ARRL’s new Chief Executive Officer Barry Shelley, N1VXY, moved one floor down at ARRL Headquarters earlier this year to assume leadership of the organization with an overarching goal of promoting the League’s mission, “To advance the art, science, and enjoyment of Amateur Radio.” Shelley has spent much of his tenure at ARRL Headquarters toiling out of the limelight, so he’s a bit of an unknown quantity within the greater Amateur Radio community. But, he brings to his new position nearly 3 decades of experience as ARRL’s Chief Financial Officer. Shelley intends to leverage that background in his role as CEO, enabling him to hit the ground running.

“I am familiar with the issues that matter to ARRL members and the Amateur Radio community at large,” Shelley pointed out in his inaugural “Second Century” editorial “Advancing Amateur Radio, Together,” in the April issue of QST.

He acknowledged that with both ARRL and Amateur Radio undergoing “a great deal of change,” not all League members will necessarily be on the same page, but he believes disagreement about the way forward “can be healthy, and bring new perspectives to light.” At the same time, he encouraged individuals to “remain respectful and constructive” in discussing issues about which they may not agree.

“In my opinion, fulfilling ARRL’s mission means doing so for all Amateur Radio operators, regardless of their license class, level of technical ability, or particular interests within the wide range of activities that Amateur Radio has to offer,” Shelley allowed. Increasing the number of younger radio amateurs will benefit both the avocation and ARRL, he said. And despite any generational rift — perceived or otherwise — between older and younger hams, “There’s more to enjoy than ever before — Amateur Radio in 2018 looks and sounds different than it did in 1968 or even in 1988 — and licensing numbers indicate that people are still interested in exploring Amateur Radio.”

Blazing the trail for Amateur Radio’s future should involve all hams, Shelley believes, noting that for more than a year, a team at ARRL Headquarters has been looking into how to better define the needs of radio amateurs “in the various generational and interest groups, and plan for how ARRL can respond to those needs” effectively. ARRL’s research, he said, has made clear that all radio amateurs want help, regardless of license class, experience, and interests. “They want help figuring out which activities to get involved in, what kind of gear they need for those activities, and where to find like-minded fellow hams,” Shelly wrote, urging radio amateurs to be there for each other.

“[We] all need to keep our vibrant and varied community moving forward amid great change,” Shelley concluded. “Let’s keep encouraging others to join our wonderful hobby, let’s keep talking to each other, and let’s keep teaching each other — after all, that’s the tried-and-true ham way. It’s how we’ve gotten this far.”
The ARRL Board elected Shelley as CEO in January, to succeed Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, who has retired. As Shelley himself nears his own retirement over the next 18 months, the League continues to advertise for applicants to fill the CEO position on a long-term basis.

ARRL Public Relations Committee Gets New Leadership, Updated Mission and Goals

04/04/2018

The ARRL Public Relations Committee is undergoing some changes under the leadership of new committee chair Steve “Sid” Caesar, NH7C, with ARRL Board Liaison and Roanoke Division Vice Director Bill Morine, N2COP, and ARRL Communications Manager David Isgur. An ARRL Life Member who has served on the PR Committee for about 3 years, Caesar succeeds Scott Westerman, W9WSW, as chair.

The mission and goals for 2018 have been set. Caesar, Morine, and Isgur are putting together a team that will focus on empowering ARRL Public Information Officers (PIOs) and Public Information Coordinators (PICs) by giving them better tools and resources to reach out to traditional media outlets and social media, and to continue to raise the visibility of Amateur Radio.

These will include a revamped Contact! e-newsletter that will offer tips, suggestions, and “best practices” for PIOs and PICs; a re-energized PR reflector to share success stories and examples of what works and what doesn’t in pitching media outlets, and a 2018 events calendar, to give PIOs and PICs a hook for drawing media attention to Amateur Radio. In addition, social media page guidelines are being developed to leverage coverage to communities both within and outside of Amateur Radio.

Caesar, the new PR Committee chair, serves as the chief of Bureau of Indian Affairs Emergency Management (BIA EM) in the US Department of the Interior. Previously, Caesar served as the State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial (SLTT) Emergency Manager at the Department of the Interior’s Office of Emergency Management (DOI OEM) in Washington, DC.

His 34-year public safety and emergency management career has also included experience in various areas of public safety. He is an active SKYWARN volunteer in the Washington, DC, area and an active contester and member of the Potomac Valley Radio Club (PVRC). During the run-up to ARRL’s National Parks on the Air (NPOTA) operating event, Caesar assisted in coordinating with the National Park Service.

Morine returns to the PR Committee after a 3-year hiatus. With more than 30 years as an independent financial planner, Morine worked during and after college as a TV news producer in Boston, New York, and Washington, DC. He has served as an ARRL PIO, North Carolina Section PIC, and as North Carolina Section Manager.

Morine was previously on the PR Committee from 2004 until 2014, serving as chairman for 3 of those years. He is the 2001 winner of ARRL’s Philip J. McGan Silver Antenna Award for outstanding public relations on behalf of Amateur Radio.

Other PR Committee members include committee stalwart Angel Santana, WP3GW; Andy Milluzzi, KK4LWR, a Walt Disney Parks and Resorts systems engineer and a University of Florida alumnus, who is an active leader of the ARRL’s College Amateur Radio Initiative (CARI); Northern New Jersey PIC Ed Efchak, WX2R, and Alan Griffin, who represents Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) on the Committee.
**WØVFW Testing Session Results**

March - WØVFW completed it's Technician classes with 9 participants.

On 3/31 WØVFW had it's normal 5th Saturday of the month VE test Session Results:

5 Perfect exams  
7 Technicians  
2 Generals  
2 Extra's  
1 Fail  

VFW post 3115 Amateur Radio Club, WØVFW - Wichita, KANSAS

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**2018 at Ensor Museum**

The home of Marshall and Loretta Ensor, is just South of Olathe on 183rd Street near Ridgeview Rd.

It was 1975 when Marshall's sister Loretta, W9UA, saw it become The Ensor Park and Museum. The name chosen by them before Marshall, W9BSP-sk passed in 1970. A museum dedicated to the memory of all that transpired since her parents bought the acreage and buildings for their dairy farm in 1909. Marshall was10 then and very talented.

The weekend of May 5th-6th, celebrates the 43rd year of the museum. In addition, I wish to note my 15th year of managing and sharing Ensor history, especially amateur radio highlights from 1916 onward. Visitors are not charged for tours, lasting usually up to 2 hours, but are urged to help by donation.

Viewing our MEMO website; (Marshall Ensor Memorial Organization) = Hams backing the museum thru a membership fee that aids the museum radio operations. [http://EnsorParkandMuseum.org](http://EnsorParkandMuseum.org)
"The museum thanks the CITY of OLATHE, KS, that cares for our needs and helps us into the future."

Our tour guides are members of two long standing radio clubs; Sante Fe Trails ARC and Johnson County Radio Amateur Club. Each help for two months of operations and are highly capable at giving tours. I try to be at the ready to train and assist.

We do hope to see a great turnout this season. Our motto: "See it to believe it"

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ARRL Midwest Director
Roderick K. Blocksome KØDAS

The ARRL Midwest Division August 2017 Newsletter is now available on the Division's Web page. Here's the direct link:


This link always takes you to the current month's newsletter. If this month's newsletter doesn't open, try refreshing the page or clearing your browser's cache, in case your browser is loading a copy of a previous newsletter. Previous newsletters are available at:

http://www.arrlmidwest.org/newsletter.html

Highlights this month are:

- 2018 ARRL Midwest Division Convention – Update
- A Photo Sample of the Nebraska State Convention
- QCWA Iowa Chapter Luncheon
- Who?
- Club Meeting Program Idea
- Iowa Section ARES Meeting Held in Waterloo April 10, 2017
- ARRL Midwest Division Membership Statistics
- 6 Meters in the Midwest
- Midwest Division ARRL Hamfests & Conventions
- Midwest Division Special Event Stations

Thanks and 73’s,
ARRL Midwest Division Director:
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S.A.T.E.R.N.

Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network

Latest W MO/KS Newsletter

http://ksarrl.org/satern
Supporting Our Veterans - Honorably Discharged
S*M*A*R*T - Special Military Active Retired Travel Club

KCONDG Sherwin
or SARG; EX-K102 1960 to 1987
or TOP; 1SG; Army USAR, Retired 1951 to 1987 --- final discharge 1994

God Bless those who have served this great country AMERICA
Proud Military Veteran

SEEING THE COUNTRY WE DEFEND

SHERWIN & DOROTHY STIELOW

ARES – Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Complete list of ECs and a printable State ARES map http://ksarrl.org/ares/


AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

MONTHLY EC REPORT

◆ Zone 4A – Brian KCØBS

MARCH 2018 MONTHLY ARES REPORT TO DEC & SEC
Total of ACTIVE ARES members: 150 +0
Local Net Name: Johnson County ARES

Emergency Coordinator = Brian Short KC0BS 913-638-7373
Alternate Emergency Coordinator, Recruiting = Jim Andera K0NK 913-884-6613
Assistant Emergency Coordinators:
Herb Fiddick - ECS Liaison
George McCarville WB0CNK - Training, Drills
Matt May KC4WCG - IDs, MECC
Bill Gery KA2FNK - Recruiting, Technology
Darren Martin N0MZW - Net Manager
Brad Kelsey KU0FAN – Membership
Jesse Gonzalez KE0ECS – CERT
Chuck Simpson KC0NUG - Rapid Response
Jim Andera K0NK -KCHEART

NTS liaison is maintained with the KS SSB Net:
Jim Andera K0NK                      Terry Reim WA0DTH
George McCarville WB0CNK        Jim Cordill KI0BK
Debbie Britain AB0UY                 Rich Britain N0ENO
Wretha Galeener KC0HHO

Net Sessions: 41
QNI: 291
QTC: 0
4 nets = 2 Meter Voice
4 nets = 2 Meter SATERN Voice
4 nets = CW
4 nets = 6 Meter
4 nets = 2 Meter Voice Simplex
4 nets = PSK 31 SATERN
4 nets = APRS Packet
5 nets = 70CM
4 nets = 1.25 Meter
4 nets = SATERN 80 meter SSB

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Johnson County Kansas

◆ Zone 6A, E & G – Rod KØEQH
Kansas Zones 6A, E & G ARES Net report March 2018
Total Nets............4
Total Check ins......26
Total Traffic........1 (net report)
Stations participating: WBØQYA, ACØE, KDØTWO, NØOMC, NØKQX, NØOXQ, KGØVA, KØEQH
Alt NCS......NØOMC
Rod Hogg
KØEQH
NCS

Kaw Valley (KVARC) CW Class

CW Class (Hosted By: KVARC)
Doug Dunton, WDØDBS from the Kaw Valley (KVARC) Topeka, KS Club shared with me that they are
going to try something new this year. They are going to try and put together a CW (Morse code) class
for those who are interested. So far the schedule is set as follows:

Tue Apr 17th & 24th 2018 6:30 PM 8:30 PM CT Main - Marvin Auditorium 101A 18
Tue May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th 2018 6:30 PM 8:30 PM CT Main - Marvin Auditorium 101A 18
Tue Jun 5, 2018 6:30 PM 8:30 PM CT Main - Marvin Auditorium 101A 18

If there are any questions on the CW class or wish to reserve a seat you are free to email Doug, WDØDBS.

Empty Jelly Jar:

Most of you out there have heard of or knew the famous Beryl Masters, aka WBØEJJ (sk)... (thus the “Empty Jelly Jar”, which is the phonetics he used to use). Beryl, of course, looked NOTHING like an empty jelly jar; rather the full jar it’self.

A blatantly serious fellow when required, he was a very funny man, with an inventive sense of humor which caught many unaware. As you may or may not know, Beryl had been without sight since the age of 11. He once told me it might have been better if he’d NEVER been able to “see” in the conventional manner, but that having attained a decade of years WITH sight, he at least knew what colors stuff was.

The last time I saw him, was in an assisted living home on Holmes, I think it was. He had his 2m FM rig set up, and we chatted just like in the olden daze [sic], but lunch time beckoned, so he introduced me to his tablemates and said something akin to… “I’d better sit down and eat, ‘cause this place is like a prison… if you don’t eat quick – you don’t eat!” then laughed that Beryl laugh. Funny... I still have the little piece of red paper I wrote the address upon, but never got the chance to write, as he passed not long after my visit.

Two of the funniest stories I remember about him (and there are a bunch), have to do with the old 31/91 repeater meetings in the basement of the Goppert Service bank on Wornell, and another which took place, right outside the side door of his house.

Now, EVERYBODY knows that Beryl had a map of Kansas City Metro in his head. (If you’re a newbie and never got to hear or see this fact in action, you have missed a feat of life which I guarantee would change your understanding of folks who don’t have vision in the conventional form). He knew EVERY street, avenue, circle, cul d'sac, boulevard, intersection, interchange, and shortcut in the GREATER KC area, and would direct unknowing travelers directly to their destination, and never provide a hint that he wasn’t “looking” at a map. He and I used to play a game with each other, in that I traveled quite a bit on service calls, and occasionally would stumble across a short or hidden street or alley with a name...I’d ask him if he knew where it was, and with NO exception, he’d tell me where – the best was “Elizabeth Way”, which is a half-block long “street” that’s the North end of an alley, just E of Main, at 31st. I accidentally discovered it one day, back in 1972, trying to find a place to turn the company van around... the houses dated a LONG way back, and looked right out of the early 1800s... you guessed it – he KNEW where it was... and even described the way IN, from 31st.
But, that’s not the story; this is - THE TVI FILM:

So, it’s the club meeting for the “31-91 Group” and we’re all sitting in the basement, waiting for this guy from the FCC to show a film about TVI... Manny, Phil, Beryl, Ken, and some others, along with myself, are [of course] sitting in the back row, cutting up, smarting off and telling jokes, when the film starts... about 10 seconds AFTER the film begins to show, Beryl (who else?) stands up and in a loud voice, yells “Hey... focus that thing!” The whole place lost it, and laughter drowned out the film... the irony? The film ACTUALLY WAS out of focus, and the visiting FCC chap had no idea why everybody had this dumbfounded look on their grinning faces! There was snickering for the rest of the showing and subsequent talk.

THE CAR REPAIR:

Beryl was a Master Machinist for the BENDIX Corp. Not being able to “see” in the conventional manner wasn’t really a problem for him; heck, he even made his own PL-259 coax connectors! He also worked on his own car.

Well, one Saturday night (and forgive me if I’ve told this before) he’s out in the dark, hood up on the family car, and he’s doing something on it. He’s aware that a car has pulled up behind him, and had a sturdy grip on a large crescent wrench, just in case... see his house on Washington wasn’t far off of Wornell, and there was always some kind of ne’r-do-well looking for a place to get into trouble or steal something, nearby. So, these guys walk up to the back of the car, and Beryl’s still got his head under the hood... of course, working in total darkness (you getting the picture yet?) One of the guys asks “Whaddya doin in there?”... “None of yer’ ***damned business” Beryl says. At this, the other guy inquires “whaddya doin to that car?”... “Workin on it, what the hell does it LOOK like”, Beryl asks. It’s obvious that these two guys are getting upset with Beryl’s answers, so the first one asks again “How can you work on a car in the dark... with no flashlight?”... Beryl retorts.. “I don’t need a damned flashlight – I’m ^###!! BLIND, you idiot!” Obviously this answers ONE question, but presents a second... so the guy asks “Is this YOUR car?”... “Yep” says Beryl... “and you drive in it?” asks thesecond guy – “Well hell yes... I damned sure don’t push it.. but I might have to if I don’t get it fixed, wasting time with you guys!” At this the first guy FINALLY identifies himself as a KCPD Sergeant, and Beryl brings his head out (eyes closed as usual) and says “Well why didn’t ya say so, damnit?”

Both guys go back and tell the other guy in the car the story, and everybody laughs their butts off... from then on, the Sarge would call Beryl up if they had a new rookie on his first patrol, and bring him by so Beryl could rattle him...

Like I said – a very funny man. (he’d deliberately NOT turn on the basement light if you came over to visit his shack in the basement.. so you’d sit there in the dark...and in the early days, he had a fridge’ turned into a beer cooler, and he’d hand you a cold beer from the tap... and never run into anything or trip while getting it.

So when you gather for those Beryl’s Breakfasts, take a moment and tell a funny story or two... then go find Elizabeth Way... that’ll make THREE of us who know where it is.

Dit dit...