Hi gang, I will be having cataracts on my left eye removed and a lens implant on the 19th and the right eye 2 weeks later. I am looking forward to the improved vision.

Our MW Director, Wade WØEJ reported the results of his inquiry about keeping CW in ham radio, got him 357 "yes" and 208 "no" and 57 who wanted to keep it for Extra class. As you all ready know the directors unanimously voted not to keep CW except 5 wpm for Extra. ARRL will petition the FCC to make these changes and we all will have a chance to reply to the FCC. I don't understand the point of an inquiry if the out come doesn't reflect it. I have seen this coming for many years but was surprised that it happened this soon. I am saddened because one of the things that have made hams and ham radio unique is the use of the International Morse Code. Ham radio's 90 year identify is fading into something else.

Our Directors are asking for some other changes in ham radio, see March QST page 42 for what is around the corner. What caught my eye was the new Novice, No-Code, HF license for 80, 40, 15 and 10 meters HF bands. Notice anything missing? Like the number one contest and DX band of 20 meters?

Further expansion of HF hams will be accomplished by merging the Technicians into General class. Notice we are creating more HFers without creating more HF space. If CW is out, why not redefine the CW bands to include HF operations? Let's face it...! We CW ops are a minority and with these changes we will be even more so. I don't see how our government can keep the CW bands free of other modes with out catering to a CW "special interest" group. What kind of a democracy would ask their government to recognize a minority of CW ops over a majority of voice ops for spectrum? Sorry fellows but we opened that door a long time ago and I don't see it being closed but being one of those factors that will determine Ham Radio's future. No CW requirement, no FCC designated CW bands and more spectrum for the majority mode user. It is only right...! Only one more step. Open all bands to all hams. It will be CB all over again.

Last month I offered a Kansas ARES Map to anyone requesting one. Every DEC and EC should have one in their resource kit. Anyone connected to emergency communications needs one. I received only 6 requests from the KAR announcement. I also put it on KSN, the Kansas Section News at http://www.arrl.org/sections/KS.html and got one more request. I than sent each DEC and EC an announcement and got 9 more requests. I would say my effectiveness with KAR and KSN is very poor. I am not reaching our dedicated emergency hams. I have posted the Map on KSN for the whole world to see. I will be refining it a bit, making corrections, and trying to keep it up to date.

I did newsletters for the QKS-SS, the Slow Speed CW Net in the 70s, the QKS CW net, a state wide packet newsletter via packet for 2 years until the node ops took down the nodes. I helped with the club's. For years I had a CW net member call me for info that was in his
I wrote and sent him with a postage stamp out of my pocket. He would say he didn't have time to open any newsletter. I would say please hold while I find my copy. Here is a guy that held an appointment asking for resources that were already in his hands if he had only read the newsletter. There is an old saying, you can lead a horse to water but you can not make him drink. Kansas has 36 ECs appointments and 6 DECs for a total of 131 ARRL appointments.

This must be the month for disappointments. I asked some of our Kansas ARRL officials to write short columns about their ARRL jobs and fellow hams serving their communities with them. Doesn't seem to be any interest in sharing what they are doing with other Kansas hams.

Have you moved, changed telephone numbers and have not let your SM or ARRL HQ know. In an emergency HQ will check their data base for your number and try to call you. Will they get you or some one else? I got some one else who said they had that number in Wichita for a year. If you are an ARRL appointee volunteering to help in an emergency, your correct data is very important to HQ and your SM. If your not sure, drop your SM your current data.

73, Orlan W0OYH UR ed

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Ron has brightened up the KSN (Ks Section News) page with some colors. Take a look...!

>>> http://www.arrl.org/sections/ks.html

MARSHALL COUNTY EXAM SESSION:
Hi All.

This is a reminder for the Marshall County ARC exam session planned for a week from today, February 17, 2004. The session begins at 7 PM and will be held at the Community Memorial Hospital Conference Center in Marysville. Complete information can be found at:

http://www.qsl.net/n0nb/ham/exams.html

If you or anyone you know is planning on attending our session, I would appreciate a note.

73, de Nate NO NB>

TOWERS, TOWERS, TOWERSssssssss
This is a bill, HB2514, in the Kansas House that would forbid the denial of a cellular tower installation request when based on "actual or perceived visual impact". It's part of a bill to require emergency 911 call locating for cellular phones. Lines 24 through 27 of page 2 are the important ones. It could eventually have positive flow down effect for ham towers, in addition to what PRB-1 does.

George KØGY
HELP, HELP, HELP, HELP, HELP:

Orlan,
Getting a new car can be a joy. My recent purchase of a 2004 Honda Accord included, with an exception. The factory car stereo has a spurious emission on 146.94 that obliterates reception of a primary Wichita repeater. Contacting the dealer, the car factory and even the radio manufacturer’s factory all has not helped. No one has offered a solution. Only that it is not their respective problem. A second vehicle, tested at the dealer, shows it is a design flaw and not a sample defect. A note to the FCC on 12/2/03 got this reply on 1/7/04:
From: FCCInfo [mailto:FCCInfo@fcc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2004 9:59 AM
To: Ken Thompson
Subject: FCC Consumer Center response from representative TSR27
You are receiving this email in response to your inquiry to the FCC on 1/7/2004 10:54:58 AM.
Good morning,
The FCC does not regulate the motor vehicle industry. Please contact the manufacturer for assistance with this issue.
Regards,
FCC, CGB, Gettysburg PA
Apparently illegal emissions from vehicles are not their concern. Wondering if any of your other readers have had a similar experience?
73
Ken, N0ITL Sounds like you should not have mentioned the car but the radio’s name and manufacturer to the FCC.
Look for a FCC type acceptance sticker on the radio. Good bet it was accepted this way by the FCC. I worked on electronic organ for 30 years. The computer ones had a type acceptance number that meant, if you had it within 10 feet of your TV you won’t be watching TV while the organ is on. That made it bad for people living in a trailer house, hi hi. Orlan

NEWSLETTER, NEWSLETTER, NEWSLETTER, NEWSLETTER, NEWSLETTER:

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SLOW SPEED CW TRAINING NETS:
Hello Orlan.... The Oklahoma Training Net, (which don’t have any help from Oklahoma) meets on 7120.65 khz at 5:20 pm daily. Then the Texas Slow Net 3719 khz at 8:00 pm (we start the early session at 7:45pm. Send a training lesson each net. Pat sends one on the otn, and I send the next lesson on the tsn. The lessons were written by the Baltimore Training Net, probably 20 or 30 years ago. Good cw copy training, and the info applies on all types of nets. The ares does a good job, but on the Edmond Ok ares 2 meter net, maybe 30 checkins, and none of them know how to pick up a message for Edmond. Folks too afraid of making a mistake? Or don’t want to learn?
On the otn and tsn net, we don’t bite, we can’t hear any mistakes, and we try to get each station to make a practice net call. That is the way that Hub w5uh trained us on the arts net,
then when he became a silent key, he had someone to keep the net going.

Last month on the arts net, 7060.5 kHz mon/friday at 7am to 8am and 10.120.00 on 30 meters on weekends, the arts net had 238 checkins, 31 sessions and 466 traffic. Most of this traffic to new issued calls, inviting them to join the fun of cw traffic nets. Most of it will fall of deaf ears. No elmers, and most don't want a elmer. But they are getting the invite, just like we did. We were advised that if we checked into a slow traffic net we would get better on cw. We helped others more than we realized we would. Gained many friends for moral support when we got sick. Much more support than we gained from our own fleshy family. So something to think about. You gain much more than you give to a cw traffic net.

Then later in the evening on 3721 there is the ksn net. 9 pm central time.

73 Arley and Pat I have known Arley and Pat sense the 70 and the Ks QKS-SS slow speed CW Net.

**W9BSP & ENSOR MUSEUM OLATHE KANSAS:** [http://w9bsp-w9ua.org/](http://w9bsp-w9ua.org/)

Hi Orlan,

Minor correction and a short story about the Ensor Museum if you ever need filler material for the KAR newsletter.

The only two remaining JCRAC charter members are W0LQV and W0DEL. My allowance at age three in 1950 couldn't handle the dues. I became a member in 1959. Thanks for the corrections Gary.

In the early to mid-’60’s, my wife and I visited Loretta, ex-W9UA/W0UA. There was a brief article about her in a local paper and I decided to just call her cold and ask if she’d let us stop by. She was a very gracious host. We were there most of the day. She said she had done little with the radio equipment since Marshall’s death. And her health didn’t permit her to do much general upkeep of the place she said. I asked her if there was anything I could do. She asked me to check over the radio station that hadn’t been turned on in years. I did and everything seemed to work. I did not attempt any QSO’s. I really enjoyed looking through Marshall’s log. He logged as I did in my early years as a ham. Back then, the FCC required that you log EVERY transmission. When I got my novice ticket, I wasn’t aware the final in my transmitter was burnt out. I still have my old logs including the first six pages of 200+ CQ transmissions (none answered). I finally took my Globe Chief 90 back to Ellis at B-A and he located and fixed the problem with a new 807 final tube. Anyway, Marshall logged EVERY transmission. 99% were the one-way code practice transmissions that he became famous for. There was page after page after page. Plus there was one ham he kept a daily schedule with for 10 plus years. I don’t remember the call sign other than it was a pre-VV2 W9 (local) call sign. It looked to me they didn’t miss making contact more than a few days in those 10 years. He made very few other contacts or at least not recorded in the logs I read through. Loretta also asked me to climb up into the hayloft of the barn as she couldn’t remember what all was up there. She did want me to check on the condition of a piano that was a family heirloom. The hayloft (now the second floor of the museum) was pretty dusty and crammed with all kinds of farm equipment and some old radio equipment I’ve recognized now on display in the museum. I’m glad what I saw got saved. The piano looked to be in good shape. She yelled up for me to lift up the keyboard cover and see how the keys sounded. Instead of any musical notes coming forth, Loretta and my wife (Doris, W0DMY), found me standing next to them on the first floor within milliseconds. They said I bypassed using the ladder getting down. There was a big bull snake taking a nap under the keyboard cover. Loretta said “oh, that’s just Joe -- he does a great job keeping the mouse population in check”. I looked for that piano my last time at the museum but didn't see it. I think I would have left the keyboard cover down.

73,
Gary, W0TM Thanks Gary for the very nice article about your visit to the Ensor Museum. Great for KAR...!

**EC, EMERGENCY COORDINATOR OF LEAVENWORTH, KS:**

Folks,

Attached is the map that Orlan made. It is quite impressive. No attachment in KAR.

We are beginning a new era. I believe the efforts you have contributed in the past are monumental. However, I truly believe we need to be better prepared if we are indeed going to respond professionally to any kind of disaster. We don't want to be contributing to the problems - we want to be the ones who fix or overcome the problems. In order to do that we need to train. I don't have time, and neither do you, to dedicate an overwhelming amount of effort. I believe we can all spend four or five hours over the course of a year supporting ARES training. This time doesn't
include the SET exercises in April, June and November (three exercises is not in concrete yet - just a recommendation from last year). That is a separate volunteer effort - although I would encourage all of you to participate in at least one. It is a learning experience. We can incorporate ARES training with club meetings or meet separately. Your choice.

For now, I would ask each of you to make a commitment that you will support ARES. Some of you are not officially members of ARES yet and some of you are truly part-time. I welcome all of you. Just let me know that you want to continue in this most worthy of causes and are willing to contribute what time you can for training. If a disaster actually strikes, I need to know who to call first as a trained responder.

The last thing I want to do is be pushy, but I need to know who is really going to be there. I don't know how else to say it. You folks are the finest in America when it comes to giving in the interest of amateur radio and the community. I don't want to imply anything other than that.

So let me know who is going to be active, who is going to part-time, and who is no longer interested. We'll put together a schedule of events and take it from there. Thanks for listening.

73 and Happy New Year, Paul, KC0JCQ EC of ARES group C4 Leavenworth Co. I am glad the map fits a need. Orlan

ARRL KANSAS STATE CONVENTION AUGUST 15, 2004:
Convention >>>> http://www.qsl.net/ckarc/

CERTIFICATION & CONTINUING EDUCATION REGISTRATION:
ARRL Emergency Communications Course registration (Feb 6, 2004) -- Registration opens Monday, February 9, 12:01 AM Eastern Time (0501 UTC), for the Level II Emergency Communications on-line course (EC-002). Registration remains open through the February 14-15 weekend or until all seats are filled--whichever occurs first. Class begins Tuesday, February 24. Thanks to our grant sponsors--the Corporation for National and Community Service and the United Technologies Corporation--the $45 registration fee paid upon enrollment will be reimbursed after successful completion of the course. During this registration period, approximately 60 seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education (C-CE) Web page and the C-CE Links found there. For more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, mailto:dmiller@arrl.org, 860-594-0340.

SILENT KEYS:
Orlan, Roger Medlin w0hlu died on January 1. He was 81 and had been an active ham since before WW2. You can find an abbreviated obituary on the Manhattan Area Amateur Radio Society web page. I don't remember if you include SK information in the KAR newsletter or not.


See you in August.

Norm NØJCC Thanks Norm and nice web site.
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WØNI- Stan Skwarlo of Prairie Village. Stan previously held the call of KØEON when he lived in Shawnee
WØLOW "Doc" Ralph Jain of Colby.

Please remember to inform your SM, kb0dti@arrl.org of your fellow hams who become SKs so they can be recognized and remembered in QST, KSN and here in KAR.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

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THANKS ORLAN FOR THE NICE COMPLIMENT. NOW I HAVE TO LIVE UP TO THOSE NICE COMMENTS.
73 DAVE WØFCL

Thanks OT for sending me the KAR news letter. I read it from top to bottom while waiting for the W NE Net to begin on 3.95 mhz.
This BPL business sounds like a nightmare. I mostly use HF and I can't begin to imagine what operating would be like with S9+ digital interference.
Now, I'll go back and check out some of the links included in the newsletter.
Oh yes, TNX for the information of the Ham Convention in Salina on Aug. 15th. I've got it on my calendar. CU there.
Dave w0fcl

Dear Orlan:
The ARRL has been a great help to me over my 52+ years of hamming.
When I was a youngster, the ARRL License Manual and the How to Learn the Radiotelegraph Code was a real help to me in getting my ham license in 1951.
Every homebrew piece of equipment I built came from schematics and directions in either QST or the Radio Handbook,
ARRL has kept me informed of changes in the hobby that affect me.
I am really pleased to help the W1AW Endowment Fund.
73: Dave w0fcl Thanks Dave...!

Please Orlan, I would. Glad that Paul Backs is now the Leavenworth County EC.
Have a safe tornado season...
NØLGY TKS Jack, miss U sense retiring away from our area.

I don't think you will get fired, Orlan! to error is to be human and I R 1.

Say, I am changing my email address.

Larry W0AIB

Web: http://www.geocities.com/lsstaples/lss.html

Hey Orlan!
"The Boys" said "Thanks for the picture, but who's the ugly human next to us?" Thanks for that... I'm sure the few who still know me back there, would like to see how I've aged... last time some of 'em saw me was back in August of 1977, when I moved to Colorado with a promotion from Burstein-Applebee. Next time was in 1988, when I had been in Merriam for a couple of years after losing my Dad. Obviously, the "kids" age better than me! HI HI HI PS - how the heck do you make those slashed-zeros? I usually use the "theta" when I'm in "word", but can't make it happen in Emails.

73
You're STILL doing a terrific job... really!

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I do a Ø by holding down the "Alt" key while pressing the Ø, 2, 1, and 6 keys, one at a time on the number pad at the extreme right and when you release the "Alt" key the Ø appears. That is a lot of key strokes for nothing, Ø = nothing, hi hi. Orlan

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Hi Again,
My machine didn't like the W0TM site... kept locking up, but I'll look him up on QRZ. Yes, right near Denver we have the Squaw Mountain site (12,500+ feet). Many repeaters on there, as it's a US Forest Service site. The altitude of many of our repeaters enables me to use a Yaesu VX-1R on 350mw to bring up nearly every one of 'em... VHF & UHF... kinda' spoils you.
On a serious note: Yes, the power companies have a bone and they're not going to give it up easily. After all, they have MORE MONEY than we do, and an attorney friend in KC put it very well, once... "How much justice do you think we can afford?". Interesting, is that if you look in the 1945 Amateur Radio Handbook, you'll see a very large section on "carrier current communication"... that was all that was allowed to the amateur during WW-II, and while not exactly desirable, it did work locally... that, on a large scale, is what the power companies want to do with the broad-band stuff... only it would be much higher level. One question: what will it do to an AM broadcast radio? If we can prove QRM to THAT "service", then we've an ally in this fight.

**WE MUST WRITE LETTERS** - NOT Email folks... LETTERS! An email can be erased, thus forgotten... a letter is tangible and therefore not as ignorable... it can remain viable, by the simple principle of it's presence! The power companies ALREADY do carrier-current communications over it's lines as control signals, so the jump to BPL is pretty easy... BUT - if a 100w signal can screw them up... then let's all get on HF and make it happen! The more HF activity we can generate, the more viable WE LOOK as a "service".
Remember... ham radio is called "The Amateur Service"... let's not let them all forget that!
Tom Dailey - WA0EAJ Thanks for those words of wisdomTom. Sure makes sense. Orlan

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Orlan,
Hope you had a good holiday season. I wanted to let you know that I am receiving two copies of the KAR.
73 and thanks, Larry n0uxg Throw the other one on some ones front porch..........hi hi.
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Hey Orlan
send me the ARES Map please...Yes I,m still alive...and still an active ham...I just built a little 2 transistor audio pre amp for my dynamic mic to drive an equilizer....I have also been using my homebrew rigs to explore the WARC bands on CW....Still have an annoying backwave on 18 mhz...Great article on the Ensor Museum 73 for now
Tom,Wb0zny On the way. Tom is a NTS CW tfc handler.
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Orlan,
Please send the January 2004 Kansas ARES Map . Thanks!
Carol KCOMRJ My pleasure........
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Hi Orlan,
Tx for the newsletter. I have updated our website, listed below. It includes several photos of Field Day and our SET.

Steve

Steve & Pamela McAtee  Thanks Steve for keeping us up with U and URS through the web site. Orlan
13603 Edgetree Drive
Pineville, NC 28134
http://home.carolina.rr.com/spmcatee/

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Thanks,
I don’t get to many JCRAC meetings these days but hope to see you at one in 2004 or maybe at the Lacygne hamfest.
73, Gary WØTM The hamfest was great. All the biscuits and gravy was sold out B4 I got there. Orlan

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This is incredible!!! Thanks Orlan. 73 Paul. I am glad the map met UR needs as EC of Leavenworth Co.

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WAØE AJ finally figured out how to do Ø Ø it...you’re my hero. Tom

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Thanks for passing this along Orlan, I like that Psalm of Radio in addition to the picture of Ron. I'm glad the event was successful.
73, Chuck KØBOG ARRL HQ staffer We appreciate you being there for us hams.

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Thanks Orlan, Nice picture. 73 Dale K0KY Mo SM. My pleasure Dale...!

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Orlan: I was glad you enjoyed the photos and scriptures. I sent them to a lot of my friends. I am finally getting rested up from my Hawaii trip and things are put back where they belong. Also had laundry to do but that is out of the way for awhile. Took so many scenic photos and have to put them in an album. Of course I don’t enjoy the cold weather here. It’s bad for my arthritis?? can't spell anyway. Thanks for keeping in touch. Maybe one of these days we can visit in person. Take Care. Helen TKSG agn Helen......

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Hi Wendell and others:
Yesterday I got out five bugs, cleaned them off and tuned them up so they sounded good on the air. I have a sixth bug in need of some spare parts to make it usable. One of the items I needed was those cap nuts for the binding posts.
On the Vibroplex website binding posts nuts went for $4.00 apiece. That is a terrible price. I ended up buying two brass knurled nuts, size 6X32 for 40 c. apiece, and I thought that was overpriced for two nuts. Those are the same knurled nuts that came on those big old dry cell batteries. Anyway, saved lots of money even if they are brass.
I did end up ordering the finger and thumb pcs, something Waters True Value does not stock. Also the large wgt assemblies for the Original model bugs were included on the order. I like the slower speed they offer. I love those bugs; can’t get enough of them.
73: Dave w0fc1 - - stay warm

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Good evening Orlan,

Thanks for the map as this will help fulfill one of the requirements. It's good to have an updated copy for the coming spotter season, too. I appreciate your help and will pass along your greetings on the Wednesday net.
73,

Mike
AB0VM Thanks and glad the map fills a need.

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Hi Orlan; Please forward the ARES map. Thanks
73, Michael Albers - KØFJ My pleasure Mike...!

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Orlan,

THANKS...YES please send one to me: KSSATERN@att.net You do a GREAT JOB!!!!!!
June Jeffers KB0WEQ Who can say no to a very busy lady ham who wears 3? 4? ___? hats.

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Hi Orlan,

Hope this finds you well. Please send me your latest Kansas ARES map.
Thanks for all the work you do.--73
Doug, N0LKK Sure will...! Glad to help the DEC od District 3

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Gentlemen—

I’m looking for a local amateur radio club in the Kansas City/Overland Park area. I got my Technician license along about ’78 or so, and I’ve kept my license up, but haven’t been on the air in 20 years or more. This Christmas, my wife gave me a little handheld SW receiver and rekindled my interest.

There was a lot of amateur radio I didn’t really explore back when, and there seems to be a lot more of it now. (PSK31?? Never heard of that before!) I stayed in the novice CW bands and chatted with the local guys on our club 2M repeater—never had the equipment or license to do much more. Sold my radios years ago, and now everything I used to know is 20 years out of date. I checked out a couple of books from the library and poked around on the internet some. I’ve been very much enjoying my “research” but I was feeling a little overwhelmed; I didn’t know where to start.

So I called NØLL (Larry) out of the blue, one of my old radio buddies from 20+ years ago and had a great chat with him. He gave me your names and suggested I contact you fellows about a local club.

I live in Kansas City, Kansas near KU Med Center and the Plaza and I work in Overland Park. Could either of you recommend a group nearby?

73,

Rodger Abbott Nice to see you at the JoCo ARC Roger.

WDØDMK

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