivors include three sons; Daniel Cutright, Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., Wesley Yardley and Joey Yardley, of the home; a daughter; Charity Cutright, Niceville, Fla.; his parents, Wayne and Jo Cutright, Mt. Orab; a sister, Paula Durham, Mt. Orab; one grandson, Michael Whitman, Niceville, Fla.
Lee Donald Kirwan, Jr. - WA0AVA

Don Kirwan, 58, of Leawood, Kan., passed away on Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at his home from a long battle with cancer. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at Trinity Anglican Church, 3920 W. 63rd Street, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Burial in Forest Hill Cemetery, Kansas City, Mo. Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 4, at D.W. Newcomer's Sons Overland Park Chapel, 8201 Metcalf, Overland Park, Kan. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions to KC Hospice, Sisters Servants of Mary or Trinity Anglican Church. Don was born Oct. 8, 1949, in Topeka, Kan. He was a life member of the VFW and the NRA. He served in the U.S. Army (ASA). Don was a Professional Engineer at Black and Veatch for 30 years. He was a scuba instructor. Don was currently a student at UMKC. Survivors include his wife, Margaret "Magoo" Kirwan of the home; his daughters, Christel Parsons, Overland Park, and Erin Wyse, Rayville, Mo.; his parents, Lee and Frances Kirwan, Topeka; his sisters, Kathleen Bayless, Kirkwood, Mo., and Denise Bandy, Topeka; and seven grandchildren. Arr.: D.W. Newcomer's Sons Overland Park Chapel, (913) 648-6224. Fond memories and condolences may be left at www.dwnewcomers.com

Published in the Kansas City Star on 4/2/2008.

Sad to say, we have lost another Ham in Salina. James O. Armes, WD0CFZ, passed away on Thursday March 13, 2008. Funeral details are pending, and likely to be published in the Saturday March 15, 2008 Salina Journal.

Sid N0OBM
CKARC VE Team Leader, QSP Editor.

FROM AROUND THE STATE:
The Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club holds Amateur Radio Exams on the Second Wednesday of every month, at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom, 251 North 10th Street, Salina Kansas at 7:00 PM. Walk-in's are welcome. Anyone with questions, please contact me - Sid Ashen-Brenner N0OBM at 785-823-6560 (after 5:30 PM evenings) or via e-mail at n0obm@arrl.net We also hold W5YI-VEC exam sessions at least once a quarter on Saturday afternoons (1:00 PM) also at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom. The date for the next Saturday session has not been set at this time.

Sid N0OBM
CKARC VE Team Leader, QSP Editor.

◆Dear List Members:

I just received this message from June, KB0WEQ:

Kansas hams should know that The Salvation Army was the only agency to attend BOTH sessions and speak on behalf of ham radio. We had TWO "division level directors" from The Salvation Army who attended these sessions in order to support this bill for ALL ham operators:
Dee Smith, Director of Emergency Disaster Services [EDS]
Mike Klein, Director of Government Relations

SATERN operates under the Emergency Disaster Services Division of The Salvation Army... this shows the dedication and support SATERN members have in our Division. I only asked once and they were there both times .... what more can I say!

June Jeffers KB0WEQ
ARRL DEC - Liaison to The Salvation Army
KS & Western MO Division SATERN Coordinator
Gardner, KS
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Many thanks to June for this message, as it give me a chance to promote SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network) <http://www.satern.org/>. This list goes to alot of newer members of the ham radio fraternity, who may not know of SATERN. Take a look at their web site. If you would like to know more, please contact June Jeffers, KB0WEQ, <KSSATERN@kc.rr.com>. They, like all similar organizations, are always looking for more volunteers.

73, Larry Staples - W0AIB

♦ My friend, Ralph Romig, WAØKHV, was in the news concerning a Storm Spotter drill in Iola. Seems the new Iola club is doing well.

Les KCØPTO http://tinyurl.com/yvukmn <<<< CLICK
♦ Local Community Partners

We will be hosting a meeting to discuss an upcoming exercise planned on Ft Leavenworth. The exercise will be in April. We would like to invite your organization to start planning this exercise to make it successful for both the Fort and the Community. The Fort has already identified several community partners that have expressed an interest which have also been identified as some of the same we would need at the planning table.

This exercise will include a medical response, Hospital capacity , Hazardous Material response, Law enforcement, containment and security and a water district to name a few.

Please mark you calendar for the 13th of February at 1430 hours here at the emergency management EOC Conference Room County Courthouse 300 Walnut.

The meeting should take no longer than 1.5 hours, our goal from this meeting is to see what objectives and missions we would like to evaluate during this exercise and if you want to participate.
Thanks for you time.
Charles (Chuck) Magaha  
Leavenworth County Emergency Management  
300 Walnut  
Leavenworth, Kansas 66048-2725  
cmagaha@leavenworthcounty.org  
Office- 913-684-0455  
Fax- 913-684-1037

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Just a reminder of the follow-up meeting for the planned exercise on the 23rd of April. We had asked that agencies please send us the objectives or goals of what you would like to get from the exercise, we only received one. Please bring your objectives to the table for tomorrow's March 7th meeting at 10 A.M. here at the County Courthouse in the EOC Conference Room.

Thanks Chuck

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Just a reminder of the exercise meeting that will be at 930 A.M. at the County Courthouse in the EOC Conference Room on April 2nd. This will be the final meeting before the exercise on the 23rd of April.

Thanks Chuck

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Please let me know if you can participate in the exercise and/or the meeting. I will be at the meeting unless something gets in the way. 73

Paul

KANSAS STATE ARRL CONVENTION:  
AUGUST 17 2008

MAP >>>

Central Kansas ARC >>> http://www.centralksarc.com

Ensor Museum

Dear members,

ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have not looked in on our web site recently, there is a new feature for your pleasure. Tom Dailey, WØEAJ, has expressed a desire to do something for the benefit of the ENSOR MUSEUM. Tom is 600 miles away in Colorado. Our area is close to his heart as he lived for many years around the greater Kansas City area, both Kansas and Missouri.

If you don't recognize the name, you probably live a great distance from Kansas. Tom is a regular contributor to the "KAR" [Kansas Amateur Radio] newsletter read by hundreds of Midwest hams who subscribe to this awesome communication put out by Orlan Cook, WØOYH. The KAR contains the latest useful information for operators who are Message Handlers, Emergency Preparedness groups, or other communicators in this fantastic hobby and service.
Tom has accepted our request to receive his occasional brilliantly written dialog on subjects relative to Amateur Radio always with a measure of knowledge, wit and insight. Tom has an illustrious and wide spectrum of past experiences to call on when sharing his truly interesting musings.

In talking to Tom I find his life full of rich and bold initiatives and maybe some escapades; Naval radio HF CW monitoring, pilot and aircraft sales, sports car racing, Burnstein-Appleby Company [back when], security systems tech., kid wonder with xtal sets to makeshift ham operations in far off places during military years, and some more I hesitate relating or can't remember.

We have made space for Tom on the Ensor site for the benefit of those who check it for new and interesting content. Do check out the several subjects already listed. Read Tom's perspective on lifes situations that we can all appreciate. His writings are on the home page entitled, **TOMs MUSINGS by T C Dailey, WØEAJ**.

MEMO-MEMO

If any of you have not been aware of recent MEMO happenings, be advised that the club president starting this year is Joe Krout, WØPWJ, our previous V.P.. Joe has a rather full agenda of ways he benefits local Amateur Radio, so we are happy to have his vitality and knowledge with us. I will help him adjust however I can.

As the start up President in 2003, I am grateful to Joe for giving this tired Ensor activist some spare leisure in my new grandfather years.

73 to all,
Larry Woodworth, WØHXS

If you can visit the Ensor Park and Museum, just 5 minutes South of central Olathe but haven't, do it now and see a most interesting and original flashback to the mid-1900's. Our motto "SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT" is true. A site map, Ensor GPS coordinates, and much more can be seen on the website at www.w9bsp-w9ua.org

Kevin Woodworth WØHXS
Ensor Park and Museum Manager
Past Pres. - MEMO  <snipped> from the Jo Co RAC Feedback.

**HA - HA - HA - HA - H**

Drafting Guys over 60----this is so funny & obviously written by a former soldier. New Direction for the war on terrorists.Send Service Vets over 60I am over 60 and the Armed Forces thinks I'm too old to track down terrorists.. You can't be older than 42 to join the military. They've got the whole thing assbackwards. Instead of sending 18-year olds off to fight, they ought to take us old guys. You shouldn't be able to join a military unit until you're at least 35.> > For starters:> > Researchers say 18-year-olds think about sex every 10 seconds.
Old guys only think about sex a couple of times a day, leaving us more than 28,000 additional seconds per day to concentrate on the enemy.> > Young guys haven't lived long enough to be cranky, and a cranky soldier is a dangerous soldier.

'My back hurts! I can't sleep, I'm tired and hungry.' We are impatient and maybe letting us kill some asshole that desperately deserves it will make us feel better and shut us up for a while.> > An 18-year-old doesn't even like to get up before 10 a.m. Old guys always get up early to pee so what the hell. Besides, like I said, 'I'm tired and can't sleep and since I'm already up, I may as well be up killing some fanatical son-of-a-bitch.' > > If captured we couldn't spill the beans because we'd forget where we put them. In fact, name, rank, and serial number would be a real brainteaser.> > Boot camp would be easier for old guys. We're used to getting screamed and yelled at, and we're used to soft food. We've also developed an appreciation for guns. We've been using them for years as an excuse to get out of the house, away from the screaming and yelling.> > They could lighten up on the obstacle course, however. I've been in combat and didn't see a single 20-foot wall with rope hanging over the side, nor did I ever do any pushups after completing basic training. I can hear the Drill Sgt. in the 'New army' now, 'Get down and give me ... ER ... one.' > > Actually, the running part is kind of a waste of energy, too. I've never seen anyone outrun a bullet.> > An 18-year-old has the whole world ahead of him. He's still learning to shave, to start up a conversation with a pretty girl. He still hasn't figured out that a baseball cap has a brim to shade his eyes, not the back of his head.> > These are all great reasons to keep our kids at home to learn a little more about life before sending them off into harm's way.> > Let us old guys track down those dirty rotten coward terrorists. The last thing an enemy would want to see right now is a couple of million pissed-off old farts with 'attitude' and automatic weapons who know that their best years are already behind them.> > If nothing else, put us on border patrol....we will have it secured the first night! > > Share this with your senior friends. It's purposely in big type so they can read it.

John McClain

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Next time a new ham or a prospective ham asks you about the cost of ham radio, refer them to this web site:

<http://www.ne7x.com/New_Shack_2008.htm>

I wonder if all that stuff works.

73,
Larry, W0AIB

♦ This Orlan,
This may entice you to head for the hills this summer.
http://wings.rmhcn.org/
Chuck

♦ Orlan,
I still haven't digested all of this ordinance; I hope we don't fall through the cracks.

♦ There is both an audio and video clip available. This is something we want to propagate widely. Please see the following links:
Video Clip of Bill Read-KB5FYA, Director of the National Hurricane Center:
<http://www.voipwx.net/local/Bill_Read_on_Ham_Radio_Hurricane_Conference2008.wmv>
Audio Clip of Bill Read-KB5FYA, Director of the National Hurricane Center:
<http://www.voipwx.net/local/Bill_Read_on_Ham_Radio_Hurricane_Conference_2008.mp3>
73, Rob-KD1CY. <Snipped> from Larry's List

♦ Congratulations everyone! Now for that last all important signature.
Chuck, KØBOG

♦ Thanks Orlan, I sent an e-mail to Senator Pine here in Lawrence yesterday. Glad to hear it passed with flying colors. 73s
John

♦ The April Grounded Grid is now on line for your reading pleasure.
Please visit http://warc1.org/grid/ to download it.
SANDHILLS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER
www.odsgc.net/~sharc/

♦ The March 2008 issue of QSP is now on-line, and has been mailed to those on the U. S. Postal Mailing list. With luck, it will arrive before the meeting. Sorry the issue was later than normal, but it's been a very busy month - not counting the "health" problems that recently cropped up.

73 de Sid N0OBM
♦ Orlan,
Now on April 1st we know the reason for the poor conditions on the bands!!
http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2008/04/01/10034/?nc=1
Chuck @ Hq

♦ Thank you for all your hard work JD and committee, for helping to make a Kansas, a truly Ham friendly state!
73--
Duncan, KU0DM

Something to consider as "proactive" rather than using the law in reaction to a regulation:

Since most City and County Zoning officials/attorneys will have no immediate working knowledge of this Law, PRB-1 or Amateur Radio for that matter it would be worth considering how to provide a "Press Release" to as many (maybe the biggies) as possible. If something could be sent explaining Amateur Radio Service, particularly the emergency aspect of it along with a copy of the law, it would be worth doing. Maybe get some local news interest generated. Might consider working directly with the Kansas League of Municipalities Exec. Director. Same for Counties. She attended the hearings. Just a thought.

Might even consider making your group a permanent standing "HB2805" committee as a resource for interested governments to contact for information and help, etc. on antenna issues, or even as mediators to help resolve problems. That "community" service is appreciated by City/County planners and codes people. Keep in mind that if an amateur is to benefit from this law planning commissions or governing bodies may/will require the amateur radio operator wanting something "unusually" high to offer evidence to support the need. Calling on your committee members as a resource would be valuable. Also in considering ordinances in this area you might be a resource to Cities and Counties that want testimony and general information, etc. Something to consider. Just getting the law in place is great but if everyone followed the law you wouldn't need lawyers and courts so thought should be given to continuing support where needed.

This effort was really first class by the way. You all should register as professional lobbyists...! This was every bit as accomplished as any trade association I have seen sponsoring legislation. Well done!

Rod Richardson
WA0HHX
Spring Hill, KS

All Kansas hams owe JD, KC0NYS, a big thank you for a job extremely well done. Here follows a text version of a message JD sent to Orlan, W0OYH, the editor and distributor of the KAR (Kansas Amateur Radio) email newsletter. If you want a copy of JD's message with pictures and a sound recording of the official announcement of the passage, please contact JD <c3smaxi@mokancomm.net> or Orlan <orlan@everestkc.net>. I wish I had a list of all who testified, wrote letters and sent messages, so I could list them here and so we could also express our thanks.

(You may not know that some systems which forward my messages do not want attachments or photos; only straight text. This is the reason that I only use straight text in my messages.)

Larry, W0AIB

Thanks to Mark Thompson, WB9QZB
Central States VHF Society Conference, July 24 -27, 2008
This message is being brought to you as a service of the W0AIB.

♦ Orlan, This is great!!
Can you send me some of the pics?
73s
Bob / KC0EFC
♦ Joe, WK0G, sends this:
Larry:

I have always been a home brewer and modifier of things electronic. From my cell phone to my car I am always "improving" things, (sometimes it is hard for others to discern what the improvement was). I recently came across this delightful web site that is very useful to those of us who calculate things electronic, but who now sometimes have a little trouble doing things in our head.

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

Larry,
In the parlance of those who preceded me... "thanks for the flowers". I'm really not sure how I got the gift of words, but suffice to say that my Father had something to do with it, as he was a voracious reader. On scout hikes, he would pierce the night campouts with his ghost stories, and tales of the legendary "Bad Guy" of Kansas - Rufus King... frightening the snot out of us all... terrified to giggle in our sleeping bags, for fear that Rufus (or my Dad) would come looking to wrap us around a stick, and cook us over the campfire, like so much
dough-twist-on-a-stick. Such men are worthy of being followed, and of their advice being heeded.

He NEVER discouraged me from playing with radio - well, there were warnings of my impending demise, should my homework not get done, but all-in-all... even when Mom screamed bloody-murder about "those wires are everywhere!", he would always run interference for me - admonishing me to "hide 'em better... you know your Mother!". Matter-of-fact, it was his Father's radio; a 1939 Stromberg-Carlson 410T, that first played "short wave" to me, in my Grandpa's living-room. Know what? I still have it, and OF COURSE it still works!

(matter-of-fact, it's still in calibration... never touched!) It was through it's electrodynamic speaker that I first heard WWV, and HCJB (The Voice of the Andes), Radio Moscow, and The Voice of America... then there were those HAMS. My mouth watered at the prospect of being one, someday. Ham Radio came to me, via the crystal set. Any lack of mention of Mr. Taylor, my 7th. grade wood-shop teacher at Old Mission JHS, would be a travesty, as it was he who sold me a 1N34 diode (50 cents, as I recall) back in 1954, replacing my galena chunk with the carefully crafted safety pin "cat's whisker" accessory. Such a technical revolution it was - no more scraping in the dark; trying to find the 'sweet spot' on that magic chunk of lead, when I should be sleeping - but preferring instead, to listen to "Inner Sanctum".... or "The Creaking Door" on my crystal set.

There are those brief moments in time, when an unsuspecting person happens to create something that causes a spark in a kid's head - and look where I am? I coulda' been a brain-surgeon or a welder, but NOooooo, I had to become one of those "engineer guys"... the wierdos that women are NOT supposed to like but marry anyhow. (know what?... they're facinated with us!)

Olathe holds a permanent place in my heart, not only because I lived there once, but because it was there, that I worked for King Radio Corp.... twice. What a fascinating collection of some of the brightest minds in the industry. It was at King that I got a taste for aviation, as instead of just building, testing, and fixing radio gear, I wanted to USE IT. Ironically, it was after King, working for Burstein-Applebee, that I finally got flying lessons, and earned a Pilot's Certificate - even soloed at the just-closed Olathe Naval Air Station, where I first flew in a US Navy DC-3 at the age of 12... I went on, subsequently, earning ratings... and even selling airplanes for a while. Still - my heart was in the radio.

...and I guess that's why I'm still here. A former US Navy Radioman and crypto puke (they used to call us that), I never lost the facination for it. We know how it works - we sorta' know WHY - we THINK we know why antennas work (we don't), but the mystery never dies in the mind of a kid (even a 64-year old one)... it's still amazing when I can still hear the far-away sounds of an RTTY signal that I listened to, on communications watch, back in 1963. It's like an old friend - who never strays too far away. The Radioman was the link - the connection to everything when we were at sea... Whatever it was, the Radio guys knew it FIRST. ...and ya' know what?we still do.

73 - Tom Dailey - WØEAJ

♦ On QRZ, there is an article for this year's "Strange Antenna" challange, hosted by NØEW. It requires your construction to NOT INCLUDE any wire or pipe. As it takes place in Springfield, MO... I thought it fitting to send him a couple of notable antennae stories that I've either heard about or was witness TO. (excuse me Ms. Newton [5th. Grade teacher] - I know it's improper to end a sentence with a preposition).
Although he can't exactly qualify, there is an antenna which I feel deserves mention. My very dear friend, and former boss at the old Burstein-Applebee Co. (**B-A**) in Kansas City, served in the US Navy during WW-II.

**WØOSD SK** (Old Sloppy Drawers)... and I won't tell you the phonetics that he REALLY used... Mr. **John O. Fife**... was on Munda, New Georgia - Soloman Islands.

They had access to a spare BC-610 and a BC-348, very little wire... but plenty of bamboo. The directional beam wasn't in common use among hams back then, as they were pretty big, and were difficult to construct, due to the lack of thin-wall pipe and such. John and the other guys in the postal section set about to build a 4-element beam of bamboo, which they then painted with aluminum paint. You have to keep in mind that the aluminum paint BACK THEN, had **REAL** aluminum in it... and a lot of it. John told me that after about 5 or 6 coats of the stuff, and a couple of days (the Solomans are very humid) to dry, they fed it with a Delta match, made from some pieces of a shot-down Mitsubishi "Betty" bomber, and brought it up... it worked. Keeping in mind that all AMATEUR activity was suspended during the War, they got an Army station in California (don't know which one) to come up, and they managed to get "I'm Okay, Mom" messages back to The States, and retrieve baseball scores as well (almost better). John said it lasted quite a while, until a tropical storm (quite common) took it right off the top of the palm-trees they'd laid it on, and the last they saw of it, it was making about 85 knots, on its way to sea. I know it's true, because I saw a picture.

This one **ALSO** won't qualify, as it DID involve a piece of pipe. In 1962, while stationed at Treasure Island, CA ([SFRAN](http://www.qsl.net/k6ncg/index.html)), I belonged to the ham radio club (K6NCG "Navy Coffee Grounds") on base... We regularly conducted a phone-patch schedule for the Navy guys in Antarctica every Sunday night, and as we'd just serviced our Mosley Classic tribander, we were ready... it had been raining nearly all weekend since we put the antenna back up, and when we tried to load up the Collins S-line, nothing would tune properly. One of the guys finally got a pair of binoculars, and looked up at the traps... they were UPSIDE DOWN (drain holes pointing UP), so the traps had totally filled up with WATER... (arghhhh - we'd carefully aligned them all, then turned the antenna OVER... What to do?

A couple of us went up on the roof of the building, in the rain, and found an 18 1/2 foot piece of pipe (not exactly a quarter-wave for 20m, eh?)... sat it atop a Coke bottle (great insulators), and leaned it onto the wooden rail of the building... then somebody found some unidentified coax (well, it was a tiny bit bigger than RG-8, but hey... it oughta' work, right?), and we hooked it up with alligator clips.

Tuning the Collins up to it, produced a 1.2:1 SWR on the 30S1 linear amp, and some of the best reports we'd ever gotten out of KC4USN. After it quit raining - the antenna wouldn't work anymore.

...and that's the truth.

Tom Dailey
WØEAJ
Denver

**Orlan**, [http://www.ac6v.com/homebrew.htm](http://www.ac6v.com/homebrew.htm) I may have sent you this, previously... but there is a
HUGE wealth of HB projects on this site, and links to others. PS - hear you on the KS Sideband net out here - sigs are not so whippy (too early), but with the 140' long wire, you're fine from Shawnee.

Tom

✦ Just about everything in this is absolutely true. http://www.eham.net/articles/7436
✦ Chock Full of Homebrew project ideas. http://www.hobbyprojects.com/
✦ Fellow Ops, http://funsite.unc.edu/hyperwar/USN/ref/CallSigns/CallSigns-17.html
This is a listing of US Navy Ships, Hull Numbers, and their respective Callsigns, during WW-II. Look up your ship, your Dad's ship, or perhaps your Grandpa's ship.
You'll notice that the USS CONSTELLATION and USS CONSTITUTION (the original ones) HAD radio callsigns during the war)... all callsigns are also used for flashing light & flag-hoist, as well as for radio.

Tom

✦ Today, just before I began to get ready for church, I turned on the 1955 Hallicrafters SX-62A I have in my office. http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~postr/bapix/SX62.htm It doesn't get "lit off" too often, but when you feed those push-pull 6V6's into the "Reproducer" speaker; that big grey bass-reflex cabinet with the REAL die-cast metal (port) grill, well, it comes off like a concert hall. Normally, I keep it (like most of my other tube-type entertainment radios) on the 40's station, here in Denver (KEZW - 1430 kcs), but on Saturdays, there's a bluegrass program, and those 5-string banjos, fiddles, and flat-top guitars just don't have it out of a solid-state amp. On Sundays, well... it's just plain nice to listen to, before gettin' holy.
I guess the other wonderful thing about he '62A is the smell - after it's been running for a while (and finally settled down on ONE frequency), you can lift the lid on that puppy, and take a deep breath of "old radio". Now, the ladies can swoon over their Chanel No. 5, and kids can get all big-eyed over the smell of a chocolate shop, but nuthin' does it to an old ham like the smell of "Eau d'Tube". I've often mused to my friends that I should start my own line of men's fragrances (no offence, XYL's), including "Hoppe's No. 9 (gun cleaning solvent), "WD-40", and "Burned Dirt and Capacitor Wax". Frankly, I think the latter would outsell the other two by a big margin.
There's another thing about "slide-rule dial" radios. Unlike a digital readout, or our earlier adventures at "getting spoiled" by a Collins S-line, the slide-rule dial gives you the VERY CLEAR impression that the radio is doing sumptin'! The wider bandwidth of the older receivers also meant that you could hear MORE than one station (yes Virginia, that actually can be BETTER), so as a shiny-new Novice, way back when a Technician meant you could only be on 50 mcs+... you'd call CQ one 1 of your 3 or 4 crystals, then tune the WHOLE BAND. Well, those S-38's, AR-3's, and BC-348's were wide enough to HEAR that guy that was 20 kcs up the band from you! You got a contact; if you tried to use a super-duper modern Yaesu or ICOM, you just might miss the call, under the same restrictions - besides, it was FUN. You also learned to "interpolate" for guessing exactly which frequency you were on - "Hmmm, lesee... 7.150 was here on the dial, and my crystal is on 7.155... so that guy must have been on 7.165 or thereabouts"

Today, I went to a Vintage Voltage show out here. Lots of tube-radios, tube-amplifiers, 1970's receiver/amps, reel-to-reel recorders, and the like. Seeing those "delicious" plastic art-deco and "catalin" radios, shining like new, was enough to make me put a drool-cup around my neck. Beautiful wooden cased RCAs, Zeniths, Silvertones, and Stromberg-Carlsons (I have
Grandpa's 1939 S-C 410-T, and it still functions perfectly), even a vintage "Predicta" television (the one with the tube in a top-mounted frame) that was WORKING. In another room, displays of wonderfully restored radios and equipment lazed on the table-tops, smiling for us to stare upon. One display from the Wings Over the Rockies Museum (on the old Lowry AFB) [www.wingsmuseum.org], is an original BC-15 "transmitter, aircraft - mfg 1918), oh... and it works too. Spark is how it worked, and it must have been awfully broad, but then again, it was 30 more years before anybody worried about TVI, wasn't it? About the only people you DID'NT want to hear it were the "Hun". I got so nostalgic, looking at all those neat old radios, that I came home and went out to the shop... pulled back the cover on my SWAN 350; restored from my Stepdad's best buddy, when he became a Silent Key (WØRAS SK). It looks and works like NEW now, so I take great joy in checking into the Vintage Sideband Net, and the Collins Collector's Net with it. There's just something cool about hearing a guy who's running an S-Line, with a 30S1 linear, saying "Boy, that SWAN sure sounds good". Unfortunately, the bands were very crowded with contesters. Now, I know some of you folks REALLY like "radiosport", but I have noticed a disturbing trend during contests in the last few years - people DON'T CARE if somebody's already ON a frequency... or... they don't bother to tune up or down a bit to see if they're gonna "step" on somebody (see paragraph 2 about narrow-bandwidth radios), 'cause their filtering is so good, that they don't HEAR the station that's already there, a kc. away!"

Oh well, one of these days (some year), the bands will finally come back to REAL life, we'll have that great DX again, and won't have to worry about that pesky "adjacent channel rejection".

Until then - keep those straight-keys a'hummin. I love hearing keyers, and copying a good fist, using a "bug" is pleasure to me, but there's just something 'bout a ham using a straight-key that gets right down to the nitty-gritty... the essence of the whole magilla, it seems. I've tried using a keyer, and it sounds like I'm the biggest LID on the band - I used a straight key and Bug in the Navy, so I guess I'm a throwback to "old timers". I still have a Vibroplex Presentation-Deluxe "U.S.N." bug, bought in 1964, but my fave' is a 1948 or so Johnson Speed-X bug, that my Chief gave to me, when I was a 3rd. Class Radioman, hen proceeded to get my Speed Key Certificate with it. That VERY key was used to send messages referencing he murder of President Kennedy, his National Day of Mourning (I have copies of the messages!); the Tonkin Gulf Incident, and our "official" entry into the Vietnam War. It's rather light, so when you use it, you either have to screw it down, or hold it with your other hand, 'cause it tends to 'skate' really badly... oh, but is it quick! Whooee... that baby flies.

Well kids - enough of the old guy's stories. Just remember - tune up 3 kcs away from a Net Frequency, then come back - your transmitter won't know the difference, but your NET sure will. Keep those antennas greased - keeps the birds off.

73 - Tom - WØEAJ

While just having refurbished a 1960 Hewlett Packard HP-400H AC RMS voltmeter, I stumbled across this site - for anybody who ever sat in front of older HP gear, this will bring back memories. [http://www.hparchive.com/hp_catalogs.htm]

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