Hi gang, Welcome to the year 2010! It is time to reflect again on what ham radio is about and why our government gives us the privilege to be on the air. In one word, we are communicators!

In order for two people to communicate, one must cause the other to think the same thoughts he or she is thinking. How do I transfer my thoughts from my mind to another person's mind? Words! I must find words that say what my mind is thinking. Also language. So if I am to convey my thoughts to someone in the English language, I need to be good with the English language and English dictionary.

We also need a standard formatted message form which allows us to know what is coming next. Accuracy is everything. A message, even with a small error is worthless because it does not communicate the thoughts of the first person.

As radio communicators we some times find ourselves involved in writing a message of what is in another persons mind, to cause some one hundreds of miles away to think the same thing. This is called “third party traffic.” There is the person whose thoughts are being converted to words in a message, the person who is “originating” the message and the person who receives the message hundreds of miles away. Some foreign countries don't allow 3rd party tfc and you need to check the list before writing one.

I wonder what would happen if different emergency agencys got togather and decided to test us hams by asking us to send a formal message for them to a some one hundreds of miles away. Can we with out a “message form” write one. Do we have assess to a NTS net to move the message out of state and across the US to its destination? If we can not do that at a drop of a hat, we are poor communicators. So why not make 2010 the year we become proficient in 3rd party tfc? ARRL sells a book called “The ARRL Operating Manual” which needs to be on every “Communicators” book shelf. The one I have was published in 1980 with a cover price of $5.00. It probably many times that now. If you want a little practice in writing and sending messages, check into the weather net on 3929 kHz at about 5:45 pm daily and send your weather report as a message to the net control.

◆As I have said the last couple of KAR's, the HF bands are very bad for state wide communications because of the sun-spot minimum. For Dxing it is great. I try to run the CW tfc Net on 3547 kHz and all I hear are east coast stations loud and clear. I suspect this will continue into April.

◆Orlan, This might be interesting to follow. http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2010/01/08/11281/?nc=1

Hope you are keeping warm, we've been in the low 30s the last few days and had 2 inches of snow this morning. It will be getting colder over the weekend. Have to find spring soon if only on the calendar!

73,
Chuck, KØBOG - ARRL staffer

◆Here is one I think you will all enjoy. Click on the URL and step into the ARRL lab where new products are being put through their paces for U B4 U buy em.
Did you know there is a free computer operating system out there and other free stuff like word processors, photo editors and etc. I am using "Open Office" to write this because when I am finished it has a button labeled "pdf" and when I click it, this newsletter becomes a pdf file that I send out as the KAR newsletter. Anyway, I <sniped> the following from "LL" which mentions the "Linux Journal" URL. {Michael Pratt, KB0EPY, sends along: Linux Journal posted an article about Ham Radio!} <http://www.linuxjournal.com/ham>

I am a little slow sending this issue of KAR out because I thought there would be more coming in to publish. I guess this is the slow month of the year. Everyone is taking a deep breath B4 going at it again.

Just in case you missed out on hearing Santa sing, I saved one for you. http://www.justiceforone.com/images/merryxmas.swf

For your information:
◆ For a printable Kansas ARES map click >>>http://www.cenkares.org/
◆ For back issues of KAR newsletters, click>>> http://ksarrl.org
◆ Kansas Section News page click>>> http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS
◆ Keep up with the world of ham radio, CLICK >>>> http://www.arrl.org/
◆ NF9L Kansas City page http://kcHamRadio.com
◆ To download and view the WorldRadio Online, go to the CQ home page at <www.cq-amateur-radio.com> and click on the "WorldRadio Online" box.

73, Orlan wØoyh UR KAR ed and ARRL Ks Ast. Section Mgr.   w0oyh@arrl.net

Did it snow?
Mine Creek Amateur Radio Club
Saturday, February 6, 2010
LaCygne, KS Community Building on Broadway
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Free Admission
Tables - $10.00
Hourly Prizes -- Main Prize ??? Drawn at Noon
(Tickets —$1.00 each or 6 for $5.00)
For more information contact:  Ron (913)-757-3758 e-mail: <kb0dti@arrl.net>
Talk-in: 147.285+
Take US 69 to K152 and go West 5 miles to town.
Or take K7 Hwy to K152 and go East 8 miles to town. Turn North on Broadway.

(That is right, it looks like we will have two hamfests on the same day!)

<cut & pasted> from “LL” Larry's List.

More from Ron >> http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS

Ron D. Cowan, KB0DTI
ARRL Kansas Section Manager:
kbo dti@arrl.org

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You will find Ron on the Ks Weather Net (as NCS some times) on 3920 kHz at 6:00 PM and on the Ks Sideband Net at 6:30 PM and on the QKS CW net at 7 & 10 PM on 3574 kHz.

 envoye; <<<<<< Snowed In >>>>>>><<<<<<<
ARES activity report for November 2009.

Time to give Bob WG0Q a big lift in his effort to reconstruct the ARES activities in a number of counties in SW corner of the state, Bob accepted the challenge to look for qualified hams that could and will accept the position as Emergency Coordinator for the various counties comprising Zones 6A (Gray and Finney counties), Zone 6B (Clark, Kiowa and Comanche counties), Zone 6C (Ford, Hodgeman, Pawnee and Edwards counties), Zone 6D (Ness and Rush counties), Zone 6E (Greeley, Wichita, Scott and Lane counties), Zone 6F (Seward, Stevens, Seward counties) and Zone 6G (Hamilton, Grant, Kearny and Stockton counties) a total of 6 Zones and 24 counties. Zone 6A at last count had 71 potential hams, and is coordinated by James Douglas AC0E. Zone 6B had 12 hams no EC, Zone 6C had 65 hams and no EC, Zone 6D had 38 hams and no EC, Zone 6E had 33 hams EC is Rod Hogg, K0EQH, Zone 6F had 48 hams Steve Benson N0BTH is the EC, and Zone 6G 58 hams and Dean Krehbiel N0OMC is the EC.

Known clubs within District:
Sand Hills Amateur Radio Club contact person K0EQH
Southwest Kansas ARES Group contact person unknown
Great Salt Plains (Kiowa & Pratt) contact person unknown

If there are others you know about or you have corrections please contact Bob Summers K0BXF at RSUMMBXF@aol.com or 3045 N. 72nd St, Kansas City, KS 66109 with your input.

I did not yet attempt to get a grasp as to the Repeaters that are active within the area, however I do remember someone saying effort is being made to tie them all together. Anyone wishing to help get me up to date and keep me there, on the repeater situation please do not hesitate. All Repeater Trustees should also be in contact with the state coordinator of Repeaters Brian Short at kcshorty@gmail.com

Every zone should attempt to have representation on the HF network system here in Kansas ie: sideband net, phone net, CW net, Slow speed CW net, RACES net Salvation Army SATERN net at a minimum or at least have a goal to see that representation is being made at every opportunity. Net frequencie and times on State web page:

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

ARES activity totals for November '09 are
20 ARES Zones reporting
108 nets in session
685 qni for month
50 msgs handled

KS Army MARS reported .... man hours of operation with,,,,,.msgs originated.
KS RACES net had ....QNI and following counties represented ..........,
No SATERN report for the month activity received
Jeremy KE0MD has become the new EC for Zones 4J and 4K and Jim AJ5BS took the helm in Zone 5A.

best 73 to all Bob Summers K0BXF ARRL SEC KS
You can find Bob on the Kansas Sideband Net on 3920 kHz at 6:30 pm most evenings.

KANSAS RACES OFFICER – Joseph WDØDMV

A New Year has started, a record cold one at that, and as most new starts, there are changes. Myron, WØPBV, is still calling the RACES Net on the first Thursday night of the month at 7:00 pm local time on 3940 MHz. until further notice. I miss calling or even being able to check into this net, but that too will change come April 1st. I will not be at my regular work location due health reasons until late February or first of March, at which time I will be retiring. This means I will not have any access to email or internet until further notice. I hope to get this corrected by the first of April also. The good news, I guess, I will be on the radio, as health and time will allow me, for the next few months. Before internet and email, this was a good was to communicate, and still is in my opinion. So for the next couple of months, I can be reached by the "old" ways, "snail" mail, home telephone or just listen for me on the Kansas Side Band Net in the evenings at 5:30 pm on 3920 MHz. (Hint: I am net control on Monday night.) Until I return, here is wishing all a Great New Year, and any changes, be good ones.

73, Joseph WDØDMV - State RACES Officer wd0dmv@arrl.net

Joseph can be found on the Kansas Sideband Net on 3920 kHz most evenings at 6:30 PM.

ARRL KANSAS YOUTH ASSISANT SECTION MANAGER

Greetings.

As you read this, I am on my way back to college for the second semester. The New Year seems an appropriate time to hand over Assistant Section Manager for Youth responsibilities. It's been my honor to serve as the section's youth representative.

It has been a wonderful experience being part of Kansas amateur radio and the ARRL Field Organization. Years ago, few had heard of youth representatives in each section. That is changing, and I see it as a positive sign. The past several years have seen an increase in interest among hams to bring younger operators into the service. Kansas was one of the first sections to appoint a youth representa-

Thank you to Mr. Ron and Mr. Orlan, who have been great supporters of the ASM-Youth position.
One final thank you to everyone—especially Brian Short (2009 ARRL Instructor of the Year!)—for your support of the Legacy Project. My sincere appreciation goes out to those who opened your shack doors, demonstrated ham radio to school groups, put on public displays, operated JOTA stations, or taught classes. The hundreds of Kansas kids who were exposed to ham radio and the dozens (or more) who got licensed as a result owe you a big debt. Every little bit helped.

I wish all of you the best and look forward to hearing you on the air.

Until then...

73 es 88,

Emily
KCØPTL
JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

AT
WEBELOS Woods 2009
QUIVIRA COUNCIL
October 17, 2009

White Buffalo District, Quivira Council held their Fall WEBELOS Woods at Camp Kanza during the Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) weekend and invited local hams to participate. This is our fourth year supporting the scouts at WEBELOS Woods and this year Ron Cowan, ARRL Section Manager for KS join us. Camp Kanza is about 1 hour northwest of Wichita, KS. The JOTA event was one of the positions in the WEBELOS Woods rotation. Every scout had the opportunity to get an overview of Amateur Radio and talk on HF or 2 meter radios. The event made 71 contacts and had 310 Cub Scouts talk on the radio. Every year the number of Cub Scouts that get on the radio increases. Many of the scouts are returns from last year and they look forward to getting on the radio again..................

For the complete artical, go to:  http://jota.whitebuffalodistrict.info/JOTA2009.htm

73's
Harvey Jones – ac0eg

To All Kansas ARRL Officials;

My goal has somewhat changed, yet the outcome remains the same. I need for the word to get out that I am moving the Kansas state ARES information to a new domain, It will feature the same links as the present site.

My new goal is to dedicate the domain www.cenkares.org to its intended use, for the ARES Zone 5A EC. I have merged the sites which will redirect to http://ksarrl.org/ares (which requires no www in most cases). If this information is not changed, then there will be a redirect to the new home for information.

http://ksarrl.org/ares
http://ksarrl.org/ares/alphaks.html
http://ksarrl.org/ares/distks.html
http://ksarrl.org/ares/printit/

I am still hoping to get all of the information up-to-date for the following page. If you can assist in making this list current, please do contact me. http://ksarrl.org/section/. Any changes are appreciated.

73
Kent Stutzman, KB0RWI

AROUND THE NATION:

Ham Radio Fest

Sponsored by
Midwest Search and Rescue

Date: February 6, 2010 Time: 9 am to 5 pm
Location: Superior Response Solutions Inc.
10015 North Ambassador Dr Suite 200
Kansas City, Mo 64153
Tickets
$6.00 pre registration plus 3 free raffle tickets
$7.00 at the door
$1.00 per raffle ticket

Vendor Tables
$20.00 per table pre registration
$25.00 per table at the door
Vendor set up at 6:30 am

Registration Form

Name____________________ Call Sign____________________
Phone Number______________________________
Table______________________________
Tickets____
Please send Registration to Superior Response Inc
or Call (816) 431-6277 to pre register by phone.
Make checks payable to
Midwest Search and Rescue

Any questions call (816) 431-6277 between 9am and
5 pm Monday thru Friday
Larry,

Here's another event you can add to the listing of 2010 ham radio activities.

6th Annual 'Freeze Your Keys' winter operating event. Saturday February 20th at the shelter house in Weston Bend State Park.

Operating times will be 1400 Z to 2200 Z or 0800 to 1600 CST. Operating frequencies will be on 40 and 20 meters in both the CW and SSB portions of those bands.

This event is open to anyone, so feel free to stop by and operate or observe the activities.

See the February issue of QST Magazine under 'Special Events' for more details.

Thanks,

Gary Auchard - WB0MNA
<w0ebb@juno.com>
Leavenworth Kansas

◆The Amateur's Code

The Radio Amateur is

CONSIDERATE... never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL... offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE... with knowledge abreast of science, a well-built and efficient station and operation above reproach.

FRIENDLY... slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED... radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC... station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

--The original Amateur's Code was written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, in 1928.
Still as appropriate today as it was when it was written 82 years ago! Thanks to Roger Snowdall, W0KWJ for reminding me of this classic.

QKS - THE ARRL KS CW TFC NET OF THE 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

I am Net control on Monday, Fridays and Saturdays at 10 PM. Been doing that for 30+ years... Orlan

KANSAS STATE ARRL CONVENTION:
AUGUST 16  2010

MAP >>> http://www.centralksarc.com/prnt.php_files/mapimage.png

More Info & Central Kansas ARC >>> http://www.centralksarc.com

HA - HA - HA - HA – HA

On a bitterly cold winter's morning a husband and wife in Cheektowaga were listening to the radio during breakfast.

They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through."

So the good wife went out and moved her car.

A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through."

The good wife went out and moved her car again.

The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says,

"We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park...." Then the electric power went out. The good wife was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, "I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snowplows can get through?"

Then with the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to blondes
exhibit, the husband replied, "Why don't you just leave the darn car in the garage this time."

◆ The Cowboy Boots (Anyone who has ever dressed a child will love this one!)

Did you hear about the Texas teacher who was helping one of her kindergarten students put on his cowboy boots?

He asked for help and she could see why...Even with her pulling and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on. By the time they got the second boot on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost cried when the little boy said, 'Teacher, they're on the wrong feet.' She looked, and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the right feet.

He then announced, 'These aren't my boots.'

She bit her tongue rather than get right in his face and scream, 'Why didn't you say so?' like she wanted to. Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner had they gotten the boots off when he said, 'They're my brother's boots. My mom made me wear 'em.' Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. But, she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his little feet again.

Helping him into his coat, she asked, 'Now, where are your mittens?

He said, 'I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots.'

She will be eligible for parole in three years!

◆ "A police officer pulls over a speeding car. The officer says, " I clocked you at 80 miles per hour, sir."

The driver says, "Gee, officer I had it on cruise control at 60, perhaps your radar gun needs calibrating."

Not looking up from her knitting the wife says: "Now don't be silly dear, you know that this car doesn't have cruise control."

As the officer writes out the ticket, the driver looks over at his wife and growls, "Can't you please keep your mouth shut for once?"

The wife smiles demurely and says, "You should be thankful your radar detector went off when it did."

As the officer makes out the second ticket for the illegal radar
detector unit, the man glowers at his wife and says through clenched teeth, "Darn it, woman, can't you keep your mouth shut?"

The officer frowns and says, "And I notice that you're not wearing your seat belt, sir. That's an automatic $75 fine."

The driver says, "Yeah, well, you see officer, I had it on, but took it off when you pulled me over so that I could get my license out of my back pocket."

The wife says, "Now, dear, you know very well that you didn't have your seat belt on. You never wear your seat belt when you're driving."

And as the police officer is writing out the third ticket the driver turns to his wife and barks, "WHY DON'T YOU PLEASE SHUT UP??"

The officer looks over at the woman and asks, "Does your husband always talk to you this way, Ma'am?"

I love this part....

"Only when he's been drinking."

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Have U checked the weather at the boat dock?
◆ It is with a sad heart that tell you that Terry passed away unexpectedly Tuesday. I got home from work at about 9:40P and found him in his chair. Even though the medical examiner didn’t say, I’m thinking it was a heart attack and he went so fast he didn’t even know. I take some comfort in the fact that he didn’t suffer, though it will be quite an adjustment. I was at my parents making the final arrangements, but back home for a few days as there were things I couldn’t do from Fulton. I’ll return to Fulton on Wednesday.

Funeral services and burial will be Sat, Jan 9 in Fulton MO. I will be having a memorial service at our home church as well, when those arrangements have been made I will pass them on. Please share information as you wish.

Lynda Wabich, 913-221-1020

Tim Wabich, 61, of Overland Park, Kansas, went home to be with the Lord on December 29, 2009. He was born August 8, 1948, in Chicago, Illinois. He is survived by his wife, Lynda Maddox Hetherington of Overland Park, Kansas; one sister, Patricia Fritz of Algonquin, Illinois; six nephews and their families, Bill, Gary, Ricky, Randy, Rory, and Bob Fritz; step-son, Gary Hetherington, Jr., of the state of Kentucky; step-daughter, Jenny Sweeting and her husband, Allen; and three step-grandchildren, Maddox, Braxton, and Alexia Sweeting of Fulton, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his parents. Bear retired from Sprint in 2008, where he worked as a network planer for over forty years. He was a member of the Elm Grove Baptist Church. He was a mason, he loved photography, a ham radio operator, where he volunteered for numerous charitable organizations, and he loved children, especially his grandchildren. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 9, 2010, at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Fulton, Missouri, with Rev. W.D. Lockhart officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Elm Grove Baptist Church or American Heart Association. Condolences may also be sent to the family at <http://www.maupinfuneralhome.com>
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Hi Orlan,

First a thank you editing the KAR newsletter. I may have noticed their may be an error in the email address for Joe, WDØDMV. The email listed is wd0dmv@arrl.net my guess is the "r" at the end should be a "t", as it arrl.net. Hope the bug is done with you. 6" snow here, 30MPH winds and -8 temperatures already.

Doug, N0LKK  Yep, TU 4 catching that one 4 me Doug.

◆ Orlan,

K0OJ forwarded your Dec 09 KAR newsletter to me. I enjoyed it because I am a displaced Missourian. Graduated from the engineering college at MU and have ended up here in Richland, Washington after retirement.

I was born and raised in Stover, MO and got my Novice license KN0BQJ in 1955, upgraded to Conditional (K0BQJ) shortly after, moved to Las Vegas (K7VDR) after graduation from college, then to New York for five years (W2GLT), then Richland (W7LBA) where I ended up with the present callsign K7OJ.

I like to read about ham radio goings-on in the Kansas City area and would like to be put on your email list for the newsletters, if you don't mind.

Thanks,

Duane Holsten
1751 Bismark Street  I am very happy to have you aboard Duane.
Richland, WA 99354
K7OJ

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QSL Orlan,

I have spent some time and money at B-A in Kansas City. I remember buying my Collins 32S-1 transmitter and power supply there back in the 1959-1960 time frame when I was working for Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company. That was after about six months of trying to build my own SSB transmitter to go with the 75S-1 I had bought earlier! I still run across parts of that piece of equipment from time to time, after I gave up and took it all apart.

Thanks for putting me on the mailing list.

Duane, K7OJ We Kansans gotta stick togetherrrrrr......

◆ Orlan,

I want to wish you a Happy if belated Birthday.
Just finished looking at the latest KAR.

Sand Hills ARC 2010 Officers
Rod, KØEQH - president
Jim, ACØE - vice-president
Rick, KDØHTU - Sec/treas.

Hope 2010 is a Happy and Prosperous year for you and all your family.

Jim Douglass  ACØE  TU Jim, Gud to hear from U.

◆ That's awesome! Thanks!

73 DE KC0RRS Bruce

Orlan Cook wrote:
> You are sure welcom to what Tom sent me for KAR.
> I have attached it to this email.
> Orlan w0oyh - kar ed
> 
> ----- Original Message ----- 
From:
> To: <w0oyh@arrl.net>
> Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2009 9:27 PM
> Subject: Service Manual for Kenwood TH-F6a?
> 
> >> My XYL (KC0RYF) and I have three of these Kenwood TH-F6a radios between
> us, and six of our friends have them also. Do you really have an
> >> electronic copy you could forward?
> >>
> >> Not that I've had much trouble with these, other than dropping them on
> >> their antenna and breaking off the SMA connector, and/or battery capacity
> >> declining over several years. Oh, I did once run one for most of three
> >> days straight, and by the end it would get kind of schizophrenic, even
> >> changing the frequency on its own. Giving it a rest resolved the
> >> difficulty!
> >>
> >> I also learned (but will never confess) that the MARS mod on that radio
> >> will not allow me to transmit on FRS/GMRS UHF frequencies...
> >>
> >> 73 DE KC0RRS Bruce

◆<snip> “LL”
Larry, I don’t know if this is appropriate.

<http://www.tentec.com/employment/>
Staples' attitude; anything good for hams is appropriate. Thanks, Robin!

◆ Is KAR still around?  
If so how can I subscribe to the newsletter?

Thanks  UR vy welcome Joe.

73,

NØPME  
MV, Joe Fehrenbacher

MorseKOB

Primary: Wire-1  
Secondary: Wire-3

2m 146.940 mhz  
10m 28.425 mhz

◆ Merry Christmas, Orlan. -Randy, KC0CCR

◆ Thanks, Orlan.

Merry Christmas to you and yours as well.

73, de Nate >> NØNB

◆ Nice card Orlan. Tnx.

And pse know that you and your health are in our prayers every day.

Merry Christmas to you es urs.

Jim  K0NK

◆ The December issue of QSP is now on-line at the CKARC's web site  
http://www.centraalksarc.com

Merry Christmas / Season's Greetings to ALL!

Sid Ashen-Brenner  N0OBM  QSP Editor  Fine Job Sid, TU!
◆ same to you orlan. it is nice to see that someone still says merry christmas.

Doc
Maine.... The Way Life Should Be
Kevin Badger

◆ Thank you!
Larry

◆ Roger, Merry Christmas orlan and the best for the New Year!!!
John Halladay

◆ Merry Christmas and a good New Year to you and yours also orlan.
Joseph WDØDMV

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**Tom's Key-Strokes - WØEAJ Denver, Co.**

**Displaced Kansas neighbor**

Every month in QST, usually around page 99 or 100, there's a listing of friends; friends who are no longer with us in body, but will ALWAYS be with us in spirit - the Silent Keys. I find in my 67th year (my wife reminds me it's actually my 68th year...... bleahhh!) that I think of those who've paved the way, much more than I used to, and wonder if somebody will post my callsign there, someday. The first ham who ever showed me a receiver; the first one who showed me his rig and invited me into his home... fellow hams I knew in the Navy and people I only talked with, and never met.

Then... there are those with whom I became very close - ham buddies who helped me along the way in SO MANY ventures and paths. Maybe they just gave me some encouragement when the chips were down; some of 'em held me when the weight of losing friends or my Dad, was just too much to bear. Others provided guidance and wise counsel in a working environment, enabling me to succeed and climb higher in so many Worlds.

...and then, there was my friend Jan... WBØWXQ (SK). When I first moved to Denver from Kansas City, as the result of a promotion and transfer with the old Burstein-Applebee, my one link with anything familiar was my 2m mobile rig; an ICOM IC-230 at the time. On the 147.15 repeater out here, run by the Aurora Repeater Association, I first heard the sound of the most lovely woman's voice I'd ever heard on ham radio. Geeminny, her voice was... well.. very soft and dare I use this term in a ham radio article, very sexy. I didn't get to meet her for quite some time, but ultimately did, and found that she was as pretty as her voice. We talked often, and as drive time "nets" often go, the "group" of us always spoke each day. For a
short time, later on, we dated and became very, very close.

One late afternoon, I got a frantic phone call from her - she was obviously in pain and got it out that she was on the floor of her house, and could not get up. I jumped in the car, and raced to her house... managed to get in the door, and found her on the floor, bleeding. Ultimately the doctors found that she'd had a burst ovarian cyst, but in that moment of discovery, all I knew was that she needed help... and I was the person THERE, I wrapped her in a blanket and somehow got her into my car (a very small Saab Sonnet sports car)... racing toward the hospital, I got somebody on the repeater to call the hospital ER, and the doctor in the ER agreed to meet us at the door. I recall screeching around the driveway, slamming on the brakes, and flying around to open the door, whereupon several staffers with a gurney, helped Jan out of the car and into the hospital. Later, they told me that had I been 5 to 10 minutes later, she would have died before I got there.

Jan eventually got well, got to come home and ultimately she hooked up with a very nice guy, another ham, and got married again. It was about this time I came back to KC to work at Johnson County Comm. Coll, operating the TV studio, so lost touch with her. Moving up to about 1988, I moved back to Denver and decided to look up old friends; I found many, but had quite a slap in the face, when I heard that Jan had passed away in my absence. I'd always promised her we'd fly out somewhere in a tail-dragger airplane, to find a nice field or meadow, and have a picnic... out in the middle of nowhere - we never got to do it.

Today, I decided to locate her resting place... through the good works of a fellow on the Hallicrafters reflector, I got her old Callbook listing... then called several mortuaries in Denver, and ultimately got a call from the folks at a lovely place called Crown Hill, where my buddies WBØPCM (SK) and KØGUY (SK) lie. They had found her... It's softly snowing right now, so I guess I'll wait till tomorrow.. after all, it's only been 24 years - another day won't matter. Now, I'll take something she'd have liked, including a little toy airplane up there, and finally get to say goodbye to my friend..

For you see... it's like the Chinese and Vietnamese taught me... if you save somebody's life, you become part of them and carry a certain responsibility for them, for the remainder of YOUR life. thus - so it is with our Silent Key friends... we can still hear their voices, see their grins, hear them sign with their callsigns, and remember fun times and silly events... we hams are lucky - we NEVER lose a friend... they're as close as an old callbook.

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Tom

◆ Here's a computer-controller interface as used for the ICOM radios, such as 746, 756 series, 706's, et. al.

Tom

http://www.qsl.net:80/g3vgr/civ.html
For those of you familiar with Kansas City television, I'm sure you remember Wendall Anshutz... hell of a nice guy, and aviator. I knew him not only from the television news, but also through the Experimental Aircraft Association - Chapter 200. His kids have a coffee-shop in the Ranch Mart area.

The obit' is in Saturday's Kansas City Star.

Tom D.

Here it is the first of the year gain. I happen to mention to Tom WØEAJ in Denver I was having a bad power line noise problem and my old old dipole must have gotten zaped cuz I put out my florecent light in the shack when I key the mic or the key. The next day I get an email from a ham volunteering to help me. I thought, how did he know about my bad antenna? The next email, one of “Larry's Lists” told it all. A “Copy & Paste” follows ...........

Okay kids- our buddy needs a hand.

Orlan - WØOYH - producer of the KAR (Kansas Amateur Radio newsletter), and numerous other beneficial activities for ALL of us, needs some antenna work. He's too nice to ASK, so I figured I'd embarass him from afar (I'm in Denver). He has a 75m dipole up, (a 40m dipole under it - perpendicular) with what is I suspect, bad coax. Being 83, it's kinda tough for him to do that sort of work, so how about some of you folks putting together an ANTENNA PARTY for our buddy, friend, and benefactor?

I suspect all it needs is a new center insulator (maybe not), and some new RG-8 coax with SOLDERED connectors.

So, how about it folks? Let's help out a "brother" who needs the assistance of his friends.

Tom Dailey
WØEAJ – Denver  I did have two ham email me. The P&L has a radio man coming and my son NØFNL and I will put up another dipole as soon as the WX gets btr here. Orlan