Hi gang, I trust everyone had a very nice Christmas and New Year. My wife and I had Christmas dinner at our son Kevin's NØFN home. Ate too much like most of you, hi hi. Tho I had a flu shot in October I came down with something that laid me low for a week. I saw my heart doctor this week and he read the implanted digital recorder and it showed that my heart stopped for 3 seconds while I was asleep a couple of weeks ago. He thinks that may be why I blacked out the first of August. They will continue monitoring for now.

I received 18 replies to my home made Christmas tree that I sent out as a Christmas Special. I appreciate hearing from you and your Christmas best wishes. TU..

The FCC says no more code tests. I don't expect that to make much difference in ham radio. We will still see the CW stations at Field Day, the DXers and contesters will still be racking up high scores with their CW stations. The DX-Expeditions will still be using CW stations for high scoring. Straight Key night wont go away. The CW traffic handlers will still be handling CW traffic. CW ops are born not made and they will continue to be born and enter the ranks as they have for over a hundred years. I always thought it strange to have a law telling me to do what I loved to do. dit dit

I got the following from Tom WØEAJ in Denver. He received this from Fox WDAF TV here in KC. They posted a photo of Tom and the snow they have been having in Denver. [http://community.myfoxkc.com/Default.aspx](http://community.myfoxkc.com/Default.aspx)

Scroll to first photo in second line and click on it to enlarge. Now U know what Tom looks like.

Orlan:

Actually, we live in a basin between the Uinta range to the south, the Wyoming range to the west, and the Wind River Mts. to the NE. We have about 2" of snow on the ground. I think the most I've seen, in 30 years, is 8" in one storm. Then it warms up above freezing and melts some. Hope your health is doing better!!

N0CY This in from Cecil today who use to live in Ks.

Tom WØEAJ

There is an attachment to this KAR so don't forget to click it open. Story in Tom's Key-Strokes below.

Here is one that will prove that hams come from all walks of life. Put up a new web site for the Kicks Band. I've played with this group since 1987. [http://www.the-kicks-band.com](http://www.the-kicks-band.com)

Merry Christmas. de Bill WB0NSQ
The December issue of QSP is now on line at the Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club's web site http://www.centralksarc.com Downloadable as a Adobe pdf file. Click on QSP and follow the link!
Enjoy! 73 de Sid N0OBM
http://www.centralksarc.com

Here is one my son Brian sent me to hear old radio programs. http://www.freeotrshows.com/

This is a site for EAA Chapter 79's battery desulfator. Read the info, as it provides much longer life for batteries which are not used very often, and sit around a lot. The original article appeared in the Experimental Aircraft Association's "Sport Aviation" magazine - smart circuit. The kit for 20 bux is a steal. http://www.geocities.com/powertugs/eaa79parts.html
Tom Dailey WØEAJ

Why only REALLY OLD TV sets have a "1" on the dial
http://members.aol.com/jeff560/tvch1.html

Tom WØEAJ

Our Kansas Section News (KSN) has had about 55,000 hits so far this year. I hope UR one of those. CLICK >>>> http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS

Keep up with the world of ham radio and CLICK >>>> http://www.arrl.org/
73, Orlan w0oyh UR KAR ed.
ARRL KS SECTION MANAGER - Ron KBØDTI

Hi guys -
Well let me start out out by thanking all of you for dedication to our fundamental communication mode.
Ken KKØHF pointed out the story posted today from the League.
http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/12/11/100/?nc=1
It deals with a petition they have submitted to hold the "Re-Farming" to something more palatable by the users of the rich bottom land. Should the FCC not change things before Dec. 15th we will need to move QKS. James did a wonderful job networking with other managers. K0BXF received information regarding a coordination site and passed it on.
http://4rnc4.homestead.com/80mcwnetmatrix.html
We found out at that time that most of the "good" frequencies for 7PM were taken. I'll take
the heat for that. See me at the next hamfest. Therefore beginning December 15, Friday Nite, QKS will hold sessions on 3.547 Khz(+-) This may not be our ultimate location. We feel that all the nets will have to seat themselves in. The early session is the stinker but there's plenty of elbow room late. QKS- SS will follow along at 7:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays. If the neighbors are too loud I may move it up to 3570 or so. Let's give it a try and see how it goes.

Ron QKS CW net is on 3547 kHz @ 7 & 10 PM.
ARRL KS SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR - Bob KØBXF

Section Emergency Coordinator Report KANSAS

December SEC report: November activity 15 Zone EC reporting 125 net sessions, 726 QNI and 39 QTC. RACES QNI 8, counties represented are Brown Phillips Johnson Harvey Montgomery Mitchell and Shawnee

QCWA net: 4 sessions 37 QNI 0 QTC Army MARS 816 man hours operation and 1103 messages originated.

Main computer went South and was lucky to extract this amount of info. Laptop is sole source of operation until I replace the whole set up including both printers. Not sure what caused the problem but computer and both printers within a weeks time says something was not right. Everyone has my best wishes for a better 2007

Bob Summers KØBXF ARRL SEC KS
ARRL KS AST.SECTION MANAGER

Kid’s Day is less than a week away. The operating event is Sunday, January 7 from 12:00 p. m. to 6 p. m. Central (1800-2400 Zulu).

Be sure to let your kids, grandkids, and their friends operate and learn how amateur radio works. The “rules” can be found on the Kid’s Day ARRL site at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kd-rules.html>. The exchange is name, age, location and favorite color. The suggested operating frequencies
are on 10, 15 and 20 meters and 2 meter repeaters. If the higher bands don’t work, you can always go to 40 or 80 meters.

If you or your local club is planning on setting up a station for this event, please let me know. I would like to let others know what hams are doing to get kids involved in amateur radio. You may send me a note at <kc0ptl@arrl.net> with your Kid’s Day plans or results.

See you on the air next week. Happy New Year everyone!

73 & 88,

Emily, KC0PTL ARRL KS Ast. SM

KANSAS STATE RACES OFFICER - Joseph WDØDMV

Here is the RACES report for January 4, 2007. Band condition are still not very favorable. Sorry if we missed anyone.

Stations heard.

Call County
NUØB Montgomery
KCØEH Montgomery
KØLC Montgomery
NUØB Montgomery
WA5FLV Neosho
WAØCCW Mitchell
WØPBV Riley

KBØDTI Linn
KBØAMY Brown
KBØAVO` Johnson
WDØDMV Shawnee NC
11 QNI Ø QTC

73 Joseph WDØDMV - State RACES Officer

KANSAS ARES REPORTS - from active ECs.

Date Check in Traffic Mobile
12/5/2006 7 1 0
12/12/2006 6 0 0
12/19/2006 8 3 1
12/26/2006 7 2 0

Carl Anderson Kansas B of I Laboratory QA Manager
“Learning and innovation go hand in hand. The arrogance of success is to think that what you did yesterday will be sufficient for tomorrow.” - C. William Pollard

◆ December 2006 ARES Net Report Kansas Zone 6E

Total Nets..........4
Total Check Ins.......31
Traffic...............1
Stations Participating: K0EQH, WB0QYA, N0KQX, N0OXQ, N0OMC, KC0AMF, W0KKS, AC0E,
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

In McPherson County (F2), we had (4) ARES nets in December. No traffic was handled but we had a total of 17 ARES chechins.

WD0EUF Stan

Happy New Year

Steve Walz K0UO Kiowa, KS

Happy New Year

To rsummbxf@aol.com

Kb0dti@arrl.org

Subject: Zone C4 Dec 2006 Monthly ARES Activity Report K0UO Steve Walz Kiowa, KS

Total ARES members: 9

ARES Net Information: GSPARC Sunday 9pm

ARES Monthly Activity: 4 nets

QNI (ARES): QNI = 48 QTC = (ARES): 07

Great Salt Plains Amateur Radio Club (GSPARC) KS/OK state line Radio club

See at http://rfcomply.com/products_services/miscellaneous_info/amateur_radio_club/

The Great Salt Plains Amateur Radio Club (GSPARC) member run the KB0HH contest station in CQWW and SS.

Steve Walz K0UO Kiowa, KS

I have received reports that Morton County has power out in some areas of the county but there is power in Elkhart. Communications are working OK.

I talked to my Assistant EC in Stevens County and he said there was power out for a time in Hugoton but it is back on now. Communications are OK. He said that the telephone exchange in Moscow, KS was out mostly affecting rural customers but Cell phones are working OK unless they tie through that exchange. Other communications in the county are OK. Seward County is OK with just some spots that lost power for a few hours. I have heard of nothing from Meade county but since they are east I will assume they were not affected too bad.

Here is the DEC 2006 report for ARES Dist 6F

12-3-2006 1 NET QNI-8 QTC-0
12-10-2006 1 NET QNI-9 QTC-0
12-17-2006 1 NET QNI-7 QTC-0
12-24-2006 NO NET DUE TO CHRISTMAS
12-31-2006 1 NET QNI-4 QTC-0
TOTAL 4 NETS QNI-28 QTC-0
SKYWARN - No SKYWARN activations for the month
Winter Storm that hit DEC 29-31 causing power outages. Morton County was hit worst but communications was OK.
Stevens and Seward Counties had power outages in various places including city of Hugoton and parts of Liberal but communications stayed intact. No reports of power out in Meade County.

Steve Benson NØBTH EC Dist 6F n0bth@arrl.net

Subject: Zone C4 Dec 2006 Monthly ARES Activity Report
Total ARES members: 41

Important Points of Contact:
Leavenworth County ARES EC - Paul Backs, KC0JCQ
NTS Liaison: Paul Backs, KC0JCQ
Official Emergency Station: Rick Reichert - KF4LM
Army MARS Liaison: Ric Nelson - KA3LOC
Navy/Marine Corps MARS Liaison: Ed Menard - KD7QOR
President of PKARC (Club Call KS0LV): Mike Stewart K0MDS
Assistant Emergency Coordinators for Zone C4 ARES:
Gary Auchard, WB0MNA
Susan Backs, KC0JCR
Mac McConnell, W0ROO N/A
Ric Nelson, KA3LOC
Dave Phillips, KE0DL
Rick Reichert, KF4LM
Mike Stewart, K0MDS
Doug Thomas, KC5VKG

Monthly Activity:
NETS: See attachment below
QNI (ARES): 59 QTC (ARES): 08
QNI (Non-ARES): 28 QTC (Non-ARES): 04
*Non-ARES is Pilot Knob Amateur Radio Club unless noted otherwise.

Public Service Activities (see comments below):
NTS Traffic:
Originate: 00
Sent: 00
Received 00
Delivered 00
Total 00
November's ARES Net Report will be out in the next day or so. It was a busy month and I'm trying to locate some missing reports. The SET Report is attached below. Thanks to all who picked up the nets when the regulars were not available. Happy New Year and God Bless you all.

73s,

Paul Backs, KC0JCQ
Zone C4 E.C., Leavenworth County, Kansas

DEC 2006 MONTHLY ARES REPORT TO DEC & SEC
From Alpha 4 (Johnson County KS) ARES
Total of ACTIVE ARES members: 80
Membership increase or decrease since last report: +0
Local Net Name: Johnson County ARES
NTS liaison is maintained with the KS SSB Net:
Dan Reed N0ZIZ Jim Andera K0NK
George McCarville WB0CNK Jim Cordill K10BK
Debbie Britain AB0UY June Jeffers KB0WEQ
Rich Britain N0ENO Terry Reim WA0DTH
Wretha Galeener KC0HHO
NTS CW Net: Dan Reed N0ZIZ
Net Sessions: 44
QNI: 356
QTC: 17
4 nets = 2meter voice
4 nets = CW
4 nets = 6 meter
4 nets = 2meter voice simplex
4 nets = point to point packet
4 nets = 1.25m
4 nets = PSK 31
4 nets = simplex packet
4 nets = 70cm
4 nets = 75meter SSB
4 nets = Slow Scan TV

Emergency Coordinator - Brian Short KC0BS
Alternate Emergency Coordinator = Jim Andera K0NK
Assistant Emergency Coordinators:
June Jeffers KB0WEQ
George McCarville WB0CNK
Matt May KC4WCG
Darren Martin N0MZW

Stan Frear KC0NXJ
Del Sawyer KC0SKR
Report prepared by:
Darren Martin N0MZW
Johnson County Kansas
December was a very active month for Dist 3A. Two major winter storms a week apart kept the SkyWarn nets very active. During the high freezing rain and snow events, we called our directed ARES / SkyWarn net every 2 – 4 hours to provide snow depth and storm info to the NWS Office in Goodland. We also provided updates to the Thomas County EOC pertaining to power outages. Our repeater was used to coordinate heavy equipment to assist with removing a large generator that was needed in Gove County to provide emergency power for their shelter. Most of this area was without power for many days. Some are still without power. The City of Colby was fortunate and never totally lost power. We started the last storm with 1.5” of freezing rain on Thursday, 9” of heavy snow and wind on Friday and 10” of very heavy snow and wind on Saturday afternoon and evening.

We lost our APRS Digi Antenna located at the 300’ mark on our West EmComm Tower. We also lost the Rec antenna on our EmComm repeater on that same tower due to ice load. Our Repeater and IRLP link performed flawlessly during the entire event.

We are in the middle of RTTY RU so don’t have much more to offer. It’s all a blur now anyway.

73 from the snowy west... de

Michael Albers K0FJ ARES EC Dist 3A

REPEATER UP-DATE TIME AGAIN:

Good evening! Could you please pass on in your newsletter the following information about the Buffalo Chip Net held in Leavenworth on New Years Eve. Buffalo Chip net meets at 0001 hrs on 1 January (a minute after New Year’s) on the 145.330 repeater. Everyone is encouraged to sign in. Each year we receive more and more contacts. It’s a fun thing to do, and tell someone you’ve been on the Buffalo Chip Net. Davis Moulden (WB0YNE) established it, and is the NCS.

Thank you!

Dennis L. Pearson, KC0TJY
PAO, PKACR

DHS Scorecard:

Guys,

In case you're not already familiar with the report Cindy quoted, here's a link with a brief description and access to the full report as an Adobe PDF. As you may recall the Alfa 1 group participated in this drill last September. The Topeka/Kansas description and report starts on page 131.

https://www.hsdl.org/hslog/?q=node/3301

73,
Ken KKØHS

----- Original Message -----
From: Cindy Watson
To: rsummbxf@aol.com; Orlan; Ron Cowan-KBØDTI; kb0dti@arrl.net
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2007 9:19 PM
Subject: FW: Congratulations on your mention in the DHS scorecard!
I know that I sent this out earlier, but thought I should give an explanation of what it is. This is from the "score card" from FEMA's Homeland Defence, when we did the Drill back in September, at Washburn University. Thought you might like to know the outcome from it.

Advanced Implementation
The Topeka area frequently uses its available means of interoperable communications (e.g., gate ways and shared systems). During the exercise, the participants effectively established interoperable communications among agencies, and participant’s demonstrated proficiency and familiarity with the equipment (e.g., cache radios, gateways, shared channels, and shared systems). There was a good level of participation from local, state, and federal agencies (e.g., railroads, Kansas Highway Patrol, Federal Bureau of Investigation). The area should be commended on its effective use of amateur radio during day-to-day communications unit staffing, via its amateur communications capability program, to reduce the dispatch workload in times of heavy traffic. Topeka Amateur Radio Emergency Services also demonstrated knowledge and effective use of the available interoperability solutions (e.g., gateway).

Brian Short, KCØBS
JOCO ARES EC ks0jc.com, k0ham.com, ksrepeater.com, kcaprs.com

QRP - QRP - QRP:
For anyone interested, we are going to be getting together this Saturday, Jan 6, at 2:00 PM. We will be going to Anthony’s Restaurant which is at 701 Grand, downtown KC. I am going to be bringing my new PAC-12 antenna for show and tell, and I am sure there will be other things to look at.

As I said in the message Larry posted, we don't have any meetings. We just get together and have some fun.

Hope to see some new faces there!

Our website is at:

http://kcqrp.org

and the email list is at:

http://groups.google.com/group/kcqrp/

Randy Rathbun, NV0U

HAMFEST:
Sixteenth annual Northwest Missouri Winter Hamfest at Ramada Inn, St. Joseph, Missouri jointly sponsored by Missouri Valley ARC and Ray-Clay ARC.

Ramada Inn - I-29, Exit 47

Saturday January 20st, 2007, 9 am to 2 pm.
Swap tables are $15 and includes 2 chairs and 1 ticket.

Pre-registration tickets are $3 ea. or 2 for $5.

Tickets are $4 ea. or 2 for $7 at the door.

Grand prize drawing 1 p.m.

Details: Roy Frank Burnett, KA0SIU - rfbkdb@ccp.com - 660-446-3589 - 816-387-3758

FCC exams start at 10 am. Send completed 605's to N.W.MO Winter Hamfest. A limited number of walk-ins are welcome.

Talk-in on 146.85 Mhz. (100 hz. tone) and 444.925 MHz. (100 hz. tone) From Larry WØAIB

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SILENT KEYS:

It is with sadness that I report that one of our own, David F. Lauer, 73, KB0MU, died Tuesday, December 6, 2005, at the Nemaha Valley Community Hospital in Seneca. His death
was due to complications from treatment for prostate cancer. Dave was born November 21, 1932, in Seneca, the son of Cyril J. and Geneva C. Severin Lauer, he grew up in Seneca and graduated from Sts. Peter & Paul High School in 1950. While he was home, he worked in the family business, the Lauer Funeral Home. He also worked for the State of Kansas before he enlisted in the Air Force in 1951. Dave served in Korea during the Korean Conflict with the 5th Comm Squadron, 315th Air Division as a radio repairman and was discharged in February of 1955. After attending Donnelly College in Kansas City, he transferred to the University of Minnesota where he graduated in 1958 with a degree in mortar science. In 1959 he served his apprenticeship back home in Seneca at Lauer Funeral Home. He lived and worked in Phoenix.

**KANSAS STATE CONVENTION:**

Sunday 19 Aug 2007 *Put it on your calendars..!*

Kansas State Convention  
Central Kansas ARC  
http://www.centralksarc.com  
Talk-In: 147.030 and 443.900 (open repeaters)  
Contact Ronald Tremblay,  
: WA0PSF  
112 North Douglas Drive  
Salina, KS 67401  
Phone: 785-827-8149  
Email: rtremblay@cox.net  

Salina, KS  
Salina Bicentennial Center  
800 The Midway  
Div: Midwest  
Sect: Kansas

**HA - HA - HA - HA - HA**

I was having trouble with my computer. So I called Harold, the computer guy, to come over.

Harold clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. He gave me a bill for a minimum service call. As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong?"

He replied, "It was an ID ten T error."

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, "An, ID ten T error? What's that. In case I need to fix it again?"

Harold grinned.... "Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?"

"No," I replied.
"Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out."

So I wrote down ...... I D 1 0 T

I used to like Harold From Larry at church

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Orlan,
I forgot to mention, concerning the visit to my old country school, that it was Steve Carriger's (WAØVRS) Dad's Grandmother (Marguerite Carriger) who was my TEACHER! What a seed she planted in my fertile 2nd. grade mind, eh?
Tom

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It really is a small world Tom. I was selling off KØSWL's gear after he became a SK. My XYL and I were setting on her divan talking and it came to her going to school in Colony, Ks and my wife said, her mother had taught there and it turned out my mother-in-law was her teacher in the 30s.
Yep, sure is............... Orlan

Dear Orlan---> I enjoyed reading of that small segment of your childhood. It would do just fine if some of these spoiled brats of today had to live under those conditions. If they don't have a TV or computer game control in their hands, they scream "child abuse". And I'm not kidding. As a child (there were five of us) I didn't have it so bad. My dad was a postal employee (letter carrier) and was earning $2100.00 a year. During the depression era that was a lot of money. Not enough for frivolties though. I went to work at age 11 delivering milk by pushcart for the local Grocery store at 4 in the morning. Ran home for breakfast at 8Am and ran to school at 8:30.
This I did 6 days a week, no school on Saturday, for the grand sum of $1.50. I made about $1.00 a week in tips. Guess, you might say I was one "rich" little kid. Anyway, my friend, we made it and haven't done so badly.
HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND GOD BLESS----
Jerry in Miami  TU Jerry

Merry Christmas and (I hope) Happy New Year for 2007 Just got finished "Scanning" Dec KAR. Will have to take the time this evening to do an indepth read. Have to get ready for work. Still must check into the Badger Weather Net and the Kansas Wx Net before leaving. Always enjoy KAR. Always a place to learn new stuff. Just think, 2007 right around the corner and my projected retirement is in 2008. Time is getting short!!!!

Bill AA0OM I appreciate hearing from U Bill.
Hey Orlan, above 3600 is going to be extra ssb only after Dec 15, correct? We had to move the TSN net from 3719 to down to 3591 in amoung a bunch of rtty and other nets.
73 Arley WB5NKC & Pat WB5NKD

Arley and Pat have been active in CW nets for as long as I have known them. Orlan QSL on QKS #2 Message and thanks for update. I've been on slow motion and neglecting the radio this fall. Hope to get more active soon. 73 Claude AAØIQ Me TOOooo Claude.
Orlan, It has been pretty quiet this month. A lot of new changes in the Army MARS coming up next year. A good Christmas party over here with the DCARC members. Wishing you and ALL a Merry Christmas and hope you are getting along better now.

John Halladay...KA0JMO U2 John...!
Merry Christmas Orlan,
You can come up with some really good items to read. I liked the fly-in last Summer and the N.Y. over N.Y. I really enjoyed the singing hams in Denmark. You are GOOD!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!
Thanks Orlan, We did dust off the old key and managed a few contacts on 20 for SKN. Will have to try to do that more often, always reminds us of our Novice days. We have a AT-1 sitting in our corner. This eBay ad was sent in by a member, that would be a good way to take care of the excess!
73 and Happy New Year to all, TU Chuck 4 all of the fine URLs. Always glad to get them.
Orlan
Chuck KØBOG @ HQ
Orlan, Great picture, thanks.
Ken Carpenter KD6DBX
Operations Manager
NorthStar Communications
Orlan,
May you be blessed with Health, Wealth and Wisdom!
73, Wretha kc0hho Happy New Year!!!!!

ORLAN,
SORRY, IT HAS BEEN SO LONG SINCE I HAVE BEEN ON THE CW, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT FREQUENCY THEY WILL BE WORKING ON. I FINALLY DUG OUT MY OLD VIBROPLEX ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO AND TALKED TO SUMMERS AND RIC NELSON. I BOUGHT THE BUG IN 1951, WHEN I WENT TO WORK FOR THE RAILROAD AS AN AGENT/TELEGRAPHER. 73S
JOHN ka0jmo

Thanks Orlan, I will try to make the CW nets. Its been a long time since I work much CW, but its about time I get started again. 73s

John ka0jmo We will be looking 4 U

Hanging around ham radio discussion forums at times reveals some real gems of information. In a recent eham.net discussion of band plans in 1941, a link was posted to the text of a book written in 1941 by Clinton B. DeSoto:
http://www.qsl.net/ng3p/haminfo/desoto/toc.html
I haven’t read past the first few paragraphs, but it promises to be a companion piece to his "200 Meters and Down" (still available from the ARRL) which documented a good deal of early amateur radio history.

On the coming cold winter nights, this should prove to be an enjoyable reading assignment.
I enjoyed reading your description of those early daze [sic] when we all didn't have very much, but didn't actually KNOW it! At Willard, back in 1948 or so, we had the handpump outside the kitchen porch, and one Summer, my Uncles Hank and Ed put in a small handpump in the kitchen... oh my... was my Grandmother beside herself with joy. I understand that eventually we had get electric lights and the whole deal, but Grandpa was pretty frugal, and those were not to be "wasted" you know.

I have vivid memories of sitting behind the pot-bellied stove with my Grandmother in the Wintertime, picking goose down from feathers, by the light of a kerosene lamp. A couple of years ago, I got to go into that old house (now completely restored and beautiful), and took the time to sit down on the floor on the spot where I'd sat as a tiny kid with Grandma. In retrospect, those "good old days" were pretty tough, but somehow, we never noticed, I guess. Heck - we were dry, we were warm, and we weren't hungry... pretty rich folks, I think... besides, I had the whole farm to play in, and my two dogs "Teddy" and "Bert" always kept me safe. Oh, what a sweet world.

Tom

Actually, gift-wrapping for men is right in the same catagory as "shopping" for men.

Shopping:

1. Determine what you need
2. Go to the store
3. Walk directly to where the stuff is, and pick it up.
4. Go directly to the checkout counter and pay for it.

(To hell with those "self-checkouts" - I pay for a HUMAN - I want to talk with a HUMAN - If I wanted to "interface" with a damned machine, I'd go have a stimulating conversation with my frickin' lawnmower)

5. Go use it. Wrapping is kind of like that...
1. Remove an entire sheet of wrapping paper (no need to size it down)
2. Place the object in the middle.
3. Bring all of the parts up until they're fairly on the sides of the object.
4. Seal with duct-tape.
5. Using a magic-marker, write the name of the receiver on the tape. (stands out better)

Tom

When I was a very little boy, I grew up surrounded by folks who'd grown up during the Great Depression. We did NOT tear open gifts... we VERY CAREFULLY cut the tape, untied the ribbon, and unfolded the paper so that Grandma could use it again. Tearing open a gift was a near-capital offense, punishable by Grandpa - 'nuff said.

Most wrapping paper in those days was that colored heavy-duty tissue paper... green, blue, white, red, yellow, no purple I seem to recall. Anyway, THAT lovely wrapping would often end up in the outhouse - we had plumbing in the city, but on the farm, one took care of "business" the "natural" way. Oh but we had a fine outhouse.. one of the very FINEST in the land - built by the WPA it was. All poured (polished) concrete with oak seating, a very sophisticated ventilation system, electrically lighted, and the real bonus came later..... in the spirit of my Uncles and my own Naval traditions to come, it had a PORTHOLE. Yup! Fresh from the front of a 1946 Bendix washing machine, it was carefully installed by my Uncle's Ed and Bill on the North side of the "comfort house". One couldn't open it, but it provided that proper amount of natural Sunlight, and with the crispness of a fall morning, it almost felt like being at sea, looking out at the clouds in the sky.

Anyway... the Sears & Roebuck + Monkey Wards catalogs ended up out there. Strangely, the HUNTING, FISHING, TOOLS, and LADIE'S FOUNDATION GARMENT pages never got used! in the very early days, corncobs were the standard, but technology soon prevailed... the old phone books from Topeka, KS... and the colored wrapping paper. It was usually on the bottom of the pile so didn't get used too soon - we couldn't have conspicuous consumption you know.

One fine Summer day, when Dad and I walked the mile, down to the creek to go swimming in the fishing hole, it became apparent that he'd apparently utilized the 'facility' and had used some of the long-past Christmas green tissue, as when he took off his trousers to jump into the water, we beheld his very GREEN butt... he looked quite "festive" as I recall. laughed my 13 year-old but off... and got yelled at - it was worth it.

Tom

ComTraPac Communications (Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Center San Diego). Callsigns of "NPL3" (morse code) and "BELASCO" (voice). On the far end is the TCS-9 combination (rcvr/xmtr/coupler), and receivers shown are RBA, RBB, and RBC versions. The receiver on the very left end is the one we heard the live broadcast of Kennedy's assassination on. Noting the antenna insulator feed-through for the TCS... it was still there in 1998, when I went back for the disestablishment ceremonies. What a flood of memories, remembering the idling diesels of the tuna boats, on quiet warm Summer nights, during midwatches... just outside the coffee-pot window. This was a REAL Navy radio shack.

When I returned in 1998, I stood inside the now-empty room... the smell was the same - Navy electronic equipment, stale cigarette smoke, old coffee, that wierd "creosote" scent of teletype tape, and the faint scent of mimeograph fluid... all mixed with the small of worn paint and floor wax. The only thing missing was the hammering of the teletype, and the quiet static of the receivers.
Well... keep in mind, it's not ham-radio related... just thought you'd get a chuckle out of it. Tom We're expecting a total of between 19" and 24" of snow by tomorrow afternoon. Airport is closed (famous last words: "This airport will Never close") I-70 closed from Denver to Kansas state line, and most likely beyond that. I-25 closed to Cheyenne, Wyoming - North.... and from Pueblo, CO to New Mexico - South I-70 to the West IS open... gotta' feed those ski areas, ya know. Heavy snow w/30 kt. winds.

See ya...
That's right folks - here it comes again. Snowing like a banshee outside (well, beats the hell out of snowing INSIDE, doesn't it?). In this latest episode of "Tommie's Most Amazing Winter Adventure", we have about 9 inches already, and much, much more to come. Luckily I got all my running about done before 1500, so as I pulled in front of the house, it was beginning to stick... good timing.
Took Master Theodore B. Goodpaws out for a mile walk, and he loved it... I enjoyed it too, as traffic is pretty much a NON-ISSUE. The airport has once again cancelled many, many flights, and I suspect that Eddie Bauer and and Cabellas should have opened an "outdoor camping display" at DIA, as it would most likely get USED. 'Tis not to worry, however... we have food, warmth, enough ammunition, a generator full of gas, and a fridge full of everything - as my friend Greg says..."THIS... does NOT suck"

Tom

See Tom's Straight Key Night photo.
Yeah... and although you can't see 'em - I just got through using:
1939 McElroy Deluxe 300 - straight key
1942 Lionel manufacture J-38 - straight key
1953 Johnson Speed-X - straight key
1959 Brass "cheapie" - straight key (bought from B-A when I was a kid of 15) and that doesn't include:
1949 Johnson Speed-X - bug (used in US Navy to send Kennedy death msgs, & Vietnam traffic) 1968 Vibroplex Presentation Deluxe - bug... used at NPN / US Naval Comms Sta. - Guam What a blast, tonight... next time, I'm buying some LOW xtals.

Tom

and although you can't really see it - the 3560 kc (doubles to 7120) xtal is NOT in a holder... it's stuck between the spring pins of an old WW-II FT-143 holder, as the original xtal. came in a holder, equipped with the big & WIDE pins!. How's that for "cobbling"?

Tom

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did you also notice the "period" 1950 headphones? Also... even though you can't tell from the photo, they're being worn in the PROPER manner... only over the FRONT part of the ear. (...and YES, I really was only using the finger for the "DAH" contact in the pic... and later)

Tom

Especially poignant, in light of recent events, I thought I'd pass along this Word file of the LAST CW MESSAGE sent by the US Coast Guard. I copied it live and off-air. As hams, I think it
very important to keep alive, one of our ORIGINAL and MAJOR traditions. As the Coastie and Navy Radiomen used to send (and you'll never find this in an official manual like ACP-131), Z-U-T... It means "CW forever"

Seven Three
Tom

The following is the last message traffic, transmitted via Morse Code, by the U.S. Coast Guard. “Copied” live (off-air) on 8471 kHz on 001Z; 01 April, 1995 (Actually 5:01 pm MST on 31 March, 1995), it marks the end of an era, in which many of us “worked the circuits” with CW, over many, many years. I myself, was one of the last CW operators at COMTRAPAC Communications (NPL3 - 4335 kHz) in San Diego, and in fact, hold the last “Speed Key Ticket” from this command. During my duty there, I worked many USCG cutters... their Radiomen were some of the best.

Thomas C. Dailey - USN RM

BT O Ø1ØØ1Z APR 95
FM COGARD CAMSLANT CHESAPEAKE/NMN
TO CQ
BT
U.S. COAST GUARD IS NOW CLOSING DOWN CONTINUOUS HF CW WATCH AND CEASING ALL MORSE CODE OPERATIONS IN THE HF BAND. AS WE CONCLUDE OUR WATCH WE WISH THE MARITIME COMMUNITY FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS. THE COAST GUARD IS PROUD OF ITS TRADITION AND LONG STANDING SERVICE TO THE MARINER ON HF MORSE CODE WHICH BEGAN IN 19Ø1 WITH THE REVENUE CUTTER SERVICE ACTIVELY EXPERIMENTING WITH WIRELESS AS A REGULAR MEANS TO COMMUNICATE ON LAND AND AT SEA TO THE FIRST MORSE CODE RADIO INSTALLATION ABOARD THE CUTTER GRANT IN 1923. OUR ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS MISSION WAS TO RECEIVE DISTRESS ALERTS. HOWEVER SINCE 1921 THE COAST GUARD HAS FAITHFULLY AND DILIGENTLY LISTENED FOR TRAFFIC ON BOTH MF AND HF COPYING AND RESPONDING TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF CALLS FROM MARINERS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE OR REPORTING POSITION WEATHER NAVIGATIONAL OR SAFETY INFORMATION. OVER THE YEARS WE HAVE PROVIDED MARINERS WITH URGENT SAFETY AND NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS OVER HF MORSE CODE AND RECEIVED VESSEL LOCATION UPDATES THROUGH THE AUTOMATED-MUTUAL VESSEL RESCUE SYSTEM. WE WILL FEEL A SENSE OF LOSS WITH THE PASSING OF CW. THE NEED FOR OPERATORS WITH SENSITIVE EARS AND A FAST PRECISE KEY WILL BE REPLACED BY COMPUTERS MODEMS AND AUTO ALARMS. THE SPECIAL EMOTION AND EXCITEMENT ENJOYED BY CW OPERATORS CANNOT BE DUPLICATED AND THE CHILLING S O S SIGNAL WILL NEVER AGAIN BE RECEIVED BY A COAST GUARD RADIO STATION. BUT CW HAS RUN ITS COURSE AND THE COAST GUARD LOOKS FORWARD TO SERVING YOU ON THE NEXT GENERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS, THE GLOBAL NATIONAL DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEM WHICH WILL OPERATE WITH INCREASED EFFICIENCY RELIABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS. FROM ALL COAST GUARD TELECOMMUNICATION SPECIALISTS WE BID YOU 73S. WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT.
SIGNED CG CAMSLANT.

BT DE NMN

SK

At the end of the message, I heard many anonymous signals sending “QSL AR” and as I added my own, signing my old callsign, I sent “DE NPL3 QSL ZUT AR” ...several ZUT’s came back... The meaning? The US Military used not only “Q” signals, but “Z” signals as well, and it happened that a radioman from the CG Cutter Durable (NRUN) told me once, that (unofficially) Z-U-T meant... “CW Forever”
WINTER SNOW
Whilst still a boy
filled with grandeur, yet to come
I beheld the crystal mantle
upon the frozen silent wheat.

The morning crept,
like stillness personified
only the tinkle of the ice-laden
blades of grass
made mention of the breeze so still.

'Twas a childhood morning
shared only by my dog... and me
The best of all, I sometimes think
long before
I "grew up"... and put more into it

- than was meant to be.

T.C. Dailey - 2005

The ARA fest in Brighton, is just North of Denver

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