ARRL Board Adopts Volunteer Monitoring Program

The ARRL Board of Directors has adopted the recommendations of the Official Observer Program Study Committee, which would retire the venerable Official Observer (OO) Program and institute the Volunteer Monitoring (VM) Program. The Board took the action at its July 20 - 21 meeting in Windsor, Connecticut, instructing that the transition "be implemented as soon as practicable." Under the terms of the new program, current Official Observers will be invited to apply for appointment as Volunteer Monitors. The Board expressed its appreciation for the OOs and their dedicated volunteer service over the years.

The Board said the action is expected to re-energize enforcement efforts in the Amateur Radio bands and was undertaken at the request of the FCC in the wake of several FCC regional office closures and a reduction in field staff. Coordination of cases and evidence gathering would become the responsibility of ARRL Headquarters staff, while the FCC will retain the responsibility for final decisions regarding action in specific cases.

The study committee report spelled out the additional steps necessary to launch the Volunteer Monitoring Program. Among them would be the appointment of a dedicated Headquarters staff member or an independent contractor working under the direction of ARRL Headquarters to administer the new program and interface with its participants. The Volunteer Monitoring Program administrator would, among other duties, create a vetting and accreditation process for prospective Volunteer Monitors. The authority to accredit, appoint, and dismiss Volunteer Monitors would be assigned to ARRL Headquarters staff. Section Managers will continue to be a part of the vetting process for VMs, although they will not have appointment or dismissal authority.

Volunteer Monitor accreditation would be limited to a 3-year term, renewable by satisfying requirements necessary to ensure competency. A new Volunteer Monitoring Training Manual is in the final stages of development.

Story continued online in the August 2 ARRL Letter
Sunday, August 26, 2018
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. CDT
Operating from the Historic
Hollenberg Pony Express Station
1 mile east of Hanover KS on Hwy 243


To make it easier for Kansas hams to find us, KØASA will be operating on 80m at 11 am and 2 pm CDT as well as at other unscheduled times. Operated by the Kansas State Historical Society, this Pony Express Station is thought to be the only Pony Express station in the nation that has been preserved and left on the original location. The festival includes early-American exhibits and activities.

Contact KØASA on the air or stop by and visit.

73,
Jim Andera, KØNK
Gardner, KS

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Pre-Convention Dinner at Martinelli's

The Kansas State ARRL Convention will be held in Salina, KS, August 19th, sponsored by the Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club, Inc (CKARC). This is not a CKARC sponsored function, but they are aware of it.

We will again have a "before Convention" dinner this year on Saturday evening, August 18th. A number have indicated they enjoyed the gathering we had and would like to do it again.

There will be several people in town Saturday evening - as well as some of the local folk, so I will need an RSVP by August 15 if you are interested in attending the dinner this year!

The venue again this year will be Martinelli's 158 S Santa Fe Ave, Salina. Dinner will start at 6:30PM CDT, plan to arrive around 6:15PM or so but NOT a lot earlier. Feel free to spread the word - the more the merrier!

I will need to have a total head count prior to the event, YL's, XYL's, harmonics, friends and family are welcome. Please include ALL in your party!

Martinelli's is a formal restaurant, not a fast food place - they do have ADULT beverages available. A little change up this year. At the restaurant's request we will offer "Family Style" dining. This will speed up ordering and wait staff service. (Ordering from the menu will still be available.)

PLEASE be sure to RSVP so I can inform the restaurant the number of tables and chairs to have set up for us and wait staff assigned.

I have the evening reserved in my name.

The program this year will be presented by Rod, KØDAS, who will provide a slide show and talk on his experience at the "Dayton of Europe" held this year in Friedrichshafen, Germany. Should be interesting.

Please respond via phone, e-mail, US Mail address given below. I will NOT be acknowledging email reservations If they don't bounce, I got it!

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73,
Rod Hogg
KØEQH
Links for Kansas Hams!

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Kansas Amateur of the Year Nominations

The AOTY award will be given out at the Kansas State ARRL Convention, which is being held August 19, 2018 in Salina. Nominations should be in by now and a winner selected.

Silent Key

Ronald E. Farthing, Sr., passed away on July 13, 2018, a retired manager in technical publications at Boeing Military Aircraft Company & retired Valley Center Police Detective. He was a Shriner, Mason, American Legion Member & Wichita Weather Bureau Storm Spotter. Born in Albany Missouri on April 4, 1932 to Rhuben C Farthing & Thelma L Smith.

Preceded in death by his parents, son Richard, grandson Jeremy C Hensley & son in law David G Hensley.

Survived by daughters Cheryl D Hensley, Rhonda R (James) Presley, son Ronald E Farthing Jr (Pat Noullet), granddaughters Jessica D (Wade) Davis, Madison C (Derrick) Schmidt, Katie Mosiman, grandson Robert J Jones and great grandson Quentin E Davis, brothers Fred M & Roger L Farthing, sister Betty L Belshe, numerous nieces, nephews & many friends.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30am, Friday, July 20, 2018 at Valley Center Cemetery, Valley Center, KS.

In lieu of flowers memorials to W. A. A. L. (Wichita Animal Action League) Rescue & Shriners Children’s Hospital.

https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/wichita-ks/ronald-farthing-7935409

Ron Farthing, Sr; KØFFR
The ARRL Midwest Division August 2018 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:

- Amateur Radio on Kids’ Day in Wichita, Kansas
- Louisburg Legacy---The Cider Mill Century Ride
- ARRL Midwest Division News (64 Years Old)
- Scenes from the 2018 Central States VHF Conference
- Midwest Division ARRL Hamfests & Conventions
- Midwest Division Special Event Stations

Thanks and 73's,
ARRL Midwest Division Director:
Roderick K Blocksome, K0DAS
k0das@arrl.org

PERSEID METEOR SHOWER

Earth is entering a stream of debris from giant comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle, parent of the annual Perseid meteor shower. Although the shower is not expected to peak until next weekend, NASA all-sky cameras are already detecting dozens of Perseid fireballs every night over the USA. This early activity may be a good omen for the nights ahead, especially Aug. 11th-13th when Earth is expected to pass through the densest part of the comet's debris zone.

S.A.T.E.R.N.
Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network
Latest W MO/KS Newsletter
http://satern.ksarrl.org/
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  

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

Emergency Coordinator = Brian Short KCØBS  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: 48
QNI: 337
QTC: 0

5 nets = 2 Meter Voice
5 nets = 2 Meter SATERN Voice
5 nets = CW
5 nets = 6 Meter
5 nets = 2 Meter Voice Simplex
5 nets = PSK 31 SATERN
5 nets = APRS Packet
4 nets = 70CM
4 nets = 1.25 Meter
5 nets = SATERN 80 meter SSB

Report prepared by:
Darren Martin N0MZW
Johnson County Kansas

◆ Zone 6A, E & G – Rod KØEQH

Kansas ARES Zones 6A, E & G Net Report July 2018

Total Nets...............5
Total Check ins........33
Total QTC...............1 (net report)

Alt NCS...NØOMC

Stations participating: WBØQYA, NØOXQ, NØKQX, KGØVA, KDØTWO, ACØE, ACØE, NØOMC, KØEQH

Rod,
KØEQH
NCS
Two weeks to go until the 2018 Tenth Anniversary Kansas QSO Party!

Many of the mobile and portable routes are already posted on the KSQP web site and all 105 counties are once again covered. We're now working to put CW and SSB stations into each of the counties and our goal of a Saturday Sweep is getting close as well.

If you enjoy digital modes, check out the new FT8 category. Only the standard grid square/signal report exchange is required. Send in a separate log which will be scored apart from the rest of the logs. Check the KSQP Rules for more information.

We have three $35 award sponsorships still available: USA Single-Op High Power, Canada, and Kansas Multi-Op. If you're interested in becoming a sponsor contact Bob/w0bh.

Our new KSQP T-Shirt will be unveiled at the Kansas Section meeting of the Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club State Convention Hamfest in Salina on August 19. T-Shirts will be available to pick up for all KSQP 1x1 operators and sponsors who have already sent me your T-Shirt size. Check the KSQP Rules to see how you can earn one as well.

The 2018 Kansas QSO Party is on August 25-26. If you've never tried it before, this is the year! To register your county or mobile / portable route, use the Activate a County link on the KSQP web site: ksqsoparty.org.

Save the date and we'll see you on the air!

73, Bob, w0bh
KSQP Coordinator