Hi gang, Field Day is upon us again. It is set for week end after next, June 24 and 25. Send us some of your photos and will try to post them on the ARRL server. Remember we have HF nets available on Sunday morning on 3920 kHz at 8 AM to get your FD message to your SM.

I had a ultrasound of my heart a few days ago and will be having a nuclear stress test next Thursday. I got shorter of breath than usual and saw my doctor and he took chest x-rays and got excited. He handles me the x-rays and said see your heart doctor now this minute. He didn't get as excited but I have sure spent a lot of time in doctor offices this last week. The report is forth coming.

If you would like the Kansas hams to know when you have a Silent Key in your area, please let me and your SM know. Recently you have been very quiet. One of the purposes of KAR is to make us hams a state wide family and not just a local group.

Tom WØEAJ has given us a lot of nice "Key Strokes" this month and are found at the bottom.

On August 24, 2006, Captain Donald S. Inbody, USN, will hand over command of the Naval ROTC Unit at the University of Texas and retire after 28 years of service in the United States Navy. A change of command/retirement ceremony will be held in Main 210/212 on the University campus at 10:00 am, preceded by a reception beginning at 9:30. Additionally, a BBQ dinner in celebration will be held that evening. Congrats on your retirement and for your service to our country Don. The Bar BBQ sounds great, Texas style no less? Orlan

Field Day is June 24 and 25. Seems like we did that just a week ago, hi hi. See May QST page 105. Field Day message for extra Field Day points. CLICK>>> http://www.arrl.org/contest/forms/06-fd-w1aw-sked.html

Click on this one and enter your birth date for some fun. >>> http://www.frontiernet.net/~cdm/age1.html

Dear Field Day Folks: Take a look at: http://www.k0gq.org/pages/fdsites.html If you want your field day site on this map, send your request to RARC. This is a terrific service!

Larry, W0AIB
Kansas City's first coordinated 33cm repeater is on the air!!
Hello, I have a piece of Kansas Amateur radio news for the next issue..
I wanted to pass along that Kansas City's first coordinated 33cm repeater is on the air!!
The KØKN/r machine went on the air about a month ago on 902.7125 / 927.7125, 151.4 Hz tone.
The repeater is located at the Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Merriam, KS. All are welcome to experiment with us on this new band.

Please contact me if you'd like suggestions on a radio for 33cm. We're using modified commercial radios, which are averaging a $25 each on the used market.

Thanks and 73, Kyle Yoksh - KØKN
I will Fwd to Kyle anyone wanting info on the 33cm repeater. w0oyh@arrl.net
Do you realize it is less than 7 weeks until the State Convention at Salina? U got it on UR sked?
The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.
73, Orlan w0oyh - UR ed

ARRL KS SECTION MANAGER
Kansas Section News Summary- April 2006
SM, Ron Cowan, KB0DTI-- SEC/OOC: Robert Summers, K0BXF ASM: Orlan Cook,W0OYH
ASM-Youth: Emily Stewart, KC0PTL SGL: Steve Hamilton, KB0JYL, PIC: Larry Staples, W0AIB

I have recently made two Section level appointments. Larry Staples-W0AIB is now our Public Information Coordinator. He has been involved with Public Service activities for many years and maintains his enthusiasm for the Amateur Service. Larry jumped right into the Hello campaign and is actively pursuing that opportunity.

Emily Stewart-KC0PTL has been appointed Assistant Section Manager. She is a Freshman at Leavenworth High School and will be building our youth awareness. Emily is in the process of putting Ham Radio into her school system, she has crossed several hurdles toward that goal already.

DCARC's Ham class is completed. The club graduated half a dozen new hams. They also upgraded a bunch to General and several to Extra Class. DCARC held their club auction in conjunction with the April meeting. They also held a STAR Party the end of March at NØLRF and KCØGSF's farm.

Crown ARA (Honeywell Aerospace) put on a program for 5th graders at Meadow Lane school in Olathe. Participating Radio Amateurs were: KØGY, KØNK, KC0SKX and KØTHN.

Kit building has become a popular club activity. Pilot Knob and DCARC both have included a day on their calendar of events for pooling their experience in the art of building projects.

Fort Scott ARC has their 146.625 repeater working much better now.

Field Day is just around the corner, start putting your PR campaign together. Wichita ARC is gearing up and looks like they will be at a different location this time.

Valley Center ARC hamfest will be held October 7th on the West side of Wichita.

Kansas State Convention is August 20th hosted by Central Kansas ARC.
73, Ron

For the latest from your SM on what is going on in our section>>> Click
http://www.arrl.org/sections/KS.html
Ron has posted some very nice photos.

Ron D. Cowan, KB0DTI
ARRL Kansas Section Manager:
kb0dti@arrl.org

ARRL KS SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR
No report this month due to being involved in hit and run auto accident. wife and i both suffering from chest pains and i a broken right wrist.this is a hunt and peck effort with left hand. will combine reports next month, sorry Get well soon Bob..!
73, Robert Summers KØBXF - ARRL Kansas Section Emergency Coordinator.

QKS - THE ARRL NTS KS CW TRAFFIC NET:

QKS Net Controls Tenth Regional Net Liaisons
3610 kHz 7 pm. 10 pm. 3590 kHz 7:45 pm. 9:30 pm.
Day QKS 1 QKS 2 Day TEN 1 TEN 2
Sunday WØWWR WØWWR Sunday WØWWR WØWWR
Monday KKØHF WØOYH Monday open open
Tuesday ABØWR KØBJ Tuesday ABØWR ABØWR
Wednesday NBØZ open Wednesday NBØZ open
Thursday open open Thursday open open
Friday KØPY WØOYH Friday KØPY KØPY
Saturday open WØOYH Saturday WAØLYK WAØLYK

A surprise check-in this month was Gary WØTM who lives here in Shawnee but also in Colorado from where he checked-in . QRN was lousy but copied. Gary is the JoCo RAClub's trustee. De, Orlan
Lets hear UR fist, stop by and check-in or as we say QNI, we will QRS.
73, James, NBØZ - ARRL Ks QKS CW tfc manager

KANSAS STATE RACES OFFICER
Here is the June 1, 2006 RACES Report
The following stations checked into the net:
KBØAMY Brown County
WØPBV Riley County
NUØB Montgomery County
WD0DMV Shawnee County Net Control
4 QNI Ø QTC
73, Joseph WDØDMV - KS RACES Radio Officer

Parsons Area Amateur Radio Club
Orlan, Hello and keep up the good fight. I enjoy KAR and appreciate your effort. The Parsons Area Amateur Radio Club is organized and going again after slumbering the past few years. (we have met informally and kept the repeater going on 146.685) New officers are:
President Bill Collins, N0RRY
V.P. Rick Tucker, W0RT
Secretary Donna Wilmoth, N0LPT
Treas. Bob Wintle, N0QXC

We meet the last Tuesday night of each month at 7PM at the Parsons Arboretum. We plan on going out for Field Day. I am doing well and still working full time. I am active on the cw end of the bands and do some vhf/uhf weak signal work on 6M through 1296. See you in Salina.
Rick Tucker W0RT
KANSAS ARES REPORTS
Zone 6E May 2006 Report

Total Nets...........5
Total Check ins......32
Stations participating...K0EQH, WB0QYA, N0KQX, N0OXQ, KC0AMF,
N0OMC, KC0WO, WC0IVP, K0BAJ, AC0E, KA0ASH and Visitor W0OGH (Now Arizona
formerly from SW Kansas)

Rod K0EQH - /NCS

ARES ALPHA 1 NETS 145.27 MHZ TOPEKA, KS. 2006
TUESDAYS AT 8:30 PM LOCAL
WAØVRS EC
May 2 12 QNI 3 QTC
May 9 14 QNI 2 QTC
May 16 14 QNI 4 QTC
May 23 12 QNI 4 QTC
May 30 17 QNI 5 QTC

Michael,
Thanks for copying us on your report. Glad to hear about the new hams out west. It’s good to
be able to see that weather site. I hope the weather stays calm for you through the summer.
73, Chuck KØBOG ARRL HQ staffer
Trojan ARC ARES Dist 3A Net Report for May 2006

Zone 3A sessions = 34 QNI = 383 QTC = 27

It has been a busy month. We have two additional new Hams in Colby and have 3 or 4 more
preparing to test in the next few months. We activated SkyWarn nets twice in May. We
reported some neat wall clouds and heavy rain / hail but no tornadoes. Colby PD and Thomas
CO SO donated funds to purchase a commercial grade CushCraft 10 element 2-Meter beam
to assist with direct communications from the Colby 82 repeater to the National Weather
Service Office in Goodland. KC0HBR and I assisted the NWS crew with construction and
installation on their Ham equipment tower, up 40 feet. (No we can’t climb their tower any
more!) KC0HBR and I have also ordered TinyTrak3Plus units to allow the NWS Office to track
our locations during SkyWarn Events. I have replaced the chip in the K0FJ-2 Colby APRS Digi
to follow the SSn formatting. After doing that, our Hoxie and GoodlandKPC3+ Digi’s refused to
talk to Colby. I was able to connect remotely and make the program changes to convert them
to SSn formatting as well. Wide 3-3 is the most we allow on our network now. I installed a new
Davis Vantage Pro2 weather station at my QTH to assist in providing automated weather
conditions from Colby to NWS Goodland. It is available on the web at
http://www.k0fj.com/Current_Vantage_Pro.htm if you are interested in checking conditions in
the Wild West. I am working on a new tower that will better place the anemometer for wind
measurements and should have that completed next month.

Our Club is also discussing re-establishing a 145.01 Packet Node in Colby. The SHARC club
in SW Ks is working on doing the same. It is fun to work with new members who are excited
about Club and ARES / SkyWarn activities. We have a few members that we have signed up
as ARRL members also. That’s about enough from this end if your are still awake!
73 till next month Michael Albers K0FJ EC & OES Dist 3A
May 2006 Kansas 2 Delta EC Report:

1 ARES Meeting with 6 in attendance Completion of the ICS-700 Course with Exam.
1 CKARC Meeting with 28 in attendance

1 ARES Net 8 check-in's No Traffic
1 Siren Net 8 check-in's No Traffic

5 CKARC 10 Meter nets 25 check-in's No Traffic
5 CKARC 2 Meter nets 60 check-in's No Traffic

No Stormwatch nets this month.

Sid Ashen-Brenner N0OBM
Kansas 2 Delta EC
DEC NCKS
KS Army MARS Emergency Operations Officer AAM7EKS

Sid Ashen-Brenner NØOBM
Emergency Coordinator Kansas District 2 Delta
n0obm@arrl.net or sashen@swbell.net Homepage http://www.qsl.net/n0obm

Here is the May report for ARES DIST 6F

5-7-06 1 NET QNI-8 QTC-0
5-14-06 1 NET QNI-5 QTC-0
5-21-06 1 NET QNI-7 QTC-0
5-28-06 1 NET QNI-9 QTC-0
TOTAL 4 NETS QNI-29 QTC-0

SKYWARN- There was no SKYWARN activity for May
Steve Benson NØBTHEC Dist 6F

Subject: Zone C4 May 2006 Monthly ARES Activity Report
Total ARES members: 40
Monthly Activity:

QNI (ARES): 78 QTC (ARES): 07
QNI (Non-ARES): 50 QTC (Non-ARES): 05

Comments: My hat is off to our weather spotters. You folks have been there time and again and the quality of the reporting is getting better all the time. Remember, during roll calls, give your call sign, spotter location, and a summary of relevant weather. "Numerous lightening strikes" doesn't count as relevant weather.

73s,
Paul Backs, KC0JCQ
Zone C4 E.C., Leavenworth County, Kansas
SHARES PROGRAM:

Dear List Members:

A few nights ago Wilbur Goll, W0DEL/AFA0HY/SHARES-SCS Central, and I had quite a telephone conversation.

(I called him as I wanted to learn about SHARES to help me with my involvement with Dave Michael, WA0NXD, and a program to initiate an HF radio system for several VA medical centers in the central part of the country.) I learned a lot about SHARES, but I have a lot more to learn.

Please refer to this web site: [http://www.ncs.gov/shares/](http://www.ncs.gov/shares/)

Wilbur is the central net control station for the weekly SHARES net on Wednesdays, 1100 - 1300 CDT (1600 - 1800 UTC) on 14.396.5 mhz USB. If you can, tune in.

If you access this site [<http://www.netcom.army.mil/mars/news/terrorists.htm>](http://www.netcom.army.mil/mars/news/terrorists.htm) and scroll through you will see an explanation of the involvement of the MARS program and SHARES. Also there is a reference to Wilbur and his assignment with SHARES:

"Wilbur Goll of Shawnee, Kan., (ham call sign W0DEL, Air Force MARS call AFA3HY), is the volunteer who serves as central area net control for SHARES. He counted 63 Army MARS, 44 Navy-Marine Corps MARS, and 28 Air Force MARS stations in the initial operation. His log also recorded 54 Federal agency offices, 35 Civil Air Patrol stations and six commercial carriers such as AT&T participating."

As many of you know, hams can become members of MARS (Military Affiliate Radio System), which means that you, too, could participate in the SHARES activities, providing you have adequately modified ham equipment (not expensive). I am sure that Wilbur would be happy to give you additional information.

73,
Larry, W0AIB
P. S. SHARES is yet another exciting facet of the ham radio jewel!

Happy 40th Anniversary:

As some of you may know, this is the 40th anniversary year for the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Club. To commemorate this, club members are purchasing anniversary club shirts. If we order them promptly, we can all wear them on Field Day this year, and on other club and amateur radio occasions.

The shirts come in several colors and types. At the last HARC meeting, a catalog was passed around that shows the shirts, sizes, colors, and so on. A circular emblem will be put on the left side of the shirt, about where a shirt pocket would be, that says something like: HARC - 40 YRS, and an ARRL symbol will be in the middle.

We think the cost of the shirts will be perhaps $20 to $30. Until we have a full count of the number of shirts that will be ordered, however, we won't know for sure.

To order your shirt, please contact Gerald Speidel, N0A0J, 785-742-2297, or attend the next meeting and be ready to order then. Gerald has the catalogs and can describe them to you. You don't have to be a club member to have a shirt. Spouses, significant others, sometimes attendees, Field Day friends, former club members, and others are also welcome to order.

Randy Noon, KC0CCCR
Secretary Treasurer
Hiawatha Amateur Radio Club
40 Years of Community Service

SILENT KEYS:

WØINX -- Les Land, Parker
AAØTG - James Barnet, Leavenworth

Kenneth L. "Kenny" Neal - W0SAV

Kenneth L. "Kenny" Neal, 66, of Overland Park, KS, died Thursday, June 30 2005, at
Overland Park Regional Medical Center. Funeral Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 5, at
the Porter Funeral Home, 8535 Monrovia, Lenexa, KS. Burial in Resurrection Cemetery,
Lenexa, KS. Friends may call 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Kenny was born
September 13, 1938, in Kansas City, MO. He retired from Local 533 Pipefitters Union. He
played and sang for Charismatic Renewal and was a Ham Radio Operator. He was preceded
in death by his first wife, Dorothy Neal. Kenny is survived by his wife, Rosalia A. Neal, of the
home; two daughters, Debora Kirk and Carrie Scala; four sons, Kenneth and Vincent Neal,
Michael ad Robert Allison; two brothers; two sisters; and 11 grandchildren. (Arrangements:
Porter Funeral Home, 8535 Monrovia, Lenexa, KS)
Published in the Kansas City Star on 7/3/2005.
http://www.legacy.com/kansascity/DeathNotices.asp?

Jeffrey Scott Gould - KC0QZA

and Linda Green Gould in Metarie, LA, he is survived by his parents, wife, Stephanie;
daughter, Rachelle Miller. A casual gathering of family and friends will be at Antioch Park
Wednesday, June 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Donations: Jeffrey S. Gould Memorial Fund, c/o
Published in the Kansas City Star on 6/10/2006.
http://www.legacy.com/kansascity/DeathNotices.asp?
Page=Lifestory&PersonId=18040527

ARRL KS STATE CONVENTION AUGUST 20, 2006
Hi Orlan, the Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club has a new web site: www.centralksarc.com Also we
have applied for the 2006 ARRL Kansas State Convention of August 20th. Pretty much the same fun
and games as last year. Spread the word if you would.
Thanks and 73,
Ron WA0PSF
112 North Douglas Drive
Salina, KS 67401
Phone: 785-827-8149
Email: rtremblay@cox.net I hope everyone has this marked on your calanders. It is abt 2 1/2 months.
Orlan
Ha-Ha-Ha-Ha-Ha-Ha

YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2006 when...
1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen.

IDIOTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the Deer Crossing sign on our road. The reason: "too many deer were being hit by cars" and he didn't want them to cross there anymore. This one was from Kingman, KS. TKS to Jim WØEB for this one.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:
Hi Orlan---> Want to thank you once again for sending the May 06 KAR. Of course I don't understand most of it but I am amazed at the monumental job you do putting it together. I admire the camaraderie you Radio Hams enjoy. I see my good buddy Don Strating put in his two cents. Ha ha. Don and I were shipmates during WWII and have kept up an e-mail contact for quite some time now. Maybe, some day I'll take a slow ride up to North Dakota (from Miami) and surprise him. I hope this note finds you with improving health. GOD bless you. Warmest regards, Jerry Miami, FL.

Hi Orlan, Thanks very much for the latest edition of KAR and the copy of the Trojan news letter, that's a good one. Lots of news in it, too. It reminded me of the Armed Forces Day event this weekend, must try to make some contacts. It’s a fun event. Did you get to see that steam engine that is making a tour of the central part of the US? I saw a number of pictures of it.

We’re getting lots of rain today, I think they forecast up to 5 inches possible in the western part of the state. Should make the grass grow! 73, Chuck, KBØBOG ARRL HQ staffer

Orlan, As you know already. Connie, KØUER, has after many years, stepped down from his post as ARES 1-4 EC. I wish to see ARES continue to serve the public in our area. We still hold the weekly net on Sunday 9:00 p.m. cst. What will it entail if I volunteer to take over for Connie as EC of Lyon and Greenwood Co.?

I have not as of yet passed the element 1 but am working on it. I took and passed the element 3 just over a year ago and will have to retake it due to the time element. Till I can get tested we do have several general class operators to do liaison work in the HF portion if and when needed.

I'm a member of ARRL and also hold a USAF MARS license/ AFA3MP. Thank you, Michael Pate / KCØNFG: USAF MARS/ AFA3MP

Thank you Mike for being there for your community. I hope you have heard from our SM and SEC sense I Fwd to them. They will put you to work. Looking forward to seeing you in the EC slot. Orlan w0oyh - KAR ed

Thanks to KA0VXR http://www.publicwarehouse.co.uk/schematics.html 73, Larry w0aib
Orlan: Your wife is welcome to drive that 57 T-bird in the parade up here. Sept, 23 is the date. I'd like to get a special event call for that weekend but we'd need for some guys to come to town and operate cause we are spread so then for Old Settlers Day.

Larry N0LL

Wonderful stuff!. Thanks for your time and effort to bring us this information. Sincerely, Jack w0vru

This is wonderfully terrific! I wonder if any local media picked it up? Thanks, Orlan! Larry A reply to the school photos.

Hello Orlan, Yes, Bob is my Dad. It's always nice to meet a friendly fellow ham! Two of my brothers are also licensed, Kevin K0MRZ and Patrick KC0MQB.

Thanks for the KAR news and I'll tell my Dad I chatted with you. 73 and all the best, Kyle Yoksh - K0KN

Orlan, Miss hearing u on the nets.

This email is to let u know I got notice Friday that my business which is me is to receive an award from the Kansas Dept, of Commerce June 22 at the Huck Boyd Community Center in Phillipsburg 12 noon. I'm not for sure what this award is as it can be an Economic or a service award or something else. I gave the Smith Center Chamber of Commerce president some information many months ago and this is what came from it. I'm basically a one man business for 34 years but I've also did 24 parades for our annual Old Settlers Day in Sept. up here. Need to get more info to u on that as some of the local hams help me to register and do the parades. This year much of the preparation fell to me and we are having 1997 Miss Kansas and Miss America come to town for 24 hours. The High School homecoming is the day before so she will be involved in that there also. She will be in several things. More later.

Larry N0LL I will try to do better Larry. Sounds like no grass is growing under UR feet. Orlan

KC Field Day sight Map from Larry w0aib http://www.k0gq.org/pages/fdsites.html

The Boeing Employee Amateur Society (BEARS) of Wichita, KS have plans to run a 6A Field Day in Wichita, KS. You and any member of your staff are cordially invited to visit our Field Day site! We will be located at the Spirit Boeing Employees Association Lake on the south side of Wichita, KS. I've drawn a yellow line and placed a blue X on the map where we will have field day. If you need assistance getting to the Lake, just call me at 316-371-2293 and I will be glad to help! We will be having a nice barbeque supper between 4 and 6 pm – you are welcome to share it with us.

Randy Wing, N0LD - BEARS Wichita, KS Trustee and Field Day Coordinator

Orlan, I have been getting the KAR and other mailings from you (the last two were the January KAR and the ARRL bulletin reference the board elections). My old address, 'n0zgz@cox.net', was closed three months ago and is no longer used. If you have any more questions, please let me know. Thanks and 73's, Patrick Kidd K0PMK Congrats on the new call..! Thanks for the new email address, got U updated here. Orlan

Thought you all might be interested in the photographs passed on to me from Orlan Cook that shows a Field Day set up in Taiwan, China. These are courtesy of BV3YA.

Randy k0ccr

My wife and I were commenting on the beauty of that country, and the enthusiasm of the operators. Looks like a wonderful operating position as long as it doesn't rain, hi hi.

Thanks Orlan., Terry, WA0DTH Yes the FD in China photos are very nice. Orlan
I like that rotator controller! -- John NØEI  Wanta go to China and operate it?

HB9O is the call sign of the ham station in The Museum of Transport, Lucerne, Switzerland. There is a web camera set up overlooking the amateur radio station in the museum. Its web address is:

http://212.243.95.82/

If you access this site in the mornings, especially on the weekends, you may see some of the visitors to the station.

And this reminds me to adds words of encouragement for all you to visit our own, very fine, ham museum at Ensor Farmsite and Museum, 18995 W 183rd St, Olathe, KS. Its web site is <http://www.w9bsp-w9ua.org/> which at the moment does not want to open for me! Here are a couple of other sites, which can give you some information about Ensor:

http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2002/03/26/1/

The museum has recently become the property of the City of Olathe, KS. The manager is Larry Woodworth, W0HXS, whose email address is: larryw0hxs@yahoo.com Contact Larry for schedule of events.

Larry, W0AIB

Tom's Key Strokes:
http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~postr/bapix/NC173.htm

I was just essentially "given" one of these WITH the matching speaker. I'll light it up this afternoon, but thought you would all enjoy the story of one NC-173 that accompanied Thor Heyerdahl on the famous voyage of the Kon Tiki. Looking inside, it looks just like the NC-183D that I just did for Greg (KBØODM), but as his was made in 1955, and this one around 1947 or so, I'm sure I'll find some differences. Be sure to scroll down and read the story about the receiver & it's involvement in the expedition.

Later... 73 – Tom

*I remember reading about the Kon Tiki, while in school. It was quite the adventure story of the time. Sponsored by the National Geographic Society, it proved Thor's theory that ancient Egyptians or peoples from their era could have made the journey to South America in their papyrus boats, thus providing inspiration for the Aztec, Toltec, and Mayan pyramids.

I'm a country kid - mostly grew up on a wheat farm in Kansas, and later lived right in Kansas City. I was surrounded by Uncles that fixed everything... My "Country" Grandfather could make ANYTHING, and thus, my playgrounds were the scrap-iron pile and old machinery; lookout posts atop hay stacks provided my view of the world... later, my Uncle Bill gave me that first galena chip, with which to make a crystal set, and it began my life in electronics. My Dad was the academic and culturist. Pop loved to read, and was a wizard at math, history, and such. He taught me the value of books, and as he'd been an only child (like me), he understood how a kid's imagination could serve him well, when there was no one around to play with. Pop could NOT fix stuff. I do recall that being married to my Czech country-girl Mother, he got better at it. I vividly recall him carrying a vise home. He'd bought it for himself, and carried it home on the streetcar, thence walking 2 miles to our house. He was immensely proud of that vise, as it immediately opened up huge horizons on what could be
done with it. The tool of a MAN... yes, that was it. Why, one could create wonders beyond the imagination - with only the assistance of a couple of tools and a VISE. Ahhh, the power dripped from the description of it. It's soft s-q-e-e-z-e on a piece of wood, and the solid "clunk" as the handle slid through the shaft, when released. I still HAVE that original grey vise, as it represents something of the WORLD, owned by a mere mortal. Yes, Dad had a vise, but alas... never could fix things or cars, or stuff like that... he could however, make the BEST DAMNED WORKBENCHES in the world. They never swayed, they never jigged, you could sit on 'em, and beat on 'em, and they'd survive... that was my Father's triumph... workbenches.

My "City Grandfather" was in the optical business, and by the time I was 5 years old, I could assemble a pair of glasses, fit them to the customer, and use a lensometer to determine a prescription from an existing pair of glasses... why the heck I never went into THAT business is one of the senseless wonders of my history... what an idiot. My "City Grandfather" was a man of great skill, but little patience. Loose objects around Grandpa, when in a fit of frustration, took on the properties of artillery projectiles. He was not above hurling wrenches, pencils, rulers, or anything else, if angered by some inhuman process. He never hurt any person, but Grandpa's rage against inanimate features of our universe was unbounded, under the right circumstances. As such, it was a favorite family story of Grandpa re�iving an axe from the garage, when confronted by the locked kitchen door, and he with no key (Grandma was out). He battered the door into veritable splinters with the axe, only to find the offensive skeleton key, quietly reposing in the lock, on the inside of what had been the door. When a neighbor informed him that all he would have to have done was to put a newspaper under the door, then push the key out with a pencil - pull the paper, and retrieve the key... Grandpa, it is rumored, yelled an epithet worthy of a 40-year sailor.

Grandpa's number one tool, outside of his small optical pliers and screwdrivers, was the HAMMER. No obstacle was too stout or great for my Grandpa Dailey's HAMMER. If you knew about my City Grandpa, you clearly understood why he should NOT have been allowed near a hammer. It is for this reason, that car repairs were not known to Dad or Grandpa (the city ones here) - they would throw up the hood - peer stolidly under it for a half-eternity, then exclaim that "it's bad! Call the garage!" Pop could quote Virgil and Homer, but the wonders of a spark plug were beyond his valley.

I suspect that being an Infantry Sgt (C company - 148th. Infantry - 37th. Division) in WW-II had provided all the "excitement" necessary, and Pop far preferred the company of a stamp album, or me and the dog, aside a quiet creek on the farm... a Red Dot panatela crimped between his teeth, as we'd simmer a Folger's coffee-can of water over a small fire, into which a handful of coffee had been dropped... there WAS no finer coffee than that... must have been one of those "infantry grunt" things.

I had a good "kidhood"... I was loved... I was spent time with... I was taught of the world... the one close, and the one far away.... it led to my motto - which is still displayed on the fridge' "If my bed is warm - if my stomach is full - if my roof is dry... then I am a very rich man!"

later... Tom
Got the 1954 Heathkit AT-1 transmitter going tonight... had an open plate choke on the 6AG7 oscillator tube... ironically enough, though... it got enough feedback coupling through stray-capacitance, that it still oscillated! Just didn't put out enough to drive the 6L6. [ should make a great Straight-Key-Night xmtr ]

http://www.heathkit-museum.com/ham/at-1.shtml
If you ever looked at the website for K6NCG, you saw me (at 19 years old) sitting in front of one, as the young WNØEAJ, working 40m CW from Treasure Island.

This AT-1 transmitter was given to me, as it was a TOTAL basket case... so much so, that I took EVERY part off of it, excluding the tube-sockets, RF output coil assy, & pwr. xfmr... then using the original assembly manual, BUILT IT as if it were a new kit. That darned choke had a broken wire where it soldered to the lead... finally found it with a magnifier. I even had to rewind the oscillator coil, and trying to find out how many turns in each band... well, that was fun. I finally got a fellow back East to actually COUNT them for me; had to verify that it was right, by use of a grid-dip meter.

The AT-1 was Heathkit's VERY FIRST kit, designed as a KIT, from the ground up! Although their oscilloscopes were the first kits, they were not designed as such... they just happened, due to the vast amount of war surplus parts that Heath and his partner bought. Yes... the AT-1 began a long legacy of affordable electronics for Joe Average Ham.

Tom - WØEAJ
TC
On Thinking of a buddy, with whom I served....

My buddy... RM2, Charles H. Brown... who sleeps the long sleep atop Ft. Rosecrans. Oh, that I could shake the hand of Charlie's son and tell him of his Daddy's charm he filled the night's watch gloom with joy' and gave a smile where'ere he went Charlie, I suspect, still plays the drums no more with new pencils, I suspect rather, a perfect pair of sticks hewn from the Lord's almighty forest. Long ago, in sixty-four, you were the first I saw depart in memory's train then again, thirty-three years later as promised - I returned just like I said... and held your stone as if it were your strong shoulders that worked a key so long ago. The stone sits crooked, lifted by Natures uplifting bends I remembered where it was, that April day so long ago, when I was barely pass'd a boy, myself I walked right to you, old friend and sat... and talked... and told of stories we would remember and how I thought of you these long years hence

Sometimes, I still tune a receiver to that foreign shore.. our old frequency and listen it sounds the same only the morse is missing - no more the call answered in a mystery voice of moving wrist and broken carrier Good night, my friend - my brother dear I shall not forget Tom...
TC Dailey wrote:
> Looks about right, to me.
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> http://www.lloydsdipsydumpster.com/scans.htm

Nice!

Saw that "Bodyworks 2" thing at the museum yesterday -- that's just eerie and at the same time fascinating. Lots of dead people... in strange poses.

The "Battlestar Butt-Ache" (Jeep Cherokee) is ready to go roving for the 6M and up contest this coming weekend.

http://www.rmham.org - click on Photos, then down to "Nate's Rover".

100W on 6m - 2 X stacked W0KVA square loops
160W on 2m - 3 element beam
10W on 220 MHz - 1 X W0KVA square loop
50W on 432 MHz - 10 element beam
10W on 902 MHz - 14 element beam
10W on 1.2 GHz - 2 X stacked 18 element beams - single feed
2W on 10 GHz - 2' Dish Network offset feed dish with W1GHZ feed

Wheee... 70 MPH with a 12' mast.

Time to go roving!

Turn on your 6m, 2m and UHF SSB radios Saturday after 12PM noon, or later throughout the weekend. Everyone tends to congregate around the calling frequencies generally (depending on activity)... 50.125, 144.2, and 432.1! See ya there!

Nate WY0X
Survivor, Kansas Style

Due to the popularity of the Survivor shows, KSN Networks is planning to do it's own show entitled: "Survivor, Kansas Style".

The contestants will start in Wichita, travel west to Pratt, Garden City and up to Colby. From there they will head over to Hays, down to Great Bend, up through Salina and then on to Concordia.

They will then proceed to Marysville down to Topeka, then south to Fort Scott and Pittsburg west through Independence, Arkansas City, Wellington and back up to Wichita.

Each will be driving a pink Volvo with a New Jersey license plate and large bumper stickers that read: "I'm a Vegetarian", "NASCAR Sucks", "Go Duke", "Copenhagen is for Idiots", "Hillary in 2008", "Deer Hunting is Murder", "Say No to Budweiser", "I hate K-State Football", "A Good High School Team Could Beat KU In Basketball", "Go Bucknell" "I'm here to Confiscate Your Guns".

The first one who makes it back to Wichita alive wins.

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