Hi gang, Hope you all had a nice New Year Day with family and friends. Now we must focus on the new year ahead. I would like you to mark your calendars on August 15, 2004 and make plans now to attend the Kansas ARRL State Convention at Salina. This is a great way to support Kansas ham radio. I hope you noticed I said Kansas and not just any local hamfest. I especially believe ARRL members who hold appointments need to attend the ARRL forum and the Kansas Section Meeting once a year. URL to ARRL State Convention >>>>> http://www.qsl.net/ckarc/

Every month I must delete KAR members from my mailing list for one reason or another. The biggest is when someone changes their email address and don't inform everyone on their address book.

ARRL has published a list of FCC actions against hams and non-hams. Click the following URL >>>>

If you would like the January 2004 Kansas ARES Map with all the ECs (Emergency Coordinators) and DECs (District Emergency Coordinators) listed by county, send me an email >>> orlan@postcomp.com <<<
This map is a resource to quickly ascertain Kansas emergency resources. This is a MSWord document I created with MS Office 97. It is easy to open and print a hard copy.

Orlan wØoyh - KAR newsletter ed >>> orlan@postcomp.com

Effective December 2003, Paul Backs, KC0JCQ has assumed duties as Emergency Coordinator for Leavenworth County, Kansas. Paul replaces Scott Crawford, KC0CIG. Congrats to Paul..!

Thanks Orlan. I'm looking forward to it and already lining up a team and some activities which will help us be more prepared if we are needed. I truly appreciate all the help you have provided in the past and anticipate even more in the future. 73 Paul, KC0JCQ
Tom WAØEAJ sent us a photo of himself and his kids.
Click >> http://www.arrl.org/sections/KS.html and scroll to the bottom, woof woof.
TKS Tom

"The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower." Psal. 18:2

73, Orlan UR ed

THE KANSAS SECTION MANAGER'S CORNER:
A new year has begun.

I hope you survived Straight Key Nite. I dug out the venerable Heath kit HW-101 and fired it up on 80. It needs some attention but works well enough for casual operating. I don't mind using it this time of year because it's a nice hand warmer and I can justify using a straight key with it.

Changing subjects, over the last year or so there has been an increased emphasis for Amateur Radio to become more involved with emergency communications. The availability of training available to all of the groups that are under the Homeland Security umbrella may be in part for all this. The emergency communications courses are a great help in getting a lot of people on the same page since it is a standardized training.

Amateur Radio started out with people experimenting using spark gaps and coherer receivers. When we were made "legit" by the government, part of the deal was we had to help out in emergencies. That hasn't changed, it's still in your Novice or Technician book.

If your not already hooked up with your local ARES group please give it your consideration. Please ask me or Bob-K0BXF if you need help locating your group.

With 2004 still in January let's see what we can do to make our ARES and emergency communications programs in Kansas the best we can.

73,
Ron-KB0DTI
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Get the full story from Ron by clicking >>>>>>  http://www.arrl.org/sections/KS.html

KS ARRL SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR:
ARES report of November 2003 Activity

ARES mbrs reported  registered 114>>>>>
    Nov net sessions  58
    QNI (check-ins) 587
    QTC (messages)  51

7 Zones reporting  2B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 5A, 5E, 6F

Still attempting to get in touch with and get monthly reports from each DEC and EC.

If your zone is not represented in this report please get in touch with me, K0BXF and give me the name of an interested individual that just might be interested in becoming an Emergency Coordinator.

Don't know what your zone number is????????? contact >>>>>>>

Bob Summers K0BXF
ARRL Kansas Section Emergency Coordinator or
the Section Manager KB0DTI.
E-mail messages always appreciated  RSUMMBXF@aol.com

BROADBAND POWER LINE LATEST INFO:
Subject: Broadband Power Line (BPL) -- latest info -- by Gary Yantis WØTM, my fellow JoCoAR Club Trustee.

I know this is not contesting or DX but, should BPL become wide spread, it really does appear HF ham radio will end as we know it (taking HF contesting and DX with it). We have no "posting policies" on this reflector but we encourage everyone not to forward newsletters that anyone can subscribe to on their own. Such as the OPDX bulletin, 425 DX bulletin, etc. They are available free to all (direct) so why waste space on this reflector by republishing them? HOWEVER, since everyone is not a member of ARRL (and thus can not receive this newsletter), I'm taking the liberty of republishing this ARRL e-mail newsletter. Hopefully, the ARRL won't mind. Perhaps it might bring them a new member or two. As you can read, they are devoting their full resources to stopping BPL. Even if you're not an ARRL member, they are doing everything possible to save ham radio for you and every ham. But, as you can also read, they can't fight BPL alone. The BPL proponents have billions of dollars behind them and influence in Washington that no single non-profit group could hope to match. BUT the ARRL blew the warning whistle very early and made many government and businesses aware of this imminent danger. They performed a real service not just to ham radio but to all HF users. That includes our military and vital emergency services like FEMA!
Read the results of the latest tests. An 100 watt HF signal wiped out BPL in a radius of half a mile! It is unbelievable to me the BPL interests are not giving up. But they are not. I'm guessing they believe HF interference into their system is a non-issue because, once BPL is fully implemented, HF will become useless to everyone else anyway so no HF signals will be present to interfere with their BPL systems! The FCC and ARRL discourage intentional interference no matter how worthy the purpose (i.e. jamming a CBer on 10 meters) but, personally, I hope everyone that has HF mobile on the east coast spends a LOT of time in the towns that have already approved BPL. As you're probably aware, "utility franchise fees" are a major source of income for every town in our country. Since most city government officials do not possess technical knowledge of the type that would allow them to personally evaluate BPL, this is just another source of income for their town. A verbal promise that "we'll fix any problems that arise" appears to be good enough for at least some. If you suffer from cable TV "birdies" as thousands of hams do, you know such a promise is worthless. Plus, any Internet interference will automatically be the fault of the neighborhood ham (as we all know from 50+ years of TVI!). With 100% of the country already having access to broadband Internet via cable, DSL or satellite, a two minute simple statement of the facts and the many tests already conducted should kill the whole thing. But the power companies have already invested millions and, as we all learned in high school physics (Newton's Laws of Motion), "Every object in a state of uniform motion tends to remain in that state of motion unless an external force is applied to it". The ARRL is doing a great job being part of that "external force" but, as stupid and worthless as BPL looks to all of us, its demise is not a "done deal". In five years, our HF rigs may be worthless if the power industry wins. Take a look at the Amperion site hyperlinked in the ARRL newsletter if you don't think the power industry is committed to this and will fight for it until, or if, they are stopped.

I don't plan to post any further ARRL bulletins (or any other e-mail bulletins) unless one contains really important information like this one. If you're not an ARRL member, you might want to consider joining then go on-line www.arrl.org and sign up for any number of free e-mail newsletters (with this being one of them). Hundreds of pages on the subject of BPL are posted on the ARRL Web site or hyperlinked from it should you wish to read the history of BPL from day one to the present.

73, Gary, W0TM www.w0tm.com

Thanks Gary for the BPL info. Hope all read and think it over. Gary and I belong to the same radio club. He is the club trustee and a charter member of 1950 beginning. Gary couldn't find a high enough tower here so bought a mountain in Colorado. I think he said he was so high up he could sit in his shack and see his Shawnee, Kansas home through the shack window, hi hi. Click the URL above for a trip to his mountain home and shack, Hawaii, Costa Rico and much more.......... WOW...! What a web site. Click every button you can find and look for more. Orlan

See the BPL text Gary had reference to >>>
http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/12/30/1/?nc=1
As promised, here is the first quarterly edition of the MCARC News for 004. Hopefully, the next one will escape from my wordprocessor by the first week in April!

73, de Nate >> NØNB

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THERE IS A NEW 1.2 GHz MACHINE IN KANSAS:

December 29, 2003

The 1.2 GHz repeater is on line as of today. Its frequency is 1288 MHz with an input of 1276 MHz. This is the experimental stage. The RX antenna is at 48 feet, the TX antenna is at 41 feet. The power out is 10 Watts. The call is K0PY/R. We intend to test the repeater for awhile and possible raise money for any repairs. Then we will move the repeater to a permanent higher location. It is located in Park City, KS at this time. This is close to the highest point in Sedgwick (county) KS.

A special thanks to Jay, N0KEV; Steve, N0UG; and Mark, owner of Derby's Radio Shack for the monetary gifts that made this possible.

We hope this repeater will be an example of the best operating habits that Amateur Radio has to offer. Please use and enjoy Wichita's 1st 1.2 GHz repeater and let us know your results.

73, Mike K0PY Trustee

Great news Mike!!! Mike is also our KS ARRL NTS "QKS" CW Net Manager

Don't forget to program it with some dits and dahs Mike.

Orlan

WELCOME TO THE HILL:

Pete Sias, WBØDRL, welcomes the area Amateur Radio operators to his station on the hill on New Year's Day. This annual event has been held for many years and attracts Hams from not only the Salina area and Kansas, but also from surrounding states. If you haven't had the opportunity to see the station and the impressive antenna farm, this is an
excellent chance to do so. "The Hill" is located West of Salina on Powers Road. There are a couple of ways of getting there. Either go out State Street Road past the Hedville Rd intersection and continue west to Powers Rd and turn South. You will see the antennas long before you get there. You can also travel West on Old Highway 40 to past Bavaria to Powers Rd. and turn North.

VYost Thanks Virgil for passing the info to KAR. Photos of the HILL >>>
http://www.qsl.net/ckarc/ don't miss them and it is worth a drive to Salina. Orlan

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QRZ is the official publication of the Pilot Knob Amateur Radio Club

About the Pilot Knob Amateur Radio Club

The purpose of the Pilot Knob Amateur Radio Club (PKARC) is to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual efficiency, to provide assistance to the best advantage in the event of emergency, and to conduct club programs and activities to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio. Anyone interested in the activities of this organization will be eligible for membership. Members must comply with FCC rules and regulations, as well as rules established by the club. Dues are $20 per year (no extra cost for spouse or minor children who are amateurs). Visit us on the web at http://www.notus.com/pkarc.PKARC is affiliated with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and enjoys the distinction as an ARRL Special Service Club. PKARC is also affiliated with the American Red Cross (913-682-5555) and the Leavenworth County Office of Emergency Management (913-684-0455). The club conducts monthly meetings on the first Thursday of every month (except December). These meetings are held at 7:30 PM Central Time at the American Red Cross office, 525 Shawnee, downtown Leavenworth.


Mine Creek Winterfest Hamfest
in the LaCygne, KS Community Building on Broadway
Saturday, February 7, 2003

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Free Admission
Tables - $10.00
Hourly Prizes
(Tickets —$1.00 each or 6 for $5.00)
For More Information Contact:
Ron (913) 757-4455 e-mail: kb0dti@arrl.net
Carl-KC0HRM Chairman
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.

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ARRL CERTIFICATION & CONTINUING EDUCATION REGISTRATION:
ARRL Emergency Communications course registration (Jan 2, 2004) -- Registration opens Monday, January 5, 12:01 AM Eastern Time (0501 UTC), for the on-line ARRL Level I Emergency Communications course (EC-001). Registration remains open through the January 10-11 weekend or until all available seats have been filled--whichever comes first. Class begins Tuesday, January 20. 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 175 seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis. Senior amateurs are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Those interested in taking an ARRL Certification and Continuing Education (C-CE) course in the future can sign up to be advised via e-mail in advance of registration opportunities. To take advantage, send an e-mail to prereg@arrl.org. On the subject line, indicate the course name or number (eg, EC-00#) and the month you want to start the course. In the message body, provide your name, call sign, and e-mail address. Please do not send inquiries to this mailbox. To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Web page and the C-CE Links found there. For more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG; 860-594-0340.

SILENT KEYS:
There have been no SKs reported this month. No news is good news...!

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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:
Dear Orlan & family: That is a beautiful tree you sent me. I am enjoying my family in Hawaii. Went to the pipeline competition yesterday (surfboarding) A local fellow won the top prize. My Sister-in-law,niece(she was our driver) & I went to lunch and shopping. We enjoy each other so much and is fun just being with them. My nephew & friend have become reconstruction engineers and have been remodeling the house. Still in the semi final stage but looks great. Especially since they are learning as they go. cool evenings & early am but warms up to 70's during the day. Take care and have a great time with your family. Blessings to all. Helen WA6KHD

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TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. HAVE A SAFE & BLESSED HOLIDAY & A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

I WILL BE IN HAWAII WITH MY SISTER-IN-LAW AND FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS. AFTER THE ONE DAY SNOW STORM WE HAD ON TUESDAY I
AM GLAD TO GO WHERE IT IS WARMER. MY BONES DON"T LIKE THE COLD. HA! HA!. I LEAVE DEC. 18TH & BE BACK JAN. 7TH. Welcom back! It is the 7th at 1 AM as I am typing this, hi hi. Orlan

GOT MOST OF MY CARDS AND LETTERS DONE AND STILL HAVE A FEW PACKAGES TO SEND OFF AND BAKE SOME MORE GOODIES TO TAKE TO SEPCIAL FAMILIES.
ALL FOR NOW. HELEN
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Orlan & Family: So happy to get a message from you all. I haven't been checking my mail since I have been on the go so much since I arrived. We all had a beautiful Christmas and of course I got spoiled again as usual. We have been enjoying the beautiful wx. until Sun. night-thunder, lightening and heavy rain but not much damage here except a few flowers and leaves blew off the trees & bushes. Went to see the pipeline surfing contest the first wk here and that was awesome to watch. A local fellow won the competition that day. Went shopping at several places, bought (of course) material, jewelry and some items for my family here. Also seeing the sights that I hadn't seen the past times I was here. Was up in 80's til it rained and now in 70's. Can't complain-good for Arthur. Ha! Ha!.

Wish you and yours a HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR IN 2004.
HELEN WA6KHD I know what that Ha! Ha! means Helen with you setting under a Hawaiian palm with your toes in the warm sand.
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New Novice WN0EAJ, learns how to load up his Mother's clothesline, bringing new meaning to "Electric Adventures" Tom WAOEAJ Denver, Co.
Tom sent us a photo of himself and his kids. Click >> http://www.arrl.org/sections/KS.html and scroll to the bottom.
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Hi Orlan,

You definitely should be in the Christmas spirit after all those plays. We have had two snowfalls already this year in the 5 to 10 inch range so we should be prepared for the season. Congratulations to everyone involved with the Ensor Museum/W1AW contacts. Mark Spencer fortunately lives within walking distance of W1AW so the snow that Saturday didn't prevent him from making his appointed rounds. I made it out a bit later in the day to the club station to work some of the Skywarn stations including Bruce, KØBJ in Goodland and the Topeka station during that special event.

Just had word of a possible change to an old friend, WWV. See this site. http://www.mindspring.com/~cc25/wwv.html

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours.

73, Chuck KØBOG ARRL HQ staffer. Read the one, 2 up and eat your heart out...!
Orlan,

I had to do a quick check to see when WWV moved to CO and didn't realize it was that long ago, seems like yesterday. I remember sending for QSL cards. Interesting information at this site: http://www.boulder.nist.gov/timefreq/stations/wwvhistory.htm

Thanks for sending the letter. Quite an anniversary you had, belated congratulations. We just passed 30 this summer, time flies.

Take care. 73, Chuck KØBOG - ARRL HQ. Thanks for the info Chuck, big help to KAR. Orlan

Greetings from HQ. Thanks for the latest news on the Ensor Museum. I'm glad it will get some more coverage in QST.

Hope 2004 is off to a good start for you, take care.

73, Chuck KØBOG

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Last night I received word that our dear friend and fellow Ham, Marion Ford, KØYWT, was placed in a Care Home in Hesston. His health has rapidly deteriorated to the point where he is no longer able to use a radio. According to his son Bob, Marion is not doing well.

If you would like to send a card or letter to Marion, his address is: 200 W. Cedar, Hesston, KS 67062.
If you would like to speak to a family member, please contact his son Bob; his phone number is 522-6932.
Please join me in keeping Marion in our thoughts and prayers, and let him know how much we care.

Thanks for your support!

73, Allen Heck KC0CFL

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Marion Ford-KØYWT has been off the air for several weeks and is now at:

Schowalter Villa Home Health
200 W. Cedar St.
Hesston, KS 67062-8100
Cards and letters are welcome. From KSN web page by our SM >>>
http://www.arrl.org/sections/KS.html

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Hi Orlan,

Thank you for your greeting! I, too, wish you the best for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

73, Steve, WV1X   Thanks Steve! I hope you hung my tree in the window for all to see, hi hi. Orlan
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Merry Christmas, Orlan and a blessed new year.

Ernie n3pxf   TNX Ernie. Glad U liked my tree.
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Hi, My name is Robb Lawson(KG4KJP) and I am a Meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Wichita, KS. Over the passed couple of years we have discussed getting a SKYWARN net up and running. After some coordination with our great volunteers and a few of us here at the office getting our license, this net is about to become a reality!! The first net will be Wed Jan. 28th at 7pm on 146.820. At 730pm we will then conduct the net on 145.130. We chose to conduct two nets on two different repeaters so we could reach as much > of our County Warning Area as possible. Please make this information available to anyone else whom might be interested.

For more information on our office, here is our website:   http://www.crh.noaa.gov/ict

Here is a link for more info on the SkyWarn program:
http://www.skywarn.ampr.org/swintro.htm

feel free to email me with any questions...

thank you very much for your time and we look forward to hearing from ya..
robb   Hi Robb, Welcome to KAR. Ron WA0PSF fwd your text and I put you on the KAR mailing. KAR appreciates your input any time. Orlan
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...and a PROPER ... Astatic D-104, too! I still have mine, given to me by Ellis Eldrid (ran the B-A hamshack up on Mercier). I always kept a "Bull Durham" bag over it, as a "spit catcher"... guess that's why it's still as shiny as the day he gave it to me.

I forwarded this to my Stepdad - Jim Carl / W0KI... don't know if he's on your mailing list or not, but if not, stick him on... jcarl@gbronline.com  He is on as of now Tom.

73 es Mom says Hi! Hi back to U...!!! I miss coming to your home to fix UR Lowery Electronic Organ.

Tom  Thanks for the coments on the KAR Special of W9BSP and our musuem. I loved the photo of you and your kids, woff woff. Orlan
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Hi, Orlan:
Thank you for the story and pictures on W9BSP. Sure interesting! I cannot claim to have known them or anything like that. My first contact with Ham Radio was in the 1930's with a good friend here in Leonardville - W9ECF (England, Canada, Florida). Griff was a victim of childhood polio, but sure knew his stuff. The fascination stayed with me, but I didn't get into it until the mid-70's. Missed a lot by waiting. Anyway thanks again for this and for all you have done for Ham Radio. And a very Happy New Year to you! Sincerely, Warren, KD0IC, ex WB0WAX Thank you Warren for the text for KAR..!

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