FIELD DAY 2000 from your SM.
Hi gang! I had the opportunity to visit 5 field day sights and ran across two interesting things. At the Jay Hawk Club site, I saw my first PSK31. I think it is a bit like packet on HF. It is completely computer driven with a mouse. The computer screen is split into 3 sections. One is a spectrum analyzer showing where stations are and are not on the band. Another part of the screen shows the text being copied. To change frequency, just click the mouse on the spectrum analyzers screen and the computer changes the transceiver to that frequency.

I dropped by the Douglas County Club and found the CW station was QRP running 5 watts. At noon Sunday they had made 548 contacts and had worked every call on some bands.

The Johnson County RAC was on channel 4 TV news. Hope you had a great field day!!! Orlan

NEW HF HAMS ..... Nate net control stn, Ks Sideband Net.
Hi Orlan.
I was a bit dismayed last night to read your comments that no new hams had appeared on the nets since restructuring. I wish to counter that assumption by saying that N0LMW, Marty at Ottawa and WA0DOB, Darrell at Albert have become net regulars and both arrived signing /AG the week following April 15.
73, de Nate >>

VICE DIRECTOR K0BJ:
Orlan,
here locally we had one ham that went to General after April 15, plus a couple others from not too far away. The one here just got licensed with Tech a couple months before, and likes cw, so he may well have made it to HF shortly anyway. From what I saw and heard at Dayton, and on the bands, I think there is a mild to moderate tick of HF newcomers, and suspect more may be ambling on up in the next few months. I forget the night now, but one night shortly after April 15 there were 2-3 'new to HF' checkins to KSBN.
73 Bruce    K0BJ

OFFICIAL EMERGENCY STATION...... N0LGY
Acknowledged Orlan and thanks for the informative message. I know that Rene Ramos, formerly KF0DA and Rick Reichert (KF4LM) both upgraded to Amateur Extra and that Rene has been using his new privileges. I talked with Dan Harlow of Associated Radio in Overland Park and he also mentioned that sales have not taken off yet. He is curious how the new multi-band Kenwood transceiver shown at Dayton (under glass and unnumbered) will do when it is released later this year after FCC type approval and with a price tag of about $2000...

Be safe...

Adios...DE Jack...K

NEW ON HF:
I know of one. Don, KA0JLF, got his General at the Joplin MO hamfest on April 15, He and Don, KA0EIC have made the occasional round table on 40 meter SSB since then.

My ex-wife, Linda, KB0PHS e-mailed me that the Valley Center club is going to attempt to remedy the problem of no Wichita hamfest. Actually, it will likely be a Valley Center hamfest (north of Wichita) in September or October.

She says she has not decided on an exact date yet.

Out on the road today, saw a DeadHead sticker on a Cadillac
Heard a voice inside me, said:
"Dnn't look back, you can never look back"...

Robert Davis    Amateur Radio K0FPC
Overland Park KS

ARRL FIELD SERVICE MANAGER ....... Congrats!!!
Tnx, Orlan. When I got the second half of the Extra Class test passed, someone asked if I would change calls. After a couple weeks of thinking about it, I decided, "Why not?"

73! Rosalie, K1STO

OFFICIAL RELAY STATION......W0NXS
Orlan,
A short write up in the local paper about our KVARC field day activities in Topeka:

Let me know if for some reason the link doesn't work!
(it worked, hope not too late for others - oyh)

Thanks and 73,

Ken Kopp W0NXS

FROM YOUR SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER
Hi Everyone !

Field Day 2000 is here. This is an opportunity to get out and enjoy HR with the gang and pickup some practical operating knowledge. FD is a combination of things that make our service fun and a resource for our communities.

Have you set up a station outside that wasn't a hand held? Here's your opportunity to get first hand experience with HF out in the field. Veteran club members will be more than happy to "supervise" the set up and help get things perking along. After you get on the air you can begin communicating with others.

Although FD is a contest with contest exchanges you could just as easily be communicating EMERGENCY traffic for your county if needed. Digital, CW, SSB, and of course 2 meters could all be utilized at FD. These same modes are available for NTS Radiogram traffic in many areas.

I hope you will participate with Field Day in some form. If this is your first time, consider sending a radiogram to a relative so they know how much fun you're having. Better yet, ask non-hams that show up if they would like to send one. The nets still meet during the weekend so remember to take a few minutes to check-in and see if there is anything coming your way. You get 10 points for each message relayed.

I'll be at Linn County Park with Mine Creek ARC.

73, Ron

DXCC FIELD CHECKER:
Pleased be advised that I have been appointed as a Field Checker for DXCC. Please pass the word.
Thanks.
My E-Mail add is ak0a@sound.net
JUMP IN TESTING:
Orlan,
Our test sessions have increased dramatically, we usually have from 2 to 3 persons taking tests, we have been running about 9 for the last 3 tests. The last 2 exams I only had one person take an exam though, the rest were paper work upgrades from old Techs and people who took their exams earlier this year and held their cese until the 4/15/00 changes.

I know that several of these upgrades have purchased new equipment and are enjoying the new privileges. I also believe things will return to normal now that most of the "freebie" upgrades have been taken. Although I agree that these rule changes were necessary I don't think it'll attract lots of new hams as the basic entry has been the codeless tech for years now and that hasn't changed.

73, Chuck (AAØRI) - ARRL Legal Government Liaison

TESTING
I would like to see our exam sessions in the Wichita area listed on the KAR page. Our next session is scheduled for August 8, 2000 at 7 PM at the Calvary Baptist Church, 320 N. West St., Valley Center, KS. Complete details can be found at:

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

The plan is to hold a session at least once each quarter, so we'll probably have an exam in early November followed by a session in February and May 2001. I don't yet have exact dates scheduled as we have to work around activities at the church.

Nate, N0NB

SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER MONTHLY REPORT
Month of Apr. tfc for June. report 2000

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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 SGL Marshall Reese AA0GL,PIC Scott Slocum KC0DYA and TC Frank Neal N8FN. ARRL Ks. State Convention August 27 at Salina. Section meeting and Kansas Amateur of the year presentation by W0TQ at 10 AM. Pse welcome Terry WA0DTH as he joins us as an Official Bulletin Station and Ken W0NXS as Official Relay Station. Ken has been active on our CW tcf net as a net control for some time. We need an Emergency Coordinator in the Wichita area. Please let me know if interested. EC Rick Reichert of Dist. 4 Zone 2 is not continuing for another 2 yr. Rick has put together a great example of a full service ARES group with HF capabilities to reach out nation wide for his community. Scott Crawford KC0CIG has excepted the EC position. A big TU to all for supporting NTS, ARES, & Field Svc.

Apr. Kansas Nets: sessions/QNI/QTC, KSBN 30/1083/82 KPN 22/307/34 KMWN 29/578/502 KWN 29/808/536 CSTN 25/1704/ 94 QKS 56/276/81 QKS-SS 11/26/5 SEC 12/233/3 QNS KB0AMY N0BTH K0BXF WD0DVM/SEC AA0IQ W0PBV WA0SSR KB0WEQ. TEN 294 msgs 60 sessions Kansas 67% KB0DTI AC0E KX0I AA0OF K0PY W0WWR NB0Z WB0ZNY W0SS mgr. BBS reports: W1AW Bul/Per/NTS AA0HJ 6/316/0 N0OMB 26/324/0. Ks Stns tcf N0JK 1038 W0WWR 74 WB0ZNY 62 W0OYH 48 K0RY 30 NB0Z 30 KX0I 21 N0RZ 13 N0ZIZ 12 W0FCL 2. PIC/PIO KC0DYA,PIO KB0DTI reports w/published news clips

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73, Orlan w0oyh ARRL Ks Section Mgr