Hams are communicators!

A communicator can cause a person (s) to think the same thoughts of another person even if they are a thousand miles apart. Orlan

Hi gang, Looks like the new year is well under way. The transference of responsibility from your old SM to Ron went very smooth. I feel kind of loss not getting as many emails.

I must pass along some old business. Our director informed me that the changes in PSHR, Public service Honor Roll, are now permanent and no consideration will be given to retrieving some of the points lost by the traffic handlers. Preston WØWWR was at the top of the PSHR list until the change put him at the absolute bottom of the list. He will handle over a thousand messages some month.

I understand ARRL is wanting to "promote" the BPL, Brass Ponders League award. "Pounding brass is another way of saying "sending code." The recipients of the BPL award are listed on the same page as the PSHR list under the Public Service section of QST. There are two ways to earn the award. First by handling a total of 500 messages a month, "Originations," "Received," "Sent" and "Deliveries. Secondly by "Originating" 100 messages in a month. "Originations" are what we call third party messages (traffic). This means the message is one you write for another person like a family member, friend or if you are in a message booth at a state fair etc. Most all disaster messages will be "Originations." Your signature will never be on an Origination.

If you make BPL 3 consecutive months, you have earned the BPL medallion with your call engraved on it. I earned my medallion 30 years ago. I handled all messages by CW (code). In the 70 I helped many Novices to get theirs with their WNØ------ call engraved on it. 100 origination will require you to write 3 to 4 "formal" messages a day and send them on a net or a "automated digital forwarding network" like Packet. Orgs have to be sent on a ham radio frequency and any mode. If any one is interested in a medallion, I can show how to easily earn it, orlan@postcomp.com

You will find about 20 hams making BPL a month. If ARRL "promotes" BPL, it means promoting traffic (messages) handling, nets and NTS, the National Traffic System. Will we find little increased interest in BPL and want to change it as we did PSHR...? Hold that thought for the rest of this year.

Steve and Pam’s Little Piece of Space on the World Wide Web

Steve and Pam have moved to South Carolina and have created a travel log from their Kansas door all the way to their new home with trip photos. Click on the URL below and then click on the word "CHECK" at the bottom of the home page and you will find his text with imbedded links to the photos. Enjoy riding along with them. http://home.carolina.rr.com/spmcatee/

Thank you to Terry Reim for the help with my address book!

See you next month....... Orlan wØoyh dit dit
FROM OUR SECTION MANAGER:
We're well into the new year and have hamfests, contests, picnics, info booths and public service events to look forward to. In the case of the PS events you can earn points toward Public Service Honor Roll. These are the stations that you see listed in the Public Service section of QST. Your report also appears on the Section Page on the League's website.

There are several categories that you may receive points for. Look at the League's website: www.arrl.org/FundES/field/pshr/ and go to the bottom of the page. You may also ask me for a copy. If you're participating in ARES or other PS nets and working walks and rides you may qualify. Give it a shot and let me know how you do.

Kansas has 2 new net control stations. Manager Mike-K0PY recently appointed WA0LYK-Jim and AB0WR-Tim as NCSs to QKS our CW traffic nets. Both live in Topeka and may be found on KS SSB Net also. Johnson County ARES (A4) held their annual awards meeting in January. Many awards and certificates were handed out that night. This year the group gave the EC an award for all that she's done over the years. This left June speechless! Not an easy feat.

73 Ron-KB0DTI - ARRL Ks Section Manager

Don't forget to check the Kansas Section News on the ARRL web for the very latest from Ron. We still need photos of your ham activities to post on KSN.
http://www.arrl.org/sections/KS.html

HAMFEST * La Cygne, KS * Saturday February 1, 2003
The Mine Creek Amateur Radio Club is holding an ARRL approved hamfest in La Cygne, KS on February 1, 2003.
40 miles south of Metcalf Shopping Center, Overland Park, Kansas on US 69.

HAMFEST - KEARNEY, NEBRASKA: Saturday February 1, 2003
M.A.R.C. HAMFEST 2003 - Midway Amateur Radio Club, Kearney, NE. - Buffalo Extension Building
Buffalo County Fairgrounds - 34th Street, just east of Avenue N - Kearney, Nebraska 68847 - Talk-in 146.625-146.520
Saturday, Feb 1st 2003 - 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM - Admission only $3.00 - Youth 12 & under free
Burghardt's Amateur Supply and numerous individuals will offer their amateur, electronics and computer goods.

Amateur license testing sessions to begin at 1 PM
Please pre-register for testing by Jan 15 if at all possible, Email: mosterburg@kearney.net
Walk-ins will be accepted but may be limit due to staffing or space consideration.

Come join us for breakfast 8:30 to 10 AM. Pancakes and sausage!
See our website: wØky.kearney.net
Testing info: mosterberg@kearney.net
Tables or other info: wØky@ yahoo.com
All of the sellers tables were taken last year, don't delay reservations!
Use the form below to reserve sellers tables for the flea market.

I would like _____ table (s), $_________ inclosed. Ckeck # ____________
Name: ____________________________________ Call ________________
Address: ___________________________________________
City: __________________________ State _________ Zip ________________
Phone: ___________________ Email address: ________________________

First table $8.00, additional tables $5.00 each. Includes admission.
Please make checks payable to MARC and return by Jan 24th 2003.
Mail to: MARC P.O. Box 1231 Kearney, NE. 68848 Info by Bill AAØOM. TU Bill.!

41st Annual Central Nebraska Amateur Radio Club Hamfest & Steak Fry
July 26-27, 2003 Victoria Springs State Recreation Area
Located 7 miles east of Anselmo, NE

Come and enjoy the beautiful Nebraska Sandhills with all of your fellow Hams and their families.

Victoria Springs received new electrical hookups and a dump station for better service to those with campers.

For those who aren't able to camp here is a list of available area accommodations. Make reservations early to secure a room.

Wildlife Inn Taylor 308-942-6234
Arnold Motel Arnold 308-848-2223
Drakes Sunset Motel Sargent 308-527-3700
Arrow Hotel Suites Broken Bow 308-872-6662
Bosselman's Motel Broken Bow 308-872-6842
Gateway Motel Broken Bow 308-872-2478
Super 8 Motel Broken Bow 308-872-6428
The Big 12 Motel Broken Bow 308-872-2412
Wagon Wheel Motel Broken Bow 308-872-2433
The Country Nest Bed & Breakfast Merna 308-643-2486
73's Mark Doehling WD0AAH 402-526-2266 surprisemd@alltel.net

Please forward to anyone you would like to see at Victoria Springs.
Happy New Year! 73's Mark WD0AAH

ARRL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS COURSE REGISTRATION:
Registration opens Monday, February 3, at 12:01 AM Eastern Time (0500 UTC) for the on-line Level I Emergency Communications course (EC-001). Registration remains open through the February 8-9 weekend or until all available seats have been filled -- whichever comes first. The class begins Tuesday, February 18.

Thanks to the federal homeland security grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service, the
$45 registration fee paid upon enrollment will be reimbursed after successful completion of the course. During this registration period, approximately 200 seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis.
To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Web page (www.arrl.org/cce), and the C-CE Links found there.
For more information, contact:
Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, dmiller@arrl.org; 860-594-0340.

**SILENT KEY:**
Plase send future SK info to your new SM, Ron kbOdti, kb0dti@arrl.org

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
WHAT DO YOU CALL 4 BULLFIGHTERS IN QUICKSAND? --- Quatro sinko.
WHAT DO YOU GET FROM A PAMPERED COW? --- Spoiled milk
WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS A SNOWMAN WITH A VAMPIRE? --- Frostbite.
WHAT LIES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN AND TWITCHES? --- A nervous wreck
WHERE DO YOU FIND A DOG WITH NO LEGS? --- Right where you left him. Ron Trembly - Thanks Ron

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TEACHER: Cindy, why are you doing your math sums on the floor?
CINDY: You told me to do it without using tables!

TEACHER: John, how do you spell "crocodile"?
TEACHER: No, that's wrong
JOHN: Maybe it's wrong, but you ask me how I spell it!
TEACHER: What is the chemical formula for water?
SARAH: "HIJKLMNO"!!
TEACHER: What are you talking about?
SARAH: Yesterday you said it's H to O! Harold Howard - Thanks Harold

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:**
We are moving Monday to the valley and will be turning off the computer Saturday so do not send any mail to this address in Kerrville,TX. We have enjoyed being here and meeting with all the hams for coffee and thanks for the party over at ALS. The best of every one over the country we have enjoyed your e-mails. We will have our telco line in down at Harlingen next Thursday we hope and once again can be in touch.
Ruth and Hal

E-mail address will be -----------@------------- If I copied it right.

**Anyone wishing his new email address, send me a request and I will Fwd it to him. Orlan**
Our Telephone # will be --------------
Address will be:
Harold Howard
xxxxxxxxxxxx
Harlingen, TX 78552
We will be on lot 241. We have a 3Bedroom Fleetwood The best to you both!
16 x76ft. Come and see us.

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Hi Orlan,
Thank you for forwarding the list of new radio amateurs and upgraded licensees to Ron. I'll pass the word along.
Hope your area receives some much-needed moisture in a gentle way. In the Northeast, we have a frozen snow pack that has been building up over the last few weeks. It's currently cold and sunny.

73,
Greetings All:

The description and syllabus for the upcoming General Class license course has been posted to the PKARC website.
http://www.notus.com/pkarc/class/class.htm
Please send this to anyone you know who might be interested in the class. Thanks to Dan, WAØYJE, for his efforts in getting this online.

73,

Mike
ABØVM

Thanks Orlan.. I got the messages. Yes the old flu bug got me. That makes only the fifth time in 15 years as Monday night net control that I missed. Just couldn't get out of bed to do it. Feeling better now.. Thanks
Joseph WD0DMV

Hi Orlan
It is no problem to leave you in the list. I sent the NL to Ron.
I have enjoyed working with you while you were SM. Hopefully we can continue to get together at the Salina gathering
73, Michael Albers - KØFJ

Hi Orlan:
Thanks for all you've done for Amateur Radio in Kansas as SM. Ham radio has benefitted from your many years of dedicated service in that vital role. When I was an EC, you made the job easy and enjoyable. You may be hanging up the SM spurs, but your contributions are long lasting and your service will continue to benefit many, even as ASM.
73 and God Bless my Friend.
Rick Reichert KF4LM

For those of you that might be interested in working the amateur satellites, here is a web page that does live tracking. You can actually download it and make it your active desktop if you are running Win98 or better. Have fun with it.
http://liftoff.msfc.nasa.gov/realtime/jtrack/Amateur.html
73 de Steve kb0jy/aar7bb

Orlan, Jeff Scholtz is now AC0J. Orlan, MANY THANKS for your SM service which I know at times was in spite of your druthers.
73 Bruce KØBJ

Orlan,
First congratulations on your "retirement" and thanks for your years of help to the ham community. I'm happy to see you will still be active with our section.
Best wished for the new year.
Mark Spaulding KCØFGP
Hi ole man
Im writting this to let others know about some of my activites. For some time now I hav been enjoying the mellow sounds of AM radio and still enjoy home brewing and boat anchor restoration. On a personal note I wish to thank you orlan for your many...many years of service to the amateur radio service in general and the state of kansas in particuler. Now for petes' sake slow down and enjoy the rest.Try ragchewing again, its great therapy..
73 es cul
Tom WB0ZNY

Hi Orlan,
Happy New Year. Congrats on your (what is it 3rd or 4th or 5th?) retirement (This time as SM). The picture you sent along at the end of the newsletter is kinda unique - not just because it shows your back, it shows mine as well. I'm the guy standing at the vendor's table almost center stage. (Shirt with blue and red stripes/squares).
73, Jim, W0EB

...and the best of all to you, my old friend. While back in KC over Thanksgiving, I found out, much to my sorrow, that my old friend PHIL GLANO ( W0EAJ ... yeah... the call IS almost the same)... is now a Silent Key, as of about a month ago. Phil and I worked within 15 feet of each other at Burstein-Applebee, up on Mercier St, from 1971 to 1977 when I was transferred and promoted out to Denver. I only knew his name, after rushing to the callbook, back there in 1962, after getting my brand-new Novice, and discovering to my disappointment that somebody ALREADY HAD the W0... call, so I'd be getting the WA0. Who would have imagined that 9 years later, upon waiting in the outer lobby of B-A for my new boss (Pro-Industrial Division), that I'd happen to notice a door that said VICE PRESIDENT... with a name plate on it... I stuck my head inside, and asked "Excuse me sir... are you an amateur radio operator?"... He said that he was... so I asked "Would you happen to be W0EAJ?"... surprised, he said "Well, yes"... I stuck out my hand and said "Well, I'm WA0EAJ, and I just went to work here!"... he smiled and said something to the effect of "Well, I'll be darned... nice to meet you".
Phil later gave me a HyGain 12AVS antenna, which was the predecesor of the 14AVQ, and I used it till about 1988, when Bob N0EUH (works down in the caves with Custom Radio Communications, Inc.) put it up on the side of the hill... it lasted until about 1997, when lightening hit it and melted it down to the mount. Sometime, I'll share another story with you that concerned Phil and I, and the other side of call-letter license plates.
Another Silent Key is my StepDad's (W0KI) best buddy, Norm Wilson - W0RAS of Leawood, KS. Also mentionable on the ARRL page you put out, is a wonderful fellow named Ellis Eldrid. Ellis ran the Ham Shack at Burstein-Applebee for quite a long time, there up at 3199 Mercier, and although Ellis himself, was never a ham, he always gave the best deals, and always had a friendly word for everyone. He took care of hams who didn't have a lot of money, and would always do an "extra deal" for young hams, just starting out. He will be very much missed, and the amateur community of Kansas City should take a moment to remember this affible guy.

....and now a private message: I'm sure you've talked to WB0EJJ (Empty Jelly Jar) along the way... Beryl Masters, of the Paul Revere Net fame. Beryl ran that net from it's charter night on July 4th, 1976 until he could no longer do it. Every Saturday midnight, there was Beryl calling for check-ins, and how he stayed up is beyond me, because after I grew a bit "older", I sure had a time keeping my peepers open. Well, now Beryl is out at the TimberLake "Assisted Living" Center at 12110 Holmes... (816) 941-3006. Beryl has become pretty depressed, as he's pretty much stuck there, due to the fact that he doesn't walk so good anymore. I encourage ALL amateurs who EVER talked to Beryl to PAY HIM A VISIT... and maybe take the old boy out for coffee or something. It would mean the world to him... trust me.... and yes, he still has a dual-bander there, but loading up the seamless gutters there, really wouldn't be too tough with an auto-tuner for his HF rig.
Thanks again - take care, and God Bless 73..... T. Carl (Denver)
Interesting, Orlan.
Attached is a picture of a novice PSHR and BPL champion, taken sometime after we bought the Drake R4B and T4XB, but before we bought the L4B. Probably 1973 because we moved in August 1974. The novice is Helen Morse, WN0GQL (now Helen Gish, WB0GQL/5).
Notice the strip of six BPL cards on the wall right above her head, as well as many other awards. That south wall was not big enough for all the awards, so they were later moved to the west wall on the right side of the picture. QSL cards covered the three other walls.
She's NCS of QKS SS, running the Johnson Viking Valiant to a 65' vertical, and a Heathkit SB-303. The keyer to the right of the SB-303 is a home-brew clone of the Hallicrafters HA-1 circuit, with a rotator control also built into the extra SB-303 cabinet. When I was building it, she listened to me sending CW, and learned the code, getting her ticket before me!
On the riser shelf on the far right is the reel-to-reel tape deck that could easily "send" CW at 120 WPM! <g>
Next to the Valiant, beyond the small green gooseneck lamp, is the relay driver it used, as well as isolating the Valiant high voltage from the home-brew keyer and straight key.
I can't make out the awards, but there should be WAS, WAC, ORS and PSHR on that wall. Helen also won the ARRL Novice Roundup one year, and the YLRL Howdy Days CW contest.
Nowhere was there any award for walking. <g>
73,
John F. Morse, N0EI WD0FKF
ex-WB0GVR WN0GVR KN0ZAO
SEE PHOTO AT THE END BELOW......
73, Orlan w0oyh .. KAR editor dit dit
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