Hi Gang, One of our own is now in the QST and writing a column. Look on page 86 for "The World Above 50 MHz" and meet John NØJK

Bob KØBXF has been moved from the hospital to a rehab facility. He will be there for 3 to 5 weeks before going home; his goal is 3 weeks. It has been a hard road for Bob, right now he cannot walk without help.

I think everyone remembers that in 13 days we will all be meeting at Salina for the ARRL State convention. More about the convention meetings and map below, look for the large purple box.

Orlan WØOYH

◆ The last Shuttle mission.

◆ ARRL Midwest Division Newsletter July 2011

◆ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYhrSEERvbI>
Sent to us by Larry Rosine, W0OG.

73, Larry Staples  <snip> "LL"

◆ Open a garage door in 6 seconds  http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=CMz1tXBVT1s

◆ Orlan, If you happen to be around your computer, interesting.

Chuck  ARRL Hq  - TU Chuck, I enjoyed the live TV from the Space Station. Orlan
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 Section Manager - Ron KBØDTI

See and hear from Ron at the ARRL Ks State Convention. See convention info below>>>>>>

73,

Ron -KBØDTI
ARRL Kansas Manager
kb0dti@arrl.org
As stated above, Bob is in rehab after several weeks in the hospital.
Orlan

73  Bob Summers  KØBXF  ARRL SEC KS -  RSUMMBXF@aol.com

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

HOT HOT HOT  now that I am done complaining, maybe this hot weather is behind us.
Please note on Aug 21st in Salina, the ARRL KS Convention. There will be a State RACES meeting in the morning I believe (have not seen the schedule) following the ARRL/ARES meetings. Jonathan York, Response and Recovery Director for the State Emergency Management, will be there representing the State. He is the one I report to at the State. He would like to discuss the State RACES program and get some of your ideas and thoughts, as there will be a new RACES plan written by a work group which maybe you can be part of. Please plan on being there and participate in the discussion. And bring you questions.

Thank you all for taking time and checking into the KRAP net and telling us what is happening in your part of the State. All stations are welcome to check in. Maybe someday soon this net will revert back to a RACES net.

See you in Salina. Till next month, stay cool and safe.

73
Joseph WDØDMV

Kansas RACES Officer

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

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KRAP Net report for Thursday July 7, 2011

The following stations were heard:

KBØDTI Linn County
WØPBV Riley County
WAØCCW Mitchell County
NYØT McPherson County
KØKSI Marshall County
NØZBV Republic County
WDØDMV Brown County Portable Net Control

7 Counties 7 QNI Ø QNI

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KRAP Net report for Tuesday July 19, 2011

The following stations were heard:

KBØDTI Linn County
WØPBV Riley County
KD7QOR Leavenworth County
KAØAKT Marshall County
ACØE Finney County
NØRAB Sedgwick County
WDØDMV Brown County Portable Net Control

7 Counties 7 QNI Ø QNI

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KRAP Net report for Thursday Aug. 4, 2011
The following stations were heard:

KØKSI   Marshall County
WAØCCW  Mitchell County
KD7QOR  Leavenworth County
NØXAQ   Morris County
KDØBKH  Wyandotte County
KBØDTI  Mobile in Iowa
WDØDMV  Brown County   Portable Net Control

7 Counties  7 QNI   Ø QNI

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73

Joseph WDØDMV
State RACES Officer
wd0dvm@yahoo.com

The RACES Net meets on the first Thursday and third Tuesday of each month at 7 PM local time on 3940 KHz.

SMART PHONE DANGER!

Fellow Hams:

Although this is not related to Ham Radio, I felt the need to ask Larry to put it on "Larry's List." Please take the time to look it over and listen to the videos. It really is quite scary when there are so many of us out there that put our Children, or Grandchildren pictures on our phones. You may already know this, but I feel it is well worth looking at again. It could lead to a very serious situation for our precious little ones.

If you have children or grandchildren you NEED to watch this. I had no idea this could happen from taking pictures on the blackberry or cell phone. It's scary.
Thanks for your time and I hope all are doing well in this heat we have been dealing with. Hopefully, it will cool down soon. Remember to keep well hydrated with lots of water, or Gatorade. We have lost enough people to the heat this summer.

73

Norma Libby, W0KC
<normalibby@sbcglobal.net>

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W0AIB comments: THANK YOU, NORMA!

<sniped from> “LL”

LarrysList mailing list
LarrysList@list.k0jpr.net

http://list.k0jpr.net/mailman/listinfo/larryslist

SATERN ARTICLE IN CQ-AMATEUR RADIO MAGAZINE

1. SATERN ARTICLE IN CQ-AMATEUR RADIO MAGAZINE
Last week, a fellow I work with [Battalion Chief Trig Morley] brought his CQ-Amateur Radio magazine in to show me the "5 page" article about our SATERN operation in Joplin -- some really great press!! It is in the August issue, page 13. Check it out! Their site is:
www.cq-amateur-radio.com

2. SATERN COMING TO SALINA
The CKARC was very kind is allowing us to bring our EmComm trailer to Salina once again for display. It is interesting how we can do so many functions in such a small place. Our team has done a lot of work in upgrades since we were there in 2009. After Joplin we decided we may have to put air conditioning in there! We will also have a table with information about joining SATERN and I will be there to answer your questions. We will have several SATERN members talk about their experience in Joplin during the ARRL Forum. If you have any questions, this would be your chance to ask those who were there. See you in Salina!
One of our own needs our prayers, Don Inbody, WA0PBQ

Don Inbody, WA0PBQ, fell in his house on 1 July, probably as the result of a stroke. He is now in Menorah Medical Center in Leawood, KS., unable to speak and weak on his right side. His wife, Gloria, is spending most of her time with him. His children, including Don AD0K, have been taking turns coming to town to help their mother and spend time sitting with their dad.

As most of you know, Don WA0PBQ has been a long-time ham in the Overland Park area and an active member of the MO-KAN 10-10 group.

Don AD0K   Some of U guys need to drop in on Don and say hello.

Kansas Sesquicentennial QSO Party

www.ksqsoparty.org
Hollenberg Pony Express Station Festival

THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE
Ter, Olathe, KS 66062. www.arrlmidwest.org/ponyexpress.html

My First QSO (Kind of)
By Lee Buller KØWA
http://home.swbell.net/k0wa

Remember your first QSO? I sure do. It was horrible. I was a very green Novice
with about 20 watts of power on 80 meters. I worked a western Kansas station,
W0PHI. He was so nice to me as he copied my shaky code and send slower that
molasses in the dead of winter.

I kind of relived that this past month as I have gotten some time to do some
serious DXing. (Read here, laid off). Well, along comes ST0R, a station from the
brand newly minted Southern Sudan. It is a new country and everyone wants to
make a contact on all bands and on all modes.
To work ST0R, I had to revert back to my Novice days as he was operating split. You see, on these very heavy Dxpeditions, they call on one frequency, like 14.024 and listen to station from 14.024 to 14.029. Same thing goes on SSB. They transmit at 14.145 and listen at 14.200 to 14.210. Back in the day (1965), that was Normal Operating Procedures.

Well, also in the day, I did not have 1000 watts to a 60 foot tower with a beam. Now, I have a fairly modest station compared to true DXers, but I do have a good station compared to others. I have a 60 foot tower with a Force-12 C3E, 40 and 80 meter inverted-Vs, a Inverted-L for 160 and a 40 meter vertical with 24 radials in the backyard. It is a typical city lot installation.

Well, ST0R is cranking out QSOs on 20 meter SSB, so I pop on the band and get things set up. I check the direction...60 degrees. I tune up the amp to a KW output. Make sure I have my K3 on SPLIT...and I dial up to 14.208. I am listening on 14.145. I am there for the long haul knowing everyone and their dog around the world is calling. I drop my call once...twice...three times....and then on the tenth time...BINGO. “K0WA you are five and nine.” I replied. “Five and nine in Kansas, K0WA” He said, “QSL” and continued on.

Darn! Darn you say? Yes! The fun was gone after 10 calls. Well, that is a KW and a beam for you.

Next day, ST0R is on 20 meter CW. I get set up...KW and beam...and four calls later I get them. Darn again!

The following day, I hear them on 15 meter RTTY in the afternoon. They are again working split. I fire up the KW and the beam...conditions are not great on 15 meters...and 20 calls later ST0R is in the log on 15 meters for RTTY. Whoooo-Hoooooo!

A couple of days later in the afternoon, I hear them on 15 meter CW. Again, about 10 calls with the KW and the beam, they are in the log. Remember, these guys are in Africa!

So, now what? I checked 17 meters and there they are on 18.024 CW. Now, I have never been on this band.....maybe one contact. So, I am not sure the amp will load up there, but I know the K3 will tune my C3E...so I take my 100 watts and call ST0R about 3 Khz higher. BINGO. I worked them again with 100 watts. Now that is FUN!

That is what ham radio is all about. Working stations...either close or far...on 160 or on microwaves. That is what makes this hobby a life-long event. That is right...Event.

Hopefully soon, I will be doing the same thing using my Knight T-50 I am refurbishing with my Drake 2B. Now that would be even more fun.

Keep the RF going...we need all of you on the air. Let’s transmit! You don’t need big antennas. You just need a dipole up and you will work people all over the country and the world.

See U in the Kansas QSO Party!  Lee
Frederick Bernard Schnittker

Frederick Bernard Schnittker, 90, passed away July 26, 2011, at Trinity Nursing and Rehab in Merriam, Kansas.

He was born April 30, 1921, in St. Louis, Missouri, the son of Emil and Mabel (Lange) Schnittker. Survivors are his wife, Yvonne, a sister, Mary Jane Farmer, a brother, Frank, and many nieces and nephews.

At an early age Fred showed a genius for radio electronics and when WWII broke out he used his skill in telemetry in the Army Signal Corps from 1944 to 1949. Photomapping was being developed as a cold war intelligence tool when Fred was in service and this became his primary career, continuing in a civil service position in the Aerospace Cartographic and Geodetic Survey after his 1959 discharge from the Air Force until his retirement in 1974.

In 1975, he and his wife, Yvonne, chose Shawnee, Kansas, as a place to retire because of friendship with a priest at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Fred invested himself in his community being active in Knights of Columbus, Shawnee Noon Optimists, Sertoma, Shawnee Radio Amateurs Communication Team and Shawnee Wonderscope Children’s Museum. He was honored by Governor Joan Finney for his extraordinary service and work when Wonderscope was developed.

The family suggests memorials may be made to Animal Haven, 9800 W. 67th Street, Merriam, Kansas, or a charity of your choice.

Visitation and Funeral Service

Visitation will be from 10:00-11:00 a.m., Friday, July 29, 2011, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. Entombment in Resurrection Mausoleum, Lenexa, Kansas.


QKS – The Kansas CW Net - of the ARRL NTS

Net operated daily at 7 and 10 pm on 3547 kHz. 7 pm is the out going tfc into the NTS system and in coming at 10 pm. You are welcome to check in with or without tfc. Our manager is

James, NBØZ - net mgr.
The following is a revised list of events to be held at the
2011 Kansas ARRL State Convention
August 21, 2011
Salina Bicentennial Center Heritage Hall
Talk in on the WØCY Repeater 147.030+ (NO Tone)
MAP
If you wish to reserve a space for a meeting, e-mail Ron, WAØPSF

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MAP - ARRL KS CONVENTION Sunday August 21, 2011

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|<-- I-135
9th St.--> Ohio St.-->

1st stop light--> E. North St.

2nd stop light--> Iron St.

Convention in Bicentennial Bldg.-->X Greeley St. <--at 3rd stop light

Fairfield Inn 4 X Crawford St. 2

3

I-135 --->

|-- W. Cloud

|-- E. Magnolia

|-- 1

|X<--Applebee's

|E. Shilling

1. Red lobster, Tuson's, Chilr's, Amerilla Grill, & others
The coat hanger

A woman was at work when she received a phone call that her small daughter was very sick with a fever. She left her work and stopped by the pharmacy to get some medication. She got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys in the car. She didn't know what to do, so she called home and told the baby sitter what had happened. The baby sitter told her that the fever was getting worse and said to the woman,

"You might find a coat hanger and use that to open the door."

The woman looked around and found an old rusty coat hanger that had been left on the ground, possibly by someone else who at some time had locked their keys in their car. She looked at the hanger and said,

"I don't know how to use this."

She bowed her head and asked God to send her help.

Within five minutes a beat-up old motor cycle pulled up, with a dirty, greasy, bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag on his head.

The woman thought,

"This is what you sent to help me?" But she was desperate, so she was also very thankful.

The man got off of his bike and asked if he could help.

The woman said,

"Yes, my daughter is very sick. I stopped to get her some medication and I locked my keys in my car. I must get home to her. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

The biker said, "Sure."

He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was opened.

The woman hugged the man and through her tears she said,

"Thank you so much! You are a very nice man."

The man replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison today. I was in prison for car theft and have only been out an hour."

The woman hugged the man again and with sobbing tears cried out loud,
'Oh, thank you God! You even sent me a Professional!'

Is GOD GOOD - or what!

◆ After being married for thirty years....a wife asked her husband to describe her.

He looked at her slowly... then said, "You're A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K

She asks..... "What does that mean?"

He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous, Hot."

She smiled happily and said...." Oh, that's so lovely.....

What about I, J, K?"

He said, "I'm Just Kidding!"

His eye is still swollen... <sniped> from "LL”

◆ "IF YOU SAW A HEAT WAVE, WOULD YOU WAVE BACK?"

~Steven Wright~

Stay Cool!

Here's a little funny for your day...

It is so hot and dry that the Baptists are starting to Baptize by sprinkling, the Methodists are using Wet-wipes, the Presbyterians are giving out Rain checks and the Catholics are praying that the Wine will turn back to Water.

Now THAT'S Dry!
*A little slapstick humor*****

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*1. Turn on your sound.**

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*2. Click on >>> http://www.selfcontrolfreak.com/slaan.html]

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*3. Wait a few seconds for picture to appear.*****

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*4. Now try to touch the nose of the man with your cursor.*****
Orlan,
Please add Ed Bradley <w4vgi@juno.com> to the mailing list for K.A.R.
I've forwarded some of my copies to him and altho he has never been a
Kansan he does enjoy them, especially anything written by Tom, W0EAJ, as
Ed is also Retired Navy.
I enjoyed the photo of the 1938 Ford parked next to the Ford Trimotor in
the July issue.

Larry
KS0PL  TU Larry, Got Ed on the mailing.  Orlan
Orlan,
Thanks for the update on Bob. We tried sending him a get well wish via e-mail earlier but don’t know if he is able to check that yet. We sure wish him well, sounds like he’s been through a lot.

We had a good visit with Bruce, KØBJ yesterday before he went to some of the Board of Director’s meetings later and then today. They plan to spend a week in MA next week.

73,
Chuck, KØBOG

Hi Orlan,

Thanks for the info, but wish it was better news... Hoping the best for Bob.

73, Ken

Thanks Orlan, not a good situation.
John

Thanks for the newsletter Orlan. I did not know about Bob Summers’ surgery. The surgery sounded very rough but I hope it has been successful. Please send me an update on his progress, if you have one. Bob is a member of the Jayhawk ARS and we didn’t even know that he was having surgery...

Marshall, AA0FO

Thanks Orlan, good job a usual, appreciate it, enjoy the weekend now!!
John

Dear Larry’s List Subscribers,

I love really good music; many hams do. A good friend sent me this wonderful web site:

<http://www.saigonocean.com/ngenhacHoaTau/jukebox.swf>

I hope you enjoy this. Just think of the marvels of modern technology.

73,
Larry Staples - W0AIB

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LarrysList mailing list
LarrysList@list.k0jpr.net
http://list.k0jpr.net/mailman/listinfo/larryslist

Old issues of the "GE Ham News" from the 40’s to 60's. You may have this already; if not....
73,

Bill BArnes, WB0NSQ
<444.850@barnesfest.com>

=====================================These are classics, folks. The "old guys" know! Larry, W0AIB

LarrysList mailing list
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http://list.k0jpr.net/mailman/listinfo/larryslist

◆ "FEMA, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will conduct the first nationwide Emergency Alert System (EAS) Test on November 9, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern."

The whole story:

<http://www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/eas_info.shtm>

Robin Cross, WØFEN
<robin@kcuer.org>

LarrysList mailing list

Would U have like to dived into that a few days ago!
The sweet song, of breezes wafting 'cross Summer wheat
   It was my private ocean
   of innocence and tranquility

   We wanted for little
   save for the chance
   to work and earn the praises
       not of man
           rather...

       Of God and family.

Tom Dailey - 2011 ©

◆ For anybody who was a Navy Radioman (or wanted to be), here's an interesting collection. I couldn't get all of the pix to come up (those annoying little red "X's"), but maybe you can. I used a fair amount of this gear, early on - it was tough, it was REALLY HEAVY, but it worked.

Tom - WØEAJ

◆ The other day I forwarded some symbols, which can be created by the ASCII characters.

Here's a few more - you creat them by HOLDING DOWN the [ALT] key, and using the numeric-keypad on the right of your keyboard, type in the numbers for the character - IN SEQUENCE.... for example:

Ø   [alt] - [0] + [2] + [1] + [6]
£   Pound   0163
¥   Yen   0165
°   Degrees   0176
²   Squared   0178
µ   Micro   0181
¼ as shown   0188
½ as shown   0189
¾ as shown   0190
×   multiply   0215
ƒ   Frequency   0387
Ø   Comm Zero   0216
A vivid example of STANDING waves, TRAVELING waves, resonant frequency, and Period.

For a Night Each Year, the Airwaves Buzz With Morse Code

By JESSE McKINLEY

POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE, Calif. — It has been a little more than a decade since the last of the nation’s commercial Morse code radio stations officially went off the air, as new technology sank a system that had been a lingua franca of maritime communication since before the Titanic.

But like transmissions that continue to travel through the cosmos long after their original senders are gone, there are some things that refuse to die. And on Tuesday, several outposts of Morse code blazed to life again, if only for a night, with the help of a group of enthusiasts bent on preserving what they call “the music of Morse,” one key tap at a time.

The occasion was an annual radio reboot known as the Night of Nights, held every year on the anniversary of the last Morse code broadcast from a coastal California station in 1999, which included a traditional sign-off (“We wish you fair winds and following seas”) and more than a few teary-eyed former radio operators.

On Tuesday, though, some of those old key men were back on the job, broadcasting from the former headquarters of a marine Morse station in Northern California, KPH, and joined on air by two other stations outside Seattle and in Mobile, Ala., all to honor a system that linked the world long before the Internet, e-mail and Twitter.

“It’s just beeps in the air, but it just meant everything to people,” said Richard Dillman, a self-described “radio squirrel” who serves as president of the nonprofit Maritime Radio Historical Society, which sponsors the event. “And we are the only thing standing.”

Or buzzing, as it were, as more than a dozen volunteers assembled at KPH’s receiving and transmitting stations, two dusty but rock-solid structures that are now part of the Point Reyes National Seashore, northwest of San Francisco.

Closed in 1997, the station’s receiving headquarters is like a living time capsule, stuffed with communications relics, including Teletype machines, manual typewriters and rotary phones — and, of course, all manner of telegraphy keys, ranging from the versions like those used in Samuel Morse’s time to shiny new models favored by some modern-day ham operators. A dusty calendar from 1997 still hangs on the wall, as does a copy of the famous distress call from the Titanic. Many of the station’s ancient machines were ablaze on Tuesday, spitting out clicks, whistles, white noise and — of course — dots and dashes. (Or “dits” and “dahs” as they were often known in the business.)

And at just past midnight Greenwich Mean Time, the first message, tapped out at breakneck speed by Mr. Dillman, was beamed into the air. “On this date in 1999 the death of commercial Morse was announced,” it read. “But Morse still lives.”

The KPH property — an Art Deco cube built between 1929 and 1931 by the Radio Corporation of America — was acquired by the National Park Service in 1999. Shortly after that, Mr. Dillman made a remarkable discovery while visiting the station’s headquarters.
“As I got close to the operators’ room, I started hearing static and hearing Morse code and ships calling,” Mr. Dillman said. “It was like they had left 20 minutes ago. The voice was gone, but the ears were still on.”

Indeed, KPH had been shuttered, but not completely shut down. Jack Martini, a former manager at the station, said he had left the receivers on as both a sign of affection and — he hoped — of possible preservation.

“I loved the place,” said Mr. Martini, 72, who also spent years as a Morse code operator at KPH. “And it saved the receivers. You turn off the receivers, you get the moisture in there, and they’re done.”

And so it was that KPH was eventually reborn as KSM and began broadcasting in Morse a few hours each Saturday, a development that attracted the attention of other aficionados.

“We’re doing the radio equivalent of Civil War re-enactments,” said Bill Ruck, one participant on Tuesday.

Another of those drawn in was Dave Wolfe, 62, a longtime enthusiast who had served as a radio operator in the 1960s and early ’70s, at sea and on land. “We had eight people in there, almost on roller skates,” Mr. Wolfe recalled. “You got paid, and reasonably well, for doing what was basically a hobby.”

Not that it was easy work. Operators during Morse’s heyday worked grueling shifts, staffing stations 24 hours a day as ships sent messages to shore and vice versa. Experts in the form said the secret was to never count the dots and dashes, but to listen.

“You had to think of it as a rhythm,” Mr. Martini said. “You had to kind of be a musician.”

Sure enough, on Tuesday night, the symphony of dits and dahs continued for hours at the receiving station, as amateur Morse operators from around the world chimed in to say hello. At the transmitting station, meanwhile, another crew staffed banks of refurbished and rescued devices, some dating to World War II and complete with glowing mercury vapor tubes.

“You’re running antiques,” said Steve Hawes, who staffed the control room. “But we haven’t had anything let off a giant bang or blow up in smoke yet.”

But as the night wore on, the one thing that was not heard was any commercial traffic, though Mr. Dillman said that occasionally a ship would still call in during the station’s Saturday hours, wondering how the station was still alive. But even if the ships did not call, he said, the die-hards at Point Reyes would continue to listen.

“Even if there were no ships out there, we’d be keeping the faith,” Mr. Dillman said, before adding, “Of course, it’s thrilling when they call.”

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Thanks to Tom Dailey, W0EAJ, for sending this to us.

LarrysList mailing list
In about 1957, I bought this key at the Burstein-Applebee (main) store in Kansas City, where I spent my youth. It cost $2.95, and I still have the box. For a very long time, I could not find it - this, nearly my oldest artifact of my beginnings in radio & electronics... not long ago, my buddy John.. to whom I'd loaned it to learn the code, dug it up in his attic during a house-cleaning, and returned it to me.

It's sent CW on everything from a 1954 Heathkit AT-1, to a Collins S-line, to some very large Navy transmitters of yesteryear....now it's home again.

Tom - WØEAJ – Denver

The whole issue - just advance or retract the page - hit (+) to make it bigger.

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_____ Seen in front of the Arvada, CO Fire Dept offices

Look closely at the "securing" devices.... they're nylon tie-wraps, sometimes known as "Zip Ties"
◆ Something for the YL's - During WWII, and many OTHER periods, lady ops manned the circuits. From railroads, to land-lines, to many, many CW circuits, it was often a "lady's fist" behind the key. Here's a hearty BRAVO ZULU to the YL's - we need more of 'em.

NOTE: The very last piece of CW traffic, sent from commercial station KPH, was sent by "DA" - Denise.

73 es 88 - Tom - WØE AJ
In about 1957, I bought this key at the Burstein-Applebee (Brookside) store in Kansas City, where I spent my youth. It cost $2.95, and I still have the box. For a very long time, I could not find it - this, nearly my oldest artifact of my beginnings in radio & electronics... not long ago, my buddy John, to whom I'd loaned it to learn the code, dug it up in his attic during a house-cleaning, and returned it to me. It's sent CW on everything from a 1954 Heathkit AT-1, to a Collins S-line, to some very large Navy transmitters of yesteryear....now it's home again.

Have any of you looked around your shop or shack... fixed your gaze on something that issues forth from your beginnings in radio, and taken a little mental trip back in time? Being a bit older, I have MANY of these "opportunities", 'cause I find it hard as heck to get rid of things like that. I mean, there's the ORIGINAL galena crystal in a "pot" of lead, that worked in my very first crystal set... later replaced by a 1N34 germanium diode (soooo much easier) I bought from Mr. Taylor in 7th. grade wood-shop at Old Mission JHS in 1955. It cost me 50¢, and that was 2 weeks allowance! Yep... still got it. Then, there's that pair of "Telephonics" earphones that came out of a PBY Catalina that cracked up at Henderson Field at Guadacanal - Uncle Ben gave me those... and of COURSE, they still work! There's a Field Strength meter I made in 1964 out of junk parts - used it to "tune up" my Heathkit Twoer, and to add "class" to my "home brew" masterpiece; I painted it wrinkle-black... ohhhhh, so very cool.

I have four Number 27 triode tubes from Grandpa's Majestic radio - what an idiot I was, to strip it for parts... aughhh! Oh yeah, when my Uncle Bill passed away in 2007, my other Uncle gave me a small box with a plastic top, full of "radio junk"!... turned out to be a box of resistors I'd unsoldered from "bad" radios (with one of those 20 pound American Beauty soldering irons, that resembled a baseball bat with a cord!) The last time I'd seen them was in August of 1961 when I joined the Navy.... Mom gave 'em to Bill and they'd stayed in the farm shop, all those years. The Heathkit AR-3 "receiver" [sic] that I had is long gone, but I DID buy two at a hamfest, fixed & aligned* both, and sold ONE... even got the QF-1 "Q" multiplier for it! After the Philco "American Overseas" 5-tube AM/SW table radio, the AR-3 seemed like a ICOM 756 ProIII!

*Interestingly, as I've bought, repaired, & restored numerous Heathkits over the years, there are TWO overwhelming things that always show up... First, the hardware is hardly EVER tight - the second is that hardly ANYTHING is ever aligned properly, yet brought great joy and satisfaction to the builder (most of the time).... the AR-3's were no exception as most were built by very young hams or SWL's who simply DIDN'T HAVE or COULDN'T AFFORD test equipment to do it right....Yes, it WAS Heathkit who brought "affordable" signal generators, oscilloscopes (their FIRST product, ever), VTMV's, and
other gear to "Joe Average", and changed the face of ham radio FOREVER.

Another cherished possession is the neon "test light" I bought from either the Katz drugstore in Roeland Park, or the old Henshaw TV in Mission... it was my FIRST piece of "test equipment", and still works... it was THAT light that taught me NOT to let my fingers hold the probe-tips (actually small nails) while checking for 117 vac!!! Oh Lordy yes, the envelope of Fahnstock Clips... saved from those halcyon daze of "kidhood", when I believed that NO crystal set would actually WORK, unless it was constructed using Fahnstock Clips - I mean, the "Wolf" Cub Scout book showed 'em, so they MUST be required, right? I could no more sell or toss those than to sell my soul - they're old friends, used in many projects over many childhood years.

Some things that always make me feel good and loved are old tools... I have a pair of edge-snippers brought home by my Dad, back about 1956 or so... they were my first pair of "dikes", not having a proper pair of wire-cutters, except for the ones used to build farm fences! Very cherished, is my Dad's pair of tin-snips. He made the mistake of letting me use them once, and I therefore claimed ownership, based on the fact that I made COUNTLESS project chassis for stuff out of POPULAR MECHANICS and POPULAR ELECTRONICS, by using scrap tin and aluminum sheets from tossed screen doors! They're MADE IN USA, and that makes 'em THE BEST EVER. There's one flat-blade screwdriver and a jeweler's screwdriver, previously owned by Grandpa (American Optical - 50 years), and later cherished by Dad. I use the screwdrivers all the time, and each time I pick one of them up... it's like Grandpa & Dad are there in my shop, offering advice. I used to laugh at my Stepdad (Jim Carl - WØKI SK) wearing his binocular visor to fix everything, but not wanting to throw it away in spite of it's plastic being broken, I fixed it in TRUE ham fashion, and now...laughingly...use it all the time - I'm sure he's rolling with chuckles up there, watching me look like something out of a late 50's SciFi movie... (did you know they're made IN Kansas City?) There is a plastic bottle full of "diddle sticks".. lesser known as "alignment tools" - they go WAY back - some from childhood, some from the Navy, a few from King Radio Corp, and several from B-A. There's even a home-made one that's got a TRIANGULAR end - used to set the frequency on the old Western Electric touch-tone pads that everybody used to work their first Autopatches... I will NEVER use it again, but I could no more throw that thing away, than to lie to my 95 year-old Mother.

Gee... there's my collection of OLD radio parts, still in BOXES... Archer, Texas Instruments, BUD, RCA, Sylvania, Philmore, Collins Radio, JAN (Army-Navy WW-II), Meissner, Bliley, Hammarlund, National, plus B-A "bargain packs" & "Poly Paks". I'll MOST likely never use 'em... but they're fun to look at and think how WONDERFUL they were when first made, bought, and brought home. It's sort of the way we look not so much at WHAT WAS, but more like WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN.

You're grinning right now, aren't ya? You KNOW you have a bunch of stuff that "other people" call JUNK... or WORTHLESS... or (worse) CLUTTER. It all means something, and like the smell of burned dirt on top of a hot tube... it's a journey home......like my first key.

Dit Dit - 73, Tom – WØEAJ

**PS:**

Even though I wrote it properly as "their" (Heath's) first product, I really meant Heath's first ELECTRONIC product - In point of fact, Heath's FIRST EVER product was the "Heath Parasol". It was a home-buildable airplane, that looked very much like a French Bleriot. Quite a few were shipped, and most were made - I've actually seen and touched one, that was on the "project list" - it was in my very good friend's garage (KØCDM), nested in the ceiling... awaiting covering, finishing, and a powerplant.

Mr. Heath was killed, and if you read Chuck Penson's book "HEATHKIT the amateur products", you'll read the entire story.
dit dit - Tom – WØEAJ

From the Jo Co Social Security Office.

My wife works for the Jo Co SS office and they asked her to add this SS info to all of her newsletters and for me to do the same. Orlan WØOYH - ur ed
Social Security Column

SPEND SOME QUALITY TIME ON SOCIAL SECURITY’S WEBSITE

By Johnson County Social Security Administration
Lenexa, Kansas

Summertime is here, and for many people that means vacation. Some of the best vacations are the ones that allow you to spend time with family who live far away.

If you’re planning to visit your kids and grandkids this summer, why not make the most of your time with them? You may know your way around a computer. But youngsters today who grew up on a computer can teach most of us some new tricks. And they’d probably be thrilled to share some online time with their grandparents. Ask them to pull out their tablet, iPad, or laptop and show you how to find your way around Social Security’s website, www.socialsecurity.gov.

Ask them to show you how to use www.socialsecurity.gov to avoid unneeded trips to a Social Security office. Have them show you our library of online publications containing all the information you might want to know on an array of Social Security, retirement, and Medicare subjects. The publications can be found at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/index.html. If you’re thinking about retirement, for example, you may want to check out When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10147.html. (Unlike some libraries, there’s no due date to remember.)

That was easy! With the young ones helping you, you might as well go ahead and spend another 15 minutes to get the job done. No need to put on your shoes and sunglasses — you can apply online without having to leave your home. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline where you can apply for retirement benefits in as little as 15 minutes. Once you click the “submit” button, you’re done; in most cases there are no forms to sign or documents to mail in.

Here’s a way to get the attention of the young ones: ask them about Facebook and Twitter. Once they’ve got you on Facebook, you’ll have a new way of connecting with them. Did you know
Social Security is on Facebook and Twitter too? Just go to www.socialsecurity.gov and click the Facebook and Twitter icons on the main page.

Visiting your kids and grandchildren can be a lot of fun. Make it productive as well by asking the young whiz kid in your family about www.socialsecurity.gov.

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