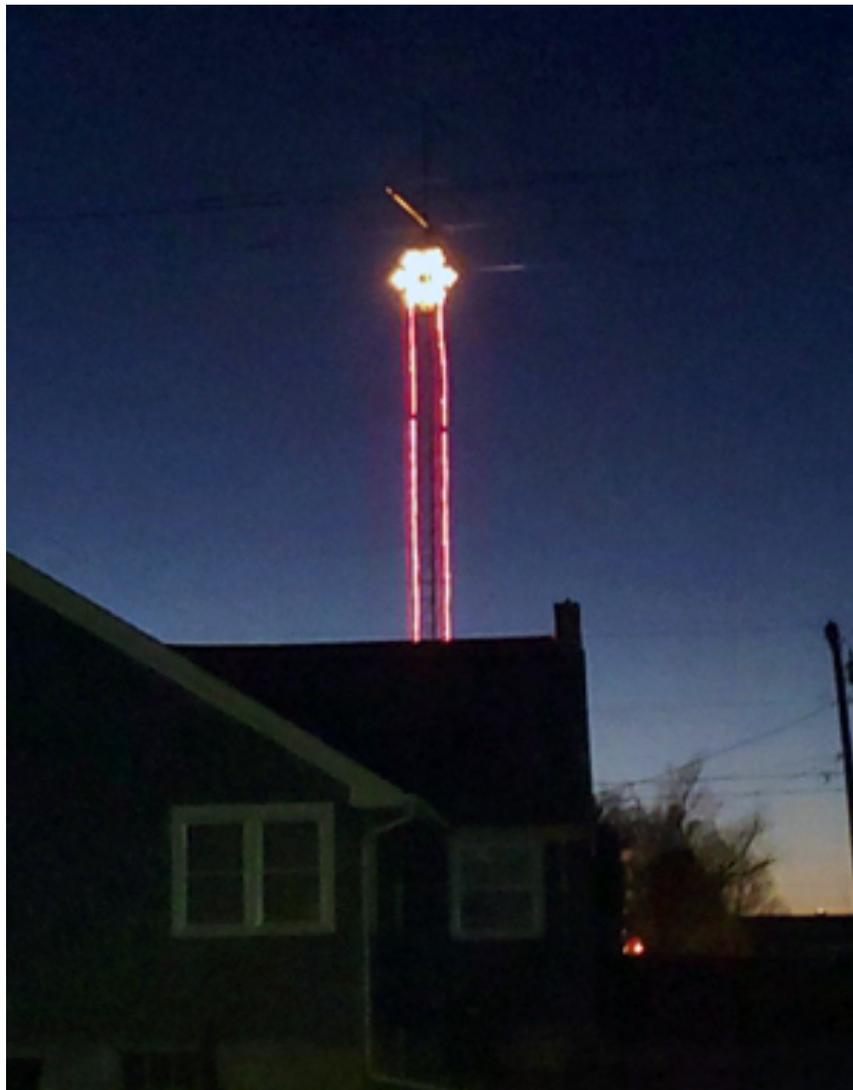


November-December 2020

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Holiday tower at kd0ezs Merry Christmas everybody!
Matt Matthes, KD0Ezs

Ed Note: Thanks for the additional image support

Links For Kansas Hams

ARRL Main Page	http://www.arrl.org
ARRL KS Section News Page	http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/kansas
ARRL Midwest Director's Newsletter	http://www.arrlmidwest.org/newsletter/newsletter.pdf
Kansas Section Pages and KAR's	https://ksarrl.org
Mo-Kan Regional Council of ARC Orgs	https://mokancouncil.org/
Associated Radio	https://www.associatedradio.com/home.php
Kansas QSO Party	https://ksqsoparty.org/
Ensor Museum	http://www.ensorparkandmuseum.org
K-Link Repeater Network	http://ks0lnk.net
Sand Hills Amateur Radio Club, Inc	http://www.SandhillsARC.com

Links to all known Kansas Clubs can be found at the bottom of <https://ksarrl.org>

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or SARG; EX-K102 1960 to 1987---
or TOP, 1SG ; Army USAR, Retired 1951 to 1987 ---
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God Bless those who have served this great country AMERICA
Proud Military Veteran
SEEING THE COUNTRY WE DEFEND
SHERWIN & DOROTHY STIELOW



Western Kansas 160m Net Tuesdays at 9:00PM Central Time

The Western Kansas 160m net is held every Tuesday evening at 9pm central time on 1.960 LSB. All general class and above stations are welcomed to join in.

October Net Reports provided by Richard, KØRCJ

Wichita Amateur Radio Club (WARC)	WARC DMR Nets
4 Sessions, QNI: 148, QTC: 0	4 Sessions, QNI: 34, QTC: 0
WARC Fusion Nets	Great Salt Plains ARC (GSPARC)
4 Sessions, QNI: 32, QTC: 0	4 Sessions, QNI: 64, QTC: 0
QCWA	KS SSB Nets
5 Sessions, QNI: 42 QTC: 0	31 Sessions, QNI: 749, QTC: 48
Reno County KS ARA (RCKARA)	KS Phone Nets
3 Session, QNI: 31, QTC: 0	22 Sessions, QNI: 280, QTC: 9
Visibly Inconvenienced Hams Net	Butler County CERT
5 Sessions, QNI 132 QTC 0	4 SESSIONS, QNI 47, QTC 13

QCWA NET meets each Saturday morning at 07:30 local time on 3.920+-. All welcome to join in.

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Wichita Amateur Radio Club (WARC)
5 Sessions, QNI: 164, QTC: 0
WARC Fusion Nets
5 Sessions, QNI: 34, QTC: 0
QCWA
4 Sessions, QNI: 37, QTC: 0
Reno County KS ARA (RCKARA)
3 Session, QNI: 21, QTC: 0
Visibly Inconvenienced Hams Net
4 SESSIONS, QNI 83 QTC 0

WARC DMR Nets
5 Sessions, QNI: 33, QTC: 0
Great Salt Plains ARC (GSPARC)
5 Sessions, QNI: 81, QTC: 0
KS SSB Nets
30 Sessions, QNI: 740, QTC: 36
KS Phone Nets
22 Sessions, QNI: 423, QTC: 20
Butler County CERT
3 SESSIONS, QNI 21, QTC 6



Silent Keys

As a service to fellow hams across the state, I urge all individuals and Clubs to send me Silent Key notices. Please include a link to an obituary. I watch Larry's List for announcements of hams from Kansas. If you are not on Larry's List, I will forward the notice to him. He in turn notifies the ARRL. As Larry cannot include pictures, I do my best to find images so that a face can be put with the name and call. Thank you!

Maurice Russell Gregoire, KAØFZR

TOPEKA — Maurice Russell Gregoire, Lyndon, died Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020, at Midland Hospice House, Topeka. He was 80.

Maurice is survived by his wife, Martha (Fitts) Gregoire, of the home; two sons, Michael (Deborah Lee) Gregoire, Roswell, Ga., and Marcus (Deb) Gregoire, Bristow, Va.; a daughter, Michelle Gregoire, Lyndon; and seven grandchildren, Andre (Jenna) Gregoire, Alexander Gregoire, Ian Lee Gregoire, Colin Lee Gregoire, Audrey Gregoire, Betty Gregoire and Cavya Gregoire.

Maurice was cremated. A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring or summer of 2021.

Memorial contributions may be made to Help House and sent in care of Feltner Funeral Home, 818 Topeka Ave., Lyndon, KS 66451.

Condolences may be expressed at feltnerfuneralhome.com.

<https://och-c.com/index.php/2020/11/25/maurice-russell-gregoire/>



S.A.T.E.R.N.

Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network

<https://ksarrl.org/satern>

KANSAS HF NETS				
UPDATED November 6, 2019 11:19				
Days	Time	Mgr	Freq	Net Name
M, W, F	6:45AM	KØRCJ	3920 KHz	Kansas Phone Net
Daily	7:00AM	WDØBWE	3920 KHz	Kansas AM Weather Net
Sat, Sun	8:00AM	KØRCJ	3920 KHz	Kansas Phone Net
Mon - Fri	12:30PM	KC5MP	7253.5 KHz	Central States Traffic Net
Daily	6:00PM	WDØBWE	3920 KHz	Kansas Weather Net
Daily	6:30PM	KØRCJ	3920 KHz	Kansas Sideband Net
Daily	7:00PM	NBØZ	3547 KHz	QKS CW NTS Traffic Net
Mon	7:30PM	WDØESF	3547 KHz	QKS SS CW Traffic Net
Daily	10:00PM	NBØZ	3547 KHz	QKS CW NTS Traffic Net

have posted public service nets on <https://ksarrl.org/traffic.php>

Kansas Net Time Change

Due to winter propagation and changing our clocks we are moving the evening Section nets up one hour. Effective Sunday *November 1st* the Weather net will begin at 5 PM followed by Sideband Net at 5:30 and at the conclusion of the Sideband Net the Weather Net will reconvene and pick up additional stations. Frequency remains the same, 3920 KHz or up 500 cycles to accommodate neighbors. This will be the schedule until late *February or March*.

ARRL Kansas Section
Section Manager: Ron D Cowan, KBØDTI
kbØdti@arrl.org



ARES – Amateur Radio Emergency Service



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

<https://ksarrl.org/ares/alphaks.php>

<https://ksarrl.org/ares/distks.php>

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE MONTHLY EC REPORTS

➤ **Zone 1B – Kevin KSØEGL**

Zone 1B - October 2020

Net Sessions: 4

QNI: 40

QTC: 0

Members: 16

Total Person hours: 6:00

➤ **Zone 4A – Brian KCØBS**

OCTOBER 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:

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George McCarville WB0CNK - Training, Drills

Matt May KC4WCG - IDs, MECC

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George McCarville WB0CNK

Jim Cordill KI0BK

Debbie Britain AB0UY

Rich Britain N0ENO

Net Sessions: 34 QNI: 269 QTC: 0

4 nets - 2 Meter Voice
5 nets - 440 Voice
5 nets - Fusion Digital
4 nets – CW
4 nets - 6 Meter
4 nets - 2 Meter Voice Simplex
4 nets - 1.25 Meter
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➤ **Zones 6A, E & G – Rod, KØEQH**

Kansas ARES Net Report October 2020, Zones 6A,E&G

Total Nets.....4

Total QNI.....28

Stations participating.....NØKQX, NØOXQ, WBØQYA, KGOVA, KEØGXV, NØOMC, ACØE, KØEQH

Rod KØEQH

NCS

Sand Hills ARC (SHARC) news:

At our regularly scheduled meeting, 11/05, we voted to hold SHARC meetings on a bi-monthly schedule. Will be on odd months to be held at Scott City, 7:30PM at Scott Co Library beginning Jan 7, 2021.

All are welcome if in the area.

News...news...

Congratulations to SHARC members Madeline Elliot, KEØQJH, and Matt Matthes, KDØEZS, who were married October 10 at Tribune, KS.

Kansas ARES Zone 6A, E & G Net report November 2020

Total Nets.....4

Total QNI.....28

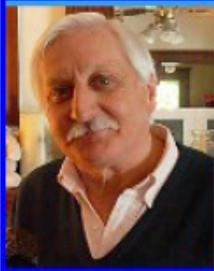
Stations participating: ACØE, NØYK, NØKQX, NØOXQ, NØOMC, KGOVA, WBØQYA, KØEQH

The traditional December dinner/meeting of the Sand Hills ARC was cancelled this year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from SW Kansas.

Rod

KØEQH

NCS



Tom's Key Strokes - WØEAJ

Denver, Co. Displaced Kansas Neighbor
and very gud friend!

radio@daileyservices.com



Ed Note: Last newsletter Tom referred to last month (September) is included below

Last month I wrote about connections... the way that some of 'em cause problems, and the way that others seem to enhance our hobby...and lives.

Connections

Aside from the word "alignment", no word seems to frighten hams MORE than "connections". As any engineer can tell you, interconnects and relays, or for that matter... ANY physically operating device, constitutes the greatest potential for failure in any piece of equipment or system.

Think back... those pesky transmit/receive relays in early AM rigs, as well as the tube & hybrid transceivers which used an actual T/R relay. Yessir, let a rig sit around for a year or so, and chances are, the contacts will be crudded up with something-or-other, be it oxidation, dust, or moth wing-dust. LIKEWISE, in any properly laid out Field Day antenna system, the inherent failure point(s) will be the coax fittings. Of course, there are a myriad of OTHER places you can welcome the demons of connections into – I'm sure you all have a story... don'tcha?

Shaking your head "NO"?? Betcha' haven't looked BEHIND that beautifully laid out brace of equipment for a while. Who among us has NOT labeled the various cords, wires, and cables the lurk in the darkness, beneath, behind, and around our gear? If you haven't, and you have more than ONE radio... I'll bet you're lying to yourself... yep – just take a look... yes, RIGHT NOW. Ha ha ha gotcha.

Ahhh, but like many of my stories, this isn't about wires, coax relays, tube sockets, or AUGHH... transistor sockets (of yesteryear)... this is about real connections.

A few months ago, I picked up a Spring 1965 CALLBOOK (I always wondered why they called it a "magazine"?). At that time, I was a Navy Radioman, stationed at the Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Center in San Diego, and THROUGH ham radio, had made numerous friends in the communities in and around the city. They'd invited me to hamfests, get-togethers, picnics, fox hunts, and a myriad of other things and places where I was welcomed in as part of it all, instead of some visitor. So... I began to look up old callsigns that I remembered, and when I'd find the address listed, I'd pull up Zillow, Mapquest, Vpike, or some other site that would SHOW me the property, and in some cases, the INSIDE of the house. Many I'd been invited into, were familiar, and it brought back funny and GOOD times. I also looked up many Kansas City hams I'd known in years past... Phil Dawson, Manny Blando, Beryl Masters, Bob Eberling, our own Larry Staples, and many with whom I'd worked at the old Burstein-Applebee and KING Radio Corp... I'd never to been to MANY of their houses, so it was like peeking into their private histories to see where they lived and imagine

where they'd strung their dipoles in trees, now grown HUGE.

I was also able to look up my Stepdad's old call of WØRTM, before he went with WØKI (sk). I was finally able to see where he'd moved his family to, BEFORE moving into Prairie Village in about 1962.

The more old calls I'd found (many, now Silent Keys), the more fun I had as I looked up their addresses and what their neighborhoods had looked like. I even looked up the ORIGINAL WØEAJ – Mister Phil Glano... a former VP with B-A... I'd been to Phil's house back in 1972, but thanks to Larry Woodworth's efforts, in digging through the QSL files of the Ensor Museum, out in Olathe, I actually HAVE Phil's ORIGINAL card with his ORIGINAL call from 1937! IT was W9EAJ (no tenth call area, back then), and perusing it more carefully one day, I noticed it bore Phil's UN-AMERICANized name! F: "Phil" Gimigliano. To my knowledge, nobody in the 7 ½ years I was with BA had ever KNOWN that fact. I do remember that, as WAØEAJ I'd worked within 15 feet of him (he was WØEAJ), and after his passing, I'd applied for his 1x3 callsign... thankfully, I'd done it through the W5YI group, as Phil's LEGAL name was PHILLIP, but the death certificate read PHIL...so we had a hell of a time, sorting through THAT.

Oh yeah, and there are our ELMERs... Looking at their callsign information from "back then", it's fun to remember when we met various folks and how they literally CHANGED OUR LIVES.... Right? KØGOZ (Carl Bruns) was the FIRST ham to EVER show me his shack, and his wife even brought down cookies and milk, while I salivated over the Viking Valiant and the SX-99 receiver. Ironically, he ended up moving RIGHT BEHIND my Mom & Dad's house in OP, later on. To this day, I have a Palomar 500 power/SWR meter that he had... purchased from his estate by my Stepdad... and given to me, when he discovered the connection between Carl and me.

There are ALSO those for whom WE have been Elmers... Junior High and Highschool friends who FINALLY took the test (yeah YOU, Chuck), young kids who envied the antennas on our house and cars, a friend who was my first boss at BA (with whom I'd worked at KING), to which I gave the NOVICE test to he and his father... Ray let his call lapse, but Art WBØGRN, went on to be the VERY FIRST County Hunter to work ALL COUNTIES, using only QRP! http://www.wd3p.net/ch/qrp/usa_ca-qrp.htm and he did it MORE than once!

Curious what you can make happen with a 5wpm code test!

Yep, sometimes, when I'm sitting in the quiet of the dark morning, down in my basement shack, waiting for the Valiant transmitter and the HRO-60 receiver to warm up for the morning AM net, I think about those "connections" that I had through the years... I wonder if those "other people" (who AREN'T hams) have half the memories we do, from those halcyon daze of yesteryear.

... "Now which piece of RG-8 does THIS connect to?"

Oldies but Goodies

It's occurred to me that I tend to write about stuff that's been around a while (like me). Mind you, it's not that I don't like modern gear; it's just easier to FIX the older stuff... and for some reason, "problem children" seem to seek me out.

Oh, I have a relatively modern ICOM IC-756 ProII (had a '7300, but it kept skidding away from my non-midget hands), and aside from the "vintage" gear, it all has digital readouts, and THAT is "huge". Of course, there's also the 1963 Drake TR-3 that I wind up on Friday mornings, and occasionally the 1966 SWAN 350 and 500C on Saturday mornings, and of course the Viking Valiant and HRO-60 receiver that gets used almost every morning...but yeah KNOWING you're going to be ON frequency from the instant you turn the knob or button ON is "the stuff of Star Trek".

Amusingly, on our Friday morning vintage sideband net (3825 @ 0645 MST), it's WONDERFUL to have the odd "modern rig" there, 'cause everybody zeroes in our "skidding" VFOs to the guy with the "new radio", 'cause at least HE'S ON FREQ! Yes boys & girls, there was a time long ago and far away, when nets (or simple QSOs) would start on frequency X, and eventually end up on frequency Z, after everybody chased EVERYBODY ELSE up or down the band, as radios would literally warm up.

Everybody calls the SWAN 350 the "Free Drifty", and to a large extent, that was absolutely TRUE, but I cheat – I turn mine on the NIGHT BEFORE, so by the time I need it the next morning, it really WAS warmed up. The 500C is not quite as bad, but it too is a "thermal traveler". Interestingly, the 1963 Drake TR-3 is... comparatively speaking... ROCK SOLID. Drake eschewed variable caps for VFO tuning, preferring instead, a ferrite rod that slid in-and-out of a coil, (as did Collins) and that "pretty much" eliminated the drifting problem (note, I said "pretty much"). Fact is, I only have to "bump" the tuning knob on the ol' Drake a couple of times, but the SWAN is different every time – even IF I don't touch the knob from turn-off to turn-on.

New hams will practically never know the "skill" of interpolation... judging with a keen eye, the relative distance between one mark and another on the dial, in hopes of actually BEING ON the correct frequency... well, sort of. (That's why we all loved the folks with a Collins S-Line... we KNEW they'd be on frequency or at least, THOUGHT SO*

(Ask the guys on 3964.2 at 0800, why they're there!)

This past week, the Valiant xmtr (used for 75m AM and some CW) decided NOT to key it's PTT circuit one day (of COURSE, it worked the NEXT day... argghhh), so facing the prospect of moving that 86 pound beast, I decided to see what I could do FIRST. Nahhh, that didn't work. So, of COURSE, it's managed to resurrect itself and operate correctly, but I know.. deep down in its dark little soul, it's waiting to bite me on the posterior again, so that I'll HAVE to move & wrestle the damned thing.

THAT got me started thinking... Ya'know... hams needed to be IN GOOD HEALTH back in the 50s and 60s... When your transmitter weighs 86 pounds and your receiver weighs 83 pounds, you need a STRONG BACK, bunky! Think of the absolute joy that inspires, when you consider.. let's say... an ICOM IC-7300, or maybe an older IC-706 variant. Heck, I sold my new '7300 cause IT DIDN'T WEIGH ENOUGH (to sit still on the operating desk!)

It hastened back images of the Zenith 6-transistor radio (wow) I got when I was a sophomore at SM North, back in the Fall of '58... miniaturization had just smacked me in the face! Previous to that, I had to listen to WHB (710) on my tube-type Zenith portable radio... it took a 6.3vdc "A" battery and a 90vdc "B" battery for plate voltage... the batteries ALONE

would break my teenage "bank", but it DID sound good. Oh, the hell I got when I traded that tube Zenith for that "tiny" transistor Zenith. Of course, there WAS one lingering story about the B battery on the tube one... I had a friend named Clark L. He and I rode our bikes down to the Roeland Park KATZ store to see what a new B battery would cost... while there, Clark was giving me a bad time about something and I decided to get revenge for his attitude – They always had a piece of Scotch tape covering the snap terminals of those long 90v batteries (for obvious reasons), and summoning Clark over, I uttered the gravest of challenges... "*Betcha can't do THIS!*... and ran my tongue over the tape... then in a secretive move... well designed NOT to reveal that there'd been a piece of tape there AT ALL (but NOT NOW), I handed him the battery and with a "double dog dare ya" challenge, I got ready to run... Yep, sure enough, Clark raised the 1950s version of a Star Trek Light Sabre toward his lips...

Trembling, and reviewing his options (take the dare or live in eternal shame), he brought his tongue closer and closer, the moisture sheen reflecting the store lights from it's shaking surface... and **ZZZZZZZAAAAAPPPP!** You could actually SEE the spark as a gut wrenching and curdling scream issued forth from his agonized mouth... the battery was thrown in a random direction (turns out, it landed in the baby turtle tank and sent several to their eternal reward in a flash boil of liquid), and I took off for the front door. Scrambling atop my trusty Western Auto bicycle, I took off like Flash Gordon after one of Gayle's tormentors, and didn't relax until I'd hit 52nd and Reeds Road.. rolling calmly into the garage, I lowered the door and nonchalantly sauntered into the kitchen where Mom asked "*Hi, where have YOU been?*"... seeing my fallow body, drenched in the sweat of a successful escape of maximum effort.... "*Oh, just looking at batteries, down at Katz*" I replied. She knew I was ALREADY a "radio geek", so the answer didn't surprise her, at all.

I understood some years later, that my Dad took the call... Clark's Mom, a VERY overprotective type had nearly had a conniption fit, when she saw the two nearly burned through holes in her young boy's tongue, and demanded to know what my Pop was gonna do about it...

I don't know the final disposition, but I know Clark never really talked to me again, and was prohibited from hanging around with such a demented and demonic kid, such as I... and I DO recall that Dad just stared at me after the call, and got a wry and tiny smile on his lips... the kind that old Infantry Master Sergeants get when something has brought light into their eyes.

Pop never brought it up, but I assume that a certain degree of relief was proffered when the TUBE Zenith went away, in favor of one that used "*those little 9 volt jobbies, which everybody knew [sic] couldn't hurt anybody!*"

.... And THAT, boys and girls, is why we have new radios with digital readouts, that operate from TWELVE VOLTS.

Dit dit =- Tom