Hi gang, As time changes so do the demands on ARRL ARES Groups increase. You will have more and more emergency agencies requesting totally dedicated ARES Groups. Any ARES Group who comes under the complete control of another organization ceases being ARES and becomes just a volunteers of the controlling organization. No EC can commit his group to another agency. There is however a way around this. The EC can appoint a AEC and build a "ARES Team" which can be totally committed without the EC or the "ARES Group" giving up any of its ARRL authority.

Congrats to Preston W0WWR for making BPL (Brass Pounders League) again with 867 points. This means he handled this many messages this month and was in many nets Local nets like the Kansas Sideband Net, QKS our Ks CW net, TEN (Tenth Regional Net) covering the zero district, DTR (Day Tenth Tenth Regional) CAN (Central Area Net) which covers 1/3 of the US.

Here are some Skywarn photos worth looking at. The first one is of NW Kansas and the other is national with some of Kansas.  http://www.crh.noaa.gov/gld/  http://hamradio.noaa.gov/

HELP! Can you give me the correct email address for the following?
alangoodman Mail Box is full.
atherton@southwind.net...User unknown
BSHORT01@SPRINTSPECTRUM.COM
cort@kanren.net
drs9209@kcpl.com
htewes@netzero.net
jj@networksplus.net
ldjeck@midusa.net
n0ljk@networksplus.net
marcelch96@aol.com MAILBOX FULL
rayk0jdb@kansas.net>... User unknown
reich@midusa.net
Congrats John: On Monday, December 10, 2001 the Shawnee County Commission Chambers, at 9:00 AM, The Board of County Commissioners presented John Zobel a certificate for his many valued years as the Zone 13A Emergency Coordinator.

I feel it is time to change the ARES Group designators. We will use one set of numbers, 1 through 6 for Districts as we now do. No other numbers will be used. "Zone" will be changed to "Group." This is what ARRL calls it. Group designators will be Alfa through Zula. I think our State Capitol should have the first designator and will be "Alfa 1". As of today, December 14, 2001 I have decided to implement this Jan 1, 2002. Only had one complaint and others AOK. EC, June KB0WEQ had to have hers right now to get some printing done. She is Alfa 4, "ARRL ARES Group Alfa 4."

KANSAS QSO PARTY:
It is nearly that time again. On January 29th, the State of Kansas will be 141 years old. As a part of the traditional festivities, Special Event Station KØS will be in operation January 24th to January 30th offering a special QSL card for each contact. Additionally, the Kansas QSO Party will operate from 18:00 UTC Saturday January 26 to 18:00 UTC Sunday January 27, 2002. Contacts with KØS during the contest period are worth 1000 bonus points for each band on which contact is made. Complete details and contest rules can be found on the Kansas Section web site at: http://www.ksarrl.net and then click on the QSO Party link on the left side of the screen. Logs and QSL requests must be submitted no later than March 1, 2002 to Rick Carver, WAØKS via the callbook address or e-mail to wa0ks@arrl.net.

NOVEMBER LEVEL I & II REGISTRATIONS:
To: Section Managers
From Dan Miller, K3UFG, relayed by Rosalie, K1STO

Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course December Registration. A few ARECC Level I seats remain available for the Amateur Radio Emergency > Communications on-line class that opened December 10.

Registration for the Level II class opens Monday, December 17. To register, hams can visit the ARRL Course Registration Page https://www.arrl.org/forms/cce/ after 4 PM Eastern Time on the opening day of registration for the course to enroll in. Registration will remain open until seats are filled.

Please note: Beginning in January 2002, registration for Level I will open on the first Monday; registration for Level II will open on the second Monday; and registration for Level III will open on the third Monday. Courses must be completed in order, starting with Level I. To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Web page http://www.arrl.org/cce and the C-CE Links found there. For other information, contact Certification and Continuing Education Coordinator.

Dan Miller, K3UFG, cce@arrl.org.
SK - SILENT KEY
W0CLQ SK
I received a copy of Harry Butterfield's Obituary today from Jack W0TTF. Harry was the treasurer
for PRO for many years in the past. Harry was a very long time ham. I don't remember his first call but it was before the W/N prefix or the a 0 call area, his call was just 9 + two letters.

The comment in the obituary indicating how the family remembers him goes for the amateur community and the PRO as well. He was a "FINE GENTLEMAN". WA0EDA

I only had the paper copy but I found the Joplin Globe Obit. It is:


Slim

KC0GPW SK - Salina, Ks. Dec 15, 2001
Salina area amateur radio operators incurred yet another loss today with the passing of Charles M. (Mike) Horn KC0GPW. While a relatively new ham, Mike was the 2001 President of the Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club, and had just (Nov 30, 2001) been re-elected to serve as the President for 2002.

Mike was also the recipient of the 2000 Joe Addison Trophy, and was instrumental in the recent change to the award. (Also was the First to receive the "New" Trophy) Rules & History of the award follow: Obits at http://www.saljournal.com is the Salina Journal's Home page.

Via, Sid N0OBM

HAMFESTS:
The Missouri Valley ARC and the Ray-Clay ARC will be hosting the ST. Joe Hamfest. The date is January 19, 2002. For further information, contact Carlene Makawski, KAØIKS, 3704 Meadow Oak Lane, St. Joseph MO 64503. Phone 816-279-3410, or e-mail nem3238@ultra.ccp.com

ARRL KS STATE CONVENTION:
Salina, Kansas  August 18, 2002  rtremblay@kscable.com  Ron WAØPSF

M.A.R.C. Hamfest 2002
Midway Amateur Radio Club, Kearney NE.
Saturday, February 2nd, 2002 Talk In
Buffalo County Extension Bldg 146.625-
Buffalo County Fairgrounds 145.295-
34th Street & Avenue N
Kearney, NE 68847

DOOR PRIZES 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
CONCESSIONS ADMISSION only $3.00
SEMINARS YOUTH 12 & Under FREE!
V.E. TESTING

Burghardt's Amateur Supply and numerous individual sellers will offer their amateur, electronic and computer goods

AMATEUR LICENSE TESTING SESSION TO BEGIN
AT 12:30

Please pre-register for testing by Jan 19 if at all possible,
Walk-ins will be accepted but may be limited due to staffing or space considerations.

See our Website: w0ky@kearney.net come in
Table Information: vziala@nebi.com join us for
Testing Info: mosterberg@kearney.net breakfast
Any other questions: w0ky@yahoo.com 8:30-10 AM
                  Pancakes &
                  Sausage

Use the form below to reserve sellers tables for the flea market:
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I WOULD LIKE _____ Tables, $______enclosed.

Name_______________________________Call__________
Address___________________________________________
City________________________State_____Zip___________
Phone_______________Email address_________________

First table $8.00, additional tables $4.00 each. Includes admission. Please make checks payable to MARC and return by Jan 1st 2002. Mail to: MARC PO BOX 1231 Kearney, NE 68848

VOLUNTEER PROTECTION ACT:
Hello, This sounds interesting. Please let me know what if any concerns we may have here. If the law was misquoted there probably isn't any problem. Has anybody read the law?

In the December, 2001 issue of QST, there appeared a story in the Washington Mailbox (p. 86) "How Amateurs Are Affected by Non-Part 97 Rules." One of the areas explored was the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997, Public Law 105-19. The page content is credited to John C. Hennessee, N1KB, ARRL Regulatory Specialist. It also must be noted that "it was reviewed for accuracy by ARRL General Counsel [an Attorney] Chris Imlay, W3KD." (p.87)

One of the items discussed in the article was, "What does the Volunteer Protection Act [VPA] mean for amateurs and is our ARES group protected for liability concerns?" While most of the statements made in the article are correct, one glaring statement is patently false.

"The act would protect ARES members because ARES is an ARRL program. RACES members would not be protected under VPA....."

Since this statement conflicted with some other information I had on the topic, I telephoned League Headquarters and spoke with John Hennessee to express my concern. John told me over the phone that the statement in question was "wrong", and that they were going to print a retraction in the next issue of QST.
Since this retraction/correction will likely be buried somewhere in very fine print, I thought some of you might be interested to know about this. Below are some links to some other interpretations of this law.

"The Volunteer Protection Act of 1997" by Robert O. Dawson, Professor of Law, University of Texas School of Law:  http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/dawson/horselaw/volunter.htm

Understanding "the Volunteer Protection Act" on the Nonprofit Risk Management Center website: http://www.eriskcenter.org/docs/protection.cfm

Complete text of the Volunteer Protection Act on the RACES.net website: http://www.races.net/voluntr.html

Godfrey Flax KC0AUH - EC
VIRUS ALERT:
Greetings --
My anti virus program 'PC_cillin' advised me that I had received an E-mail from Gary Reimer with an attachment containing the E-mail virus "WORM_BADTRANS.B". This is a sinister virus that emails itself to everyone in your address book.

Note that the Subject is "Re:".

Gary, KB0RXW didn't know that he had the virus nor that the virus was sending itself to a lot of people.

My PC-cillin said that it couldn't clean this email, and had to leave it up to me to NOT open the attachment, nor even open the email to read the text. It was up to me to delete it off my PC.

At the bottom of the What's New page one can click on this underlined virus to read the details of what this thing will do.

Best Regards,

Floyd Cook, W0YQX
w0yqx@arrl.net
http://www.kayserv.net/~fcook

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

orlan, I read your november news letter. tnx for the info.cul [GOD BLESS AMERIC]
73 John wØfvn>>>>>>>30<<<<<<

Hi Orlan, Always enjoy reading your newsletter! See you at the JCRAC Christmas get together.

Gary, W0TM Sri, did not make it. One of 6 church Christmas Play kept me busy. Orlan

Evenin, Orlan. The W32.Badtr is one of the virus's that has been use to work around the bad address trick. The bad address trick will work on the ones that try to send the whole address book. But the W32.Badtr just picks address at random and only one or two at a time. Just thought I would let you know why it didn't work on that one.

L8r...Jay AB5PA Central States Traffic Net

KC Chiefs Joke
A guy walks into a bar with a dachshund under his arm. The dog is wearing a Kansas City Chiefs jersey, helmet, and is festooned with Chiefs pom poms. The bartender says, "Hey! No pets allowed in here! You'll have to leave!"

The guy begs him: "Look, I'm desperate. We're both >big fans, my TV is broken, and this is the only place around where we can see the game!"

After securing a promise that the dog will behave, and warning him that they will be thrown out if there's any trouble, the bartender relents and allows them to stay in the bar and watch the game.

The game begins with Kansas City receiving the kickoff. They march downfield, get stopped at about the 30, and kick a field goal. With that the dog jumps up on the bar, and begins walking up and down the bar giving a high-five to everyone.

The bartender says, "Wow, that is the most amazing thing I've ever seen! What does the dog do if they score a touchdown?"

"I don't know," replies the owner. "I've only had him for 4 years."

Completed Level II

I just completed the second class in the Emergency Communications series for the ARRL. Thought you might like to know.
Craig KC0IUW Congrats Craig ..... Orlan

WHO IS WHO:
Want to see what the world knows about you go to the internet type in www.google.com and type in your call Bob K0BXF Thanks Bob it works gud!

I've written a short list of Guidelines/KEYwords for all EC's to follow, Hi

YES
NO
MAYBE
PERHAPS
NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE
ANYTHING IS PROBABLE
Jump in feet first----read manuals as a last resort!

73 Bob K0BXF

Radio History
December 12, 1901 is the purported start date of transAtlantic SWLing, as Marconi transmitted the letter S in Morse from Poldhu England where it was reportedly received in Newfoundland. Fifty years and one day later a human baby was propagated onto the plains of western Kansas, and subsequently sent S -- in fact the letters W-N-O-T-A-S (and K0BJ et. al) -- all over the world.

Recent scientific studies have raised doubts about the possibility of either the Dec 12 1901 or Dec 13 1951 events having actually occurred...

For a discussion of the former, visit: http://www.ucs.mun.ca/~jcraig/marconi.html For a discussion
of the latter, ask any member of the Trojan Amateur Radio Club. K0BJ

"Rev. John A. Ryding" wrote
I think the longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119, not 118. Check it out.

Rev. John WW0H - ARRL EC  I haven't counted yet ..... Orlan
AMATEURS RESTORE CITY'S POLICE, FIRE DISPATCHING
Via "Godfrey M. Flax KC0AUH" <kc0auh@kscable.com

Volunteers from the Tulsa Amateur Radio Club helped to restore police and fire dispatching service in Collinsville, Oklahoma, after flames destroyed the city's radio gear and disrupted 911 service December 1. The early-morning fire badly damaged the 88-year-old Collinsville City Hall, which housed the community's police and fire departments and other offices.

"The city's communication system was functioning, but 911 calls were re-routed to a nearby city, because all the dispatch equipment was lost in the fire," said Oklahoma ARRL Public Information Coordinator Mark Conklin, N7XYO. Even the antenna was lost. As a result, the city had to find a temporary home for police and fire dispatch.

Collinsville, a community of some 4000 people, is located about 12 miles north of Tulsa.

Conklin says Collinsville arranged to set up its dispatching center in the Collinsville Rural fire station.

Area amateurs alerted to the devastating fire quickly responded to help, and Tim Diehl, KB5ZVC, notified ARRL Oklahoma Section Manager Charlie Calhoun, K5TTT. TARC Public Service Liaison Dan Lamoreaux, WG5Z, rounded up Gregg Wonderly, W5GGW, Dave Smith, KD5OIJ, and Tom Roininen, KB5HMZ, as additional volunteers. The volunteers brought the club's portable repeater system, which had been built using commercial radio equipment converted for amateur use.

Conklin says the amateurs reprogrammed the repeater for the police and fire departments to use as an emergency dispatch radio. "By 9 o'clock that evening all systems were totally operational and police and fire dispatching was being handled though the club's loaned radio equipment," Conklin said.

Established in 1924, the Tulsa Amateur Radio Club is the state's oldest ham radio club. It operates the W5IAS linked repeater system and its members are active in public service.

--Mark Conklin, N7XYO/TARC via EC Godfrey Flax kc0auh  ARRL may print this one... Orlan

BÜRA-M-SHAVE: VIA HAROLD HOWARD
AT INTERSECTIONS - LOOK EACH WAY - A HARP SOUNDS NICE - BUT ITS HARD TO PLAY  **Burma-Shave**

BOTH HANDS ON THE WHEEL - EYES ON THE ROAD - THAT'S THE SKILLFUL - DRIVER'S CODE  **Burma-Shave**

THE ONE WHO DRIVES WHEN - HE'S BEEN DRINKING - DEPENDS ON YOU - TO DO HIS THINKING  **Burma-Shave
ARLB055 ARRL Study Panel Recommends Eliminating Novice Bands
SB DX ARL ARLD053 DX news
Seems that a year ago, some Boeing employees on the airfield decided to steal a life raft from one of the 747s. They were successful in getting it out of the plane and home. When they took it for a float on the river, a Coast Guard helicopter coming towards them surprised them. It turned out that the chopper was homing in on the emergency locator beacon which activated when the raft was inflated. They are no longer employed at Boeing. Here's your sign guys. Don't get it wet, the paint might run.

QKS - ARRL KS CW NTS NET:
Hello to all the great volunteers that QNI QKS. Wanted all of you to see the job that you do on the Kansas CW Tfc net. Every month our net moves more tfc than the phone net, SSB. We really move more tfc that any Ks. state net if you dont count wx reports and such. Thanks for keeping the net going and please look over the stats and even the openings for NCS and TEN rep.

November 2001 QKS, 60 sessions, QNI 287, and QTC 72 (qtc lowest this year).

For the first time since I took over the net (april 2001) from Tom WB0ZNY, the nr 2 session had more tfc than nr 1. Nr 1 had 35 and nr 2 had 37. QNI for nr 1 net was 156 while QNI for nr 2 was 131. Total of 287. Way to go guys. Thank you.

Tenth Region 3.590 MHZ
Ten for Nov. 182 messages, 60 sessions at 85% with AA0FO, W0WWR, NB0Z and K0PY.
Ten Rep Openings Can you be a Tenth Region Rep For Kansas???
Monday nr1 open 7:45pm nr 2 open 9:30 pm on 3.590 mhz.
Wednesday nr1 open 7:45pm nr 2 open " " " " "
Thursday nr1 open 7:45pm nr 2 open " " " " "
These four ops need a hand.

Net Control Stations
Ran net in November.
W0WWR 18 times
K0PY 12 times
W0OYH 11 times
N0RZ 6 times
W0NXS 4 times
NB0Z 4 times
K0BJ 3 times
KB0DTI 2 times
A big thanks to the guys who are not skeduled as NCS, but filled in when someone missed. We ran
all 60 nets in November, great job guys.

QKS Net Control Openings.
Monday  Nr 1 open 7pm  on 3.610 mhz.
Thursday Nr 1 open 7pm   "       "       "       
Saturday Nr 1 open   "       "       "       "

To be a Tenth Region Rep or Net Control Station you dont have to be a speedster like Marshall, Bruce, James and Orlan are. Just a person that wants to keep Ks. Cw alive. The guys up on Tenth Region, from the other zero districts are a great bunch of CW Ops. As a matter of fact one of them impressed me enough that I took a vacation all the way up to Watertown SD. I got to meet W6IVV Glenn and his wife. We went out and ate at the Wheel restaurant. Later I got to QNI some TFC nets on Glenn's rig. We really had the TFC guys buzzen with Glenn and I in the same place. I signed K0PY/W6IVV from SD.  This might be your next step to becoming a TCC Operator. They are an elite group of CW TFC handlers that meet on their own sked's and move tfc across the United States. I did this for about two years until getting moved to 2nd shift at work. These guys are as good as they say. Very proficient and fast with no mistakes. This is a very tight nit group. Hope you get the chance some day.

Once again thanks for QNI the net and the positions you perform. Feel free to bring your own tfc to the net and let it move through the system. I look foward to seeing your calls on my notebook soon. Theres something special about being a volunteer, especially a cw one.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
God Bless out Troops fighting for freedom.

Mike Afton K0PY QKS Cw Net Mgr.  Thanks Mike, you are probably keeping the oldest
Without CW its Just CB ---- ...-- tradition of Ham Radio alive.

The Kansas Section "ARRL Field Service Department"

Made up of more than 200 Special Kansas volunteer hams serving their community, counties, state and country through the ARES "Amateur Radio Emergency Service", NTS " National Traffic System and other ARRL supporting groups. For more >>> orlan@swbell.net <<<

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Submitted by Ron Cowan , KB0DTI , STM of Kansas Section FDS-254

ARRL KS SECTION MANAGER REPORT TO ARRL:

THE FOLLOWING is for the QST Kansas News Column.
KANSAS: SM Orlan Cook W0OYH, ASM/ACC/OCC Robert Summers  
K0BXF, SEC Joseph Plankinton WD0DMV, STM Ron Cowan KB0DTI  
PIC Scott Slocum KC0DYA TC Rick Carver WA0KS. Many times  
an emergency agency may approach an ARES Group and ask  
them to completely dedicate their group to their cause.  
This is not a description of an ARES Group but there is  
a way you can dedicate part of your group. A ARES Group  
EC can appoint an AEC and under him/her build an "ARES  
Group Team." The team can also do specialized things that  
the Group can not do. The AEC is a buffer between the  
agency and the EC separating two authorities. Build the  
group and Team together. We don't want the tail wagging  
the dog. Lets write this one down now, ARRL Convention  
August 18 at Salina. Wilbur Goll, W0DEL is celebrating  
his 60 year in ham radio and Jim McCoy, W0LVQ his 50th.  
The JoCoRA Club is planning a special club meeting. 73!  
98 QKS 62/294/95 QKS-SS 12/30/10 SEC 62/647/34 QNS KB0A  
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THE FOLLOWING is for the "Field Organization Report"  
page and is not to be incorporated into the above  
"Kansas Section News" column.  

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