Hi Gang,

The SK “silent key” column will only appear if a SK is reported to me. But don't forget the SM so SKs get in the QST!

I see “LL” Larry's List is looking for someone to run an DFing exercise and that reminds me, WØIAZ, of my first direction finding back in 1952 in Belleville, Ks. We had a real raspy signal on 160 meters, that's 1.835 MHz. Back then it was Mc, megacycles. It was a super-strong signal. We hams had to run low power so not to interfere with the Lorain navigation system we shared the band with.

Our in-shack loop said it was straight south of us. Other hams south of us agreed and suggested maybe it was in Oklahoma.

The FCC monitoring and DFing station at Grand Island, Neb said it had been reported to them and they would get to it as soon as they could. But it was there yet several days later. Fritz WØADS said, “I need some cross country flying time in my Aeronca, want to go flying?” SURE! We needed some DFing gear. We had moved an old car radio to 160m as a portable receiver some time before and it worked well. We had a loop that should work inside okay since the airplane was fabric covered. We also took a “home brew” wave meter for 160. Just for fun, I took a coil and capacitor with a # 47 pilot lamp I had been using for an absorption wave meter and made sure it was tuned to the signal. We decided to get some sleep and meet early in the morning at the airport to head south.

I arrived as the sun was peaking over the NE cloud bank. Fritz said stow the coffee and let's hit the sky. Wind was out of the south just right for our take-off into the south. We taxied onto the N-S runway and stuck her nose into the wind. Fritz pushed the throttle in and at 80 knots pulled back on the stick. We made our clearance turn and began our climb to 5000 feet. The signal was about 168° (SSE) but we set the compass for 173° to gas up at Winfield, Ks. We were flying VFR, visual flight rules. We wanted to not intrude into Wichita's air space and keep out of the traffic there. Fritz had filed our flight plan before I got to the airport. The sky was clear and visibility was excellent. Just for fun, I turned on the radio compass VOR and set it to Salina's frequency 117.10. We wouldn't be flying by it as we were on visual but it would be fun to see the needle pointing straight west when we passed. I didn't hear it but we were not high enough yet. Concordia was on our right and we did fly over the WWII German prison camp. During the war, I rode a wire-tie bailer in the hay field while German POW's worked with us, picking up bails.

We were at 5000 feet and hearing “SLN” Salina. DME, Distance Measuring Equipment said Salina was at 45 miles and radio compass said 189° cuz our heading was 173° SSSE.

Fritz had turned on the autopilot and was warming up the tubes in his HB, Home Brew transceiver. Yep, it was time for the Ks Phone Net and sounded like Vern WØIND was Net Control Station. “WØADS. WØADS this is WØIND.” Yah Vern, Orlan and I are aeronautical mobile and just passed Concordia. “Good morning, Fritz, got U checked into the net. How about Orlan?” WØIND this is WØIAZ aeronautical mobile with no tfc. “Gotch ya in, Orlan, and we will ride along with U.” WØIND
looking for check-ins

We were now 50 minutes into our flight and east of Salina, Ks and the radio compass was pointing straight west. Yep, there was Salina away off to the west. Fritz was still on auto and making QSO left and right and he had aeronautical mobile QSL cards with a photo of his yellow and blue 1940 Aeronca 11AC Chief, with a WR-44 engine under the cowling.

Fritz-ezs wings ready for take off on Belleville's grass strip RW on a south heading.

I worked a few more stations, but on 80 meters CW with the key on my knee. WØADS slash aeronautical mobile. Now I would be filling out some of Fritz's QSL cards.

Sure was nice to have no line noise and WX was perfect with no QRN. We were now 70 minutes into our flight and Wichita was off to the west in the haze. We'd touch down at Winfield in another 30 minutes, the south breeze had slowed us some. I had my nose glued to the window and saw Mulvane a-a-a-away off west. I almost dozed off with the purr of the WR-44 engine. That is what I get for staying up late and getting up early, hi hi.

There was Akron right under us, 7 miles from Winfield, and Fritz was losing altitude getting ready to set her down. We saw the N-S runway and Fritz lined her up and put flaps down. That would slow her down and keep her in the air until we touched down and there it was without a bump. Not bad strip for a small community. Fritz taxied to the gas pump and while Fritz was gassing her up I headed for the boy's room.

I heard the engine starting so Fritz was ready to go. Ok, door closed, seat belt snug, shoved the throttle forward, at 80 knots ease back on her, do a clearance turn and turn her into a 130° heading as we climb. That is the signal heading from here. Looked like we were heading for Oklahoma, maybe Tulsa? Tulsa was 100 miles away and with the headwind it would take a little over an hour. The signal was stronger on the HB S-meter of the modified 6V DC car radio. We were still climbing to 5000, VFR cross-country flight.

We were now 30 minutes into our flight and there were some nice-sized lakes under us. There was a small town coming up so I grabbed my binoculars. Yep, there was a water tower and it said Pawhuska, Ok. I saw it on the map, we were about halfway. Man, was that signal getting strong. I took the loop antenna off and we still had a good signal. That ain't no ham station, too much power. There was Tulsa on the horizon. I put the wave meter on the loop and that was almost pegging the needle too. The loop showed it was east of the city. “Fritz, see that radio tower away off in the distance we are heading straight for, maybe that's it?” I had to remove the wave meter, the signal was too strong, so I put on the absorption wave meter, just a coil and cap pre-tuned to the sig and a
#47 bulb for an indicator. As we approached the tower, the bulb's filament began to light. As we flew by the tower, the light bulb grew dim and as we circled the tower it stayed constant. The sig was coming off the tower. We landed at a small airport and called the FCC to explain. He said he would pick us up and have a look at the tower. Not every ham gets a ride with the FCC on a job. A 1952 Ford station wagon with a loop on the roof pulled up and away we went. Sure enough, something in the transmitter was generating a spur and it was radiating about as much power as the legal sig was. That will run your power bill up. The transmitter engineer said, "I will get right to it, thanks, have a safe flight home."

They drove us back to the airport, we got a quick bite, gassed up and headed for 5000 feet. We set our heading to stop in Newton, Ks for gas and then followed HWY- 81 north to Belleville. I used the time to fill out the flight log. Date, I needed the date. And Fritz said that is easy. It is April Fool's Day 1952.

Hi hi, a teeny teeny bit is true. I don't think there is any HF D fing today. Hams today probably don't have any HF DFing gear.

![Today's Loop antenna, receiver, and accessories used in amateur radio direction finding at 80 meter wavelength (3.5 MHz). 2 "HFers" in the photo.](image_url)


- Please take the time to watch this video. I doubt that you have ever seen it before. It is about a pilot who was supposed to be on American Airlines Flight 11 the morning of 9/11. Flight 11 was the first Boeing 767 to fly into one of the buildings at the World Trade Center on 9/11. It is unlike...
anything I have seen, read or heard about 9/11. It really is one incredible story that must be shared.

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=cLj4akmcn5&feature=channel_video_title

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What a story! Thanks for sharing.
Chuck KØBOG at ARRL Hq

◆ For those needing to download "Adobe Reader" in order to open your newsletter pdf file, CLICK on>>> http://get.adobe.com/reader/ and follow directions.

Orlan

◆ May 18-20 Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, Ohio
For information: <http://www.hamvention.org>

◆ David Doonan, K1ONN sent this and it is worthy of the front page. W5YI-VEC : Amateur Examiners  http://www.w5yi.org/exam_locations_ama.php?vec_state=KS

◆ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=1KhZKNZO8mQ

<snipit> from “LL” LarrysList mailing list

◆ Rebecca KB0VVT, a Kansas City area native, was recently interviewed on Ham Nation:
Do you have your FD Chair person appointed? Now is a good time!

**Links for Kansas hams!**  TNX to Kent KBØRWI

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

**ARRL Ks Sectiom Manager – Ron KBØDTI**  
kb0dti@arrl.org  

**ARRL Kansas Section Emergency Coordinator**  
Kansas does not have one at this time
They say April showers bring May flowers. So far that is just what April has brought, good rain. And the warmer weather the flowers. But along with this, we need to be preparing for heavy storms with possible damaging effects. Storm season is just getting under way, just look South to Texas. So have your batteries charged and equipment ready, in hopes of not needing to use them.

The State Working Group will meet later this month to start the rebuilding of the State RACES program in Kansas. I am excited about this development of a new State RACES plan and program.

The Kansas Radio Amateur Preparedness Net (KRAP Net) check-ins are shown below. If your County is not listed, check-in and let everyone know what is happening in your part of the State. All stations are welcome to check in. It is good to hear what is happening around the State. Thanks to all those who checked in.

Also please contact your County Emergency Management about being part of the RACES program.

73

Joseph WDØDMV
Kansas RACES Officer

The Kansas Radio Amateur Preparedness (KRAP) Net meets on the first Thursday and third Tuesday of each month at 1900 local time on 3940 KHz.

KRAP Net report for Tuesday Mar. 20, 2012

The following stations were heard:

WØPBV  Riley County
NØLLH  Mitchell County
AAØDF  Lyon County
KØXYZ  Butler County
NØLDF  Labette County
WDØDMV Brown County
WØCCW Mitchell County Net Control

6 Counties    7 QNI

KRAP Net for Thursday Apr. 5, 2012.

The following stations were heard:
Joseph WDØDMV
Kansas RACES Officer

My Very Gud Friend John - NØEI

Thanks for the KAR, Orlan.

Please tell BXF hello next time you visit him.

A little over three months until Field Day -- let's make the rounds again. I'll take a few pictures for the KAR if you remind me to bring along my camera.

Did you ever contact Tom Dailey, W0EAJ, about my Johnson Valiant?

I remember the pictures of the one he restored. This one would need very little work.

Last time I used it (~1976?) it worked fine. I used crystals and later an external VXO because the internal VFO had a slight chirp or thump when the rig was keyed. Maybe something loose in the VFO?

Perhaps Tom has a Variac that he could trade. Then I could safely reform the capacitors for the Drake Twins, R-4B, T-4XB, and the L-4B, and get back on the air.

I don't have his e-mail address, so please forward this to him. He can reply back to me directly if he wants.

73,
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John, NØEI

When a person has -- whether they knew it or not -- already rejected the Truth, by what means do they discern a lie?
Anyone U know Bill? CLICK URL, and left side down 7 - 8 photos.

http://cbi-theater-1.home.comcast.net/~cbi-theater-1/flyingtigers/flying_tigers.html

Orlan w0oyh

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Flying Tiger plane is repaired and serviced by Armorers Hanley (left) and Musick, under trees. These Tomahawks are more durable than Jap planes, taking beating well.

**Flying Tigers In Burma March Of 1942... and a machanic named Musick.**  [Flying Tigers In Burma - LIFE - March 30, 1942](http://cbi-theater-1.home.comcast.net/~cbi-theater-1/flyingtigers/flying_tigers.html)

Orlan,
I looked through the family tree and only have 6 James Musick's listed. There was one born in 1920 that might be him. He is terribly distant from me in a branch of the family with a common ancestor almost 300 years ago. My family name has been in America since about 1700, so we are related some how, but I would need a little more information to nail it down. I'll do a little more looking and see if I can get more information on him. Cool catch, thanks!

73,
Bill
kc0nfl

----- Original Message -----  
**From:** anatoli antonets  
**To:** Orlan Cook{W0OYH}  
**Sent:** Friday, March 09, 2012 11:09 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: KSØAA

---------- Forwarded message ----------  
**From:** Александр Лыков <ua6hqu@mail.ru>  
**Date:** 2012/1/29  
**Subject:** Photo from friend in Russia.

----- Original Message -----  
**From:** Anatoli KSØAA <cqks0aa@gmail.com>
Western Kansas 160 meter net

we had 15 check in's including net control from 4 states.
thank you all for checking in!

wa3eol Larry tribune KS
wa0vjr butch Wallace KS
wa0uxi bob Wamego KS
k0wpm bill Concordia KS
ab0ik bob emporia KS
wb0hbj Dwight pueblo co
kf0ow Fred grand junction co
ag5s Alden Santa fe nm
wb0sip bill Lincoln ne
k0oj oj Greeley co
aa0iq Claude glass KS, (bob relayed through k0wpm using 5 watts, qrp)
wbo5rhp Doyle Milton vale KS
koyeq Fred la Compton KS
w5vxe ted los Alamos nm
see you on the air tuesday night!
73
matt, kdoezs

we had 18 check in’s from 6 states! start time (mnt) 7:59pm ending at 9:03.
Topic: what was the best meat you ever ate and where?

wa0vjr Butch, Wallace KS
ac0e Jim, Garden city KS,
w5j0 Jim, Sulphor Ok,
ki0id Clay, Aurora Co,
kbstxs Jack, Austin TX,
kboik, Bob, Emporia KS
nStgl, Michael, Richmond TX,
k0rz, Bill, Boulder Co,
k9gaj Fred, Santa Fe Nm,
kc5gol, JC, Peyton Co,
kc0oyo, Stan, Pueblo west Co,
kc9vf, Marv, Elk City Ok,
k0yeq, Fred, La Compton KS,
wb0sip, Bill, Lincoln Ne,
kowpm, Bill, Concordia Ks,
n0bf, Steve, Loveland Co

I’d Like to welcome Clay (ki0id) aboard to the net! Clay is from Aurora Co. and had a great signal into Tribune!
See you on the air!
73,
Matt, kdoezs

It was brought to my attention that I made a couple mistakes.
First: the net freq is 1.980 LSB.
second: I made a typo on JC’s Call it is kc7gol and he is in Peyton Co.
Third: I totally missed OJ on the roster! k0oj from Greeley Co.
sorry about all the mistakes guys!
73,
matt kdoezs

From: ORLIN D. JENKINS
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2012 8:08 PM
To: KD0EZS
Subject: RE: western Kansas 160m net for 3/13/12

JC IS A 7 AND YOU FORGOT ME. OJ
Hello Everyone,
The Western Kansas 160m net will begin tonight at 8 pm mountain / 9 pm central time.
on 1.980 mhz.

Please join us if you can, would love to have you!

Topic tonite is : what is your favorite Tube? Thank you K0oJ (OJ) for the suggestion!!!!

see you on the air!
73,
Matt, kd0ezs

we had 18 check in’s from 6 states on 3/20/2012.
topic was : what is your favorite tube?

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see you on the air!
73,
we had 27 check in's from 7 states tonight!
Topic: what was your best 160m dx?
open: 7:59 pm mnt
closed: 9:20 pm mnt

would like to thank all the first time check in's tonight! ( does anyone have a email for KG0SS Ray?) send to me please.

call name location best dx
kg0ss ray co. tribune KS (tonight I had the pleasure of being his first 160 contact! welcome to the band Ray)
w0mct Roc co. Nova Scotia
W5cz Rod co. Saskatchewan CA
nobf Steve co. Manitoba CA
kc9vf Marv Ok. Nova Scotia
ab0ik Bob KS California / Wyoming
w5vxe ted Nm Co. Grand Camen Islands
k0wpm Bill KS Russia

Kb5txs Jack TX Kentucky
kg7ufo Mike Co. Nebraska
Kc0yvw Tom Co. Wi / NV
K0oj OJ Co. Russia
ag5s Alden NM New York
k0rz Bill Co. Australia
k0yeq Fred KS New Hampshire
k9gaj Fred NM England / Hi
wb0srf Doyle KS east coast
N17j Ron AZ Spain
n0rbw Gary KS Texas
n0oer Gene KS (in states)
k0as Arne SD Tennessee
ab5si Jim co. NM
kc0oyo Stan co. Italy/Spain
ki0id Clay Co. no report
n0nkg Ted Co. no report (via relay)

thank you everyone for checking in! Great Big Group! Hope to see you all next week! I apologize for any mistakes I made on this report.

see you on the air!
73,
Matt, Kdooez
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 - net mgr.

The Kansas State Convention - Salina Kansas

August 19, 2012

Home pg  http://www.centralksarc.com/

Still on the Third Sunday in August (Aug 19, 2012)
Still at the Bicentennial Center, even though we have NO idea how much it will cost us this year - since the City is privatizing the facility.
We "were" looking at another venue, but they are already booked that weekend this year.

Since we do not know how much it is going to cost us this year, I doubt that we will be able to keep the "gate" at $5.00. We will try, but no guarantee.

Sid N0OBM  CKARC QSP Editor, Website editor

HA-HA-HA-HA-HA

A man and his ever-nagging wife went on vacation in Jerusalem. While they were there, the wife passed away.
The undertaker told the husband, "You can have her buried here in the Holy Land for $150 or we can have her shipped back home for $5,000.
The husband thought about it and told the undertaker he would have her
shipped back home.
The undertaker asked him, "why would you spend $5,000 to have her shipped home when you could have a beautiful burial here, and it would only cost $150???")
The husband replied, "Long ago, a man died here, was buried here, and three days later, rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance!"

Don KAØEIC - Salina

◆ "There are two theories about how to argue with a woman - neither one of them works." - Will Rogers

◆ An old Italian lived alone in New Jersey.

He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, as the ground was hard.

His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

Dear Vincent,

I am feeling pretty sad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year.

I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot.

I know if you were here my troubles would be over...I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days...Love...Papa...A few days later he received a letter from his son...Dear Papa,...Don't dig up that garden...That's where the bodies are buried...Love...Vinnie...At 4 a.m. the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies...They apologized to the old man and left...That same day the old man received another letter from his son...Dear Papa,...Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now...That's the best I could do under the circumstances...Love...Vinnie
The Bathtub Test

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

Now, this is for my dog friends and my friends who need to smile!

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of. He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head; he then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep.

An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar: 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar: 'He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 He's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?'

This is one of the best emails I have gotten in a while!
"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HI OW. I HOPE YOU LIKE THE KAR. OC DOES A GREAT JOB. I TOOK THE LIBERTY TO SEND HIM THE PICTURE I HAD TAKEN OF US TWO IN 2003 AT ESTES PARK. I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NEAT TO HAVE ALL THREE DERIVATIONS IN ONE NEWSLETTER :-) ORLAN LIKED IT TOO SO HE PUT US IN THE KAR :-) ARE YOU GOING TO BE AT LONGMONT, CO APRIL 7? I PLAN ON BEING THERE. CUL, OJ KØOJ

◆ Hooray Orlan, thanks for all the work put in on these reports!!! 73s

Guess, I should get on the CW net again, haven’t been there for a long time, but do our CW net on MARS on Sat evening.

John - KAØJMO

◆ Hi Orlan, Thanks for another great KAR. I wanted to pass along these YouTubes of QSL cards received by that TV show featuring Mike Baxter KAØXTT. It’s fun to look for ones you recognize. Send if your card if you haven’t already. He’s even listed on QRZ.

Mike Baxter, KAØXTT
4024 Radford Ave - Bungalow 17
Studio City, CA 91604


73, Chuck, KØBOG TU Chuck those are Great.

QSL CARDS 1 of 2: http://youtu.be/g0KQE7UblN8

QSL CARDS 2 of 2: http://youtu.be/EIjwNzZ-1kk

◆ Orlan – Please keep me on your mailing list. I have to, Chuck will kill me, hi hi
I have always looked forward to your Kansas news letter.

Thank you for all the work you have put into the news letter over the years.

Vernon  WA0NHS

◆ Hello Orlan I was wondering if you might have a little room in your column wince a month to put an item in for all of the hams in Kansas,hopefully every ham has a club that they can belong to. There is how ever a lot of hams in Kansas that do not belong to a club and have no place to go and do an up grade in there license class, all across Kansas there is W5YI and the ARRL that have VEC that can give test to those that want to up grade. Would it be possible to create a link that any one can point and click and bring up information to them that they might know if some one in there area can give test for the ones wanting to get there first license or do an up grade. I do not know about the ARRL program but the W5YI group has a link that has all of us that are VEC and we cover pretty much of the state please let me know if you think that this would be a good idea thanks David KIØNN  http://www.w5yi.org/exam_locations_ama.php?vec_state=KS  It is also on page one.


Thunder in the distance, no other warning, KZZZAP! Crawled toward his handy, put out a call for help, someone called 911.

Andrew Beals, KC6SSS  <kc6sss@gmail.com>  <snipit> from "LL  Larry's List

Tom's Key Strokes - WØEAJ
Denver, Co. Displaced Kansas Neighbor and very gud friend.!

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http://store.caig.com/s.nl/it.A/id.1599/.f?sc=2&category=185

This stuff is called (by CAIG labs) M260-CP... the rest of us call it "Cramolin grease" or "DeoxIT grease" What it is is a lubricant, typically used for commutators or slip-rings, but it contains tiny copper granules, along with DeoxIT (contact cleaner and enhancer). It's also splendid for enhancing contact between dissimilar metals (such as aluminum to plated brass... as in the Yaesu ATAS antenna), or battery clamps to posts.

Not only does it CLEAN contacts, but it also "enhances" it, through a molecule-thick bonding between the mating surfaces. If you've ever
used the old CRAMOLIN (looked like sewing machine oil), or the new DeoxIT, you don't have to be convinced as to how good the products are.

Tom - WØEAJ

◆ http://www.philcorepairbench.com/mystery/index.htm

So you think that "wireless control" of radios is NEW, huh? Read about this, and you'll be surprised.

◆ http://www.internetscoutmuseum.com/index.html

Very cool - shows all the older books, badges, awards, guides, and such - take a trip down memory lane.

◆ My Uncle Bill used to regularly attend here, when he was in the Navy. ...and YES, my whole family was raised PRESBYTERIAN - Another Uncle, Rev. Thomas Smatla, was a Senior Moderator of the Western Synod... his last church in Grand Junction, CO.

Cell Phones In Church

A Presbyterian pastor put this together for his church in Burbank, California.

http://www.youtube.com/embed/D2_c81Nnsc0

◆ What will they think of next???

http://theradiokitchen.net/

Subject: Si4734/35

http://www.silabs.com/products/audiovideo/amfmreceivers/Pages/Si473435.aspx

http://www.silabs.com/products/audiovideo/amfmreceivers/Pages/default.aspx
The Si4734/35 is a first, squeezing a whole circuit board of an AM/FM/SW radio into a little teeny wafer. It’s kind of like shortwave radio crossed over into this century. Not only does DSP technology open up the possibilities of vastly improved noise reduction and other audio enhancements, but the incredible shrinking radio chip could bring shortwave functionality to almost any audio appliance out there (including pocket devices like MP3 players or cell phones). Almost any radio or audio appliance could have AM or shortwave radio on board with practically no sacrifice of space inside the machine, all at a low cost and with almost no extra labor (from what I understand there’s no need for tuning at the factory, which has always added to the cost of the production of SW receivers). There are certainly issues like RF shielding to avoid interference in the HF bands (I guess the CC Witness radio recommends that you shut off the display to reduce noise on the recordings), but these problems shouldn’t be that difficult to solve. But what’s really interesting about this chip, is that you’ll be able to actually upgrade the radio yourself, without breaking out a soldering iron or a repair manual. Just like almost any digital device with onboard memory, you’ll be able to flash the chip and upgrade the firmware (the software that controls the gadget) whenever a new version is available. This is a big plus.

http://theradiokitchen.net/g4-no-more-1123-skidoo/

◆ http://www.bcdxc.org/ve7bv__heathkit_ar3.htm

My very FIRST "receiver". I traded a home-brew 15m rotatable-dipole antenna I’d built, for the AR-3 I STILL HAVE, back in 1960. The radio was built from a kit in 1959, but the guy who did it, didn't do a very good job, and it was NEVER properly aligned.
I took it apart and REBUILT it about 3 years ago, using new capacitors, and aligned it with my state-of-the-art direct-input signal generator (a bit of overkill). It works as good as Heathkit ever MEANT for it to work, and still produces fond memories of sitting in the basement at 8121 W. 71st. St in Overland Park, KS, using the INSIDE clotheslines in the basement (much to my Mother's chagrin), later using a long-wire running out of the basement, up into the trees. The 1" hole I bored into the siding, for the antenna lead-in, is STILL THERE in spite of a couple of other owners, since Mom sold the place in 1988.

TC

◆ Now this brings back memories. I remember Mom, Dad & myself... riding on the "streetcar" - they were always on time, never dirty, made fun sounds, and people were always nice. I loved watching the coin machine do it's dance, as it shook the coins, the better to get them to roll into the proper catch tubes, so the operator could put them into his coin dispenser, hanging from his belt.

We'd ride from either downtown or sometimes from Union Station, along Swope Parkway to 51st Street... get off and walk down 51st. to Indiana (across the Brush Creek bridge), then up to our little bungalow at 5210 Indiana - yep.. it's still there, albiet in pretty poor condition, as is the neighborhood.

Sometimes, the "brush" would come off of the wire, and it was ALWAYS fun to be sitting there while the guy got off, pulled the positioning cable, and got us connected again. They were CLEAN RUNNING, and created NO POLLUTION... diesel busses better? I think not.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cD1Fglkn8xM&feature=related&mid=57795


Whoooooeee - real purty...

◆ Yes, I did... soloed at the old Olathe NAS, shortly after it closed down (as a Naval Air Station)... came out to Colorado, got my Private and ratings out here.. flew and sold Cessna & Mooney (plus used stuff) for ROACH AIRCRAFT (yeah, I know... it's funny), but after the IRS dumped "investment tax credit", the airplane sales game went down the toilet. ALL of my Navy uncles were AD's (aviation machinist's mates)... i.e. aircraft mechanics... and were plane captains and crew chiefs - I'm the ONLY one who was NOT an "airdale" in the Navy, but as I said... the ONLY one who ever got a pilot's license. Dropped the first (and only) message into the farmyard by aerial means, and landed a brand new C-152 on the road, leading up to the windmill (end of the farmyard), that I was ferrying back to Denver - we tied it to a pair of wheat-drills, and two days later, with a nice West wind, i taxied it down to the terraces, then launched directly at the windmill tower - went right over the barn by about 30 feet...what a hoot.
Now light the fuse!

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