Hi Gang,

Many of you have heard me say, for me ham radio was at it's peak in the 1970s. So I dug-out an old QKS-SS newsletter dated May 1973 to share some of the activities of that time. The newsletters came through the mail with only an 8¢ stamp on it. Yah, can't send a post card for that today.

Our net manager was John WNØGVR now NØEI. He also was the one who started the net, as a Novice. His mug shot is just to the left. Yep it was a Novice Net, CW Code net which was larger than most nets and especially so today. Novices could not use VFO's so were crystal controlled 75W. Would you believe our SM Bob KØBXF got complaints from other SM? Yep he sure did! Bob was accused of stealing other states Novices. You can see why if you would look at page 4 below. We have regular check-ins from TN, SC, KY, MS, AL, MN, IA, CO, OH, NC, IN, IL, WI, NY, RI, NB, NH, CA, DE, MD, PA, and LA. If you wanted to “Work all States,” just check in to the net.

Here are some of the QKS-SS gang at the Concordia hamfest in 1973. From L to R, Helen WNØGQL, Mike WNØHTI, John WNØGVR/NØEI, Marshall WNØHTF/AAØFO, Orlan WNØFSL/WØOYH, David WNØHTH. Kevin WNØHTR/NØFNL arm. On the way home from the hamfest we ran the net mobile in John's van with a (b-a) Johnson Valiant, CW all the way.

The DKN, see pg 3, Daytime Ks Net was a net I created as a training net for teaching new Novices to run a CW (code) net, to be NCS, Net Control Stations. I started them out in my garage with 2 saw-horses and a 4x8 sheet of plywood and code practice oscillators. When they got the hang of it they did it for real on DKN and than on to QKS-SS...........

QKS-SS got to be like a family. We had a YL ham from OH come to KC and visit several days. My son Kevin WNØHTR/NØFNL was copying 40wpm code in his head at age 14 because of this net. Most all mbrs earned their ARRL “Brass Pounders” Medallion with their call engraved on the back. I have mine with my Novice call on it. Many mbrs were from my JoCo RAC. I taught many of our club's Novice classes. Bonnie KAØQNL my son Kevin NØFNL's XYL was in one of my classes. I taught some General classes then TOOoooo. But I loved the Novices. This bunch on the net would run extra sessions of nets after Junior Hi let out. They had the Generals & up complaining because they moved 100's of msgs a month. I might just add that QKS & QKS-SS tfc nets are where you will find us tfc handlers. I got my first call, WØIAZ in 1952 and was active on nets. In 1957 I built this house, got a new car, new baby and one on the way so let it run out in 1957. In 1970 I asked a friend to give me a Novice test and got WNØFSL. Next year I went down town to the FCC office passed, 13wpm, passed General, passed Advance, and I am back!!

Ron
KBØDTI our SM is keeping QKS-SS alive at 5 WPM on 3547 kHz at 7:32 pm Mon. QKS daily on 3547 kHz at 7 & 10 PM. Drop in any time. Orlan (_ _ _)
Although April was a record-breaking month with a new high membership of fifty-six different calls, and a new high QN of 278 to go with it, we out-did the April QTC figure during May. Some session records were broken too; WH6HTR as NCS on May 11, had a total of thirty-five messages hit the net in one session. Kevin took 150 minutes to direct the net, which was also a new record in time, then, on May 27, he was plagued with QRN at the plus-80 mark on his S-meter, and only ran the net for eight minutes. No stations at all could be heard on the whole band that night. He broke his own personal record and made BPL 500 too! There is a worker for you.

As usual, this bulletin is late again. Not only this month, but attached is last months as well! Thought this would save postage, as I was on vacation at the time the April issue should have been printed, and upon returning, it was time for this one to be sent out. Have noticed the early June QNI figures down some without the bulletin as a reminder, or is it the QRN? If so, we'll be here next Fall, so don't forget us.

The "WHO'S WHO" list has been put back into it's original form of listing members by the first letter of their prefix instead of by district. Thought this would make it easier to find the whole call sign of a station that you may have seen to handle traffic with, as the NCS usually will only send the prefix. Hope nobody forgotten.

The Salina Hamfest was visited by WH6FSL and WH6GVR on June third, and most of the gang from the QKS net were there. A fine bunch of guys, and Orlan and I are looking forward to joining them soon. A group picture was taken by K6FPC, and may appear in QST someday, as it did a few years ago, so keep your eyes open for it.

We recruited a few new Novices from Salina during our visit, as there have never been any Novices from Kansas, outside of the Kansas City area, on our net. We sent a crystal to a couple, and, as fast as the mail got there, WH6JIQ, Dave, joined us. He has been faithfully checking-in every night since, and is now handling traffic. The other Novice we talked to, WH6JUX, Randy, should be joining us as soon as he gets his antenna up. Bob, K6FPC's XYL Linda, WH6GVR, also has joined us - with QTC the first night! We really need these new members, and many more, as conditions have caused our farth away stations to give-up for the summer.

Members ask: "How to get into the National Traffic System (NTS)?" First, your net must maintain regular and systematic liaison with the Region net, either directly, by sending a representative to the Region net, or indirectly by sending a representative to another Section net which maintains direct liaison with the Region net. This applies to Section level nets. For local nets, they must provide liaison to the Section net, or another local net that provides liaison. Secondly, your net must agree to follow general NTS net procedure during its sessions, including usage of standard ARRL message form. Thirdly, your net must agree to cooperate fully with ARRFSC officials in implementing emergency communications at the appropriate level of the net. Note that only 'nets' can belong to NTS. Individual operators do not belong to NTS. They belong only to nets and are always welcome to participate, using proper procedures. (From the ARRL publication NR 27: "The Radio Amateurs Operating Manual"). Got your's???

Novices ask: "Can I be liaison???" Only in the case of a local net to a Section net, in most cases. Section Novice nets (i.e: QKS-SS, KS, ILMN, MNN, BNN, etc) are at the Section level, and, due to Novice-band restrictions, a Novice would be unable to act as liaison to the 'fast' Section net, or to the Region net. The 'fast' nets being QKS, ILMN, MNN, and BNN for the examples given. Regions may be TEN, BHN, BBN, and BBS. Kinda hopeless for the Novice, but this is a good time to learn the correct procedure.
WHO'S WHO on the net! Here is the membership from March to June 14, 1973.

Mark Kansas City, MO
Bill Chattanooga, TN
Cliff Warrensburg, MO
Ken Lawrence, KS
Earl Columbia, SC
Bob Kansas City, KS
Keith Charlotte, NC
Jim Independence, MO
Bob Paducah, KY
Larry Paducah, KY
Bruce Moundridge, KS
Curt Topeka, KS
Lloyd Wichita, KS
Larry Starkville, MS
Jim Huntsville, AL
Jim Tawm & Country, MO
Johnson County RAC, Mission, KS
Ken Ferguson Falls, MN
Dave Cedar Rapids, IA
Jack Boulder, CO
Erica Salina, KS
Mark Alta, IA
Orlan Shawnee, KS
Dave Mt Clemens, MI
Linda Salina, KS
Helen Kansas City, KS
Graig Cedar Rapids, IA
John Kansas City, KS
Jerry Independence, MO
Lanny Pratt, KS
Paul Hinsdale, IL
Don Coldwater, MS
Marshall Merriman, KS
Dave Merriman, KS
Mike Prairie Village, KS
Kevin Shawnee, KS
Jim Highland, IN
Glen Merriman, KS
Jim Hobart, IN
Mike Fountain, CO
Steve Fairway, KS
Dale Arthur, IA
Clay Munster, IN
Norman Merriman, KS
Chuck Mcasoutah, IL
Greg Madison, WI
Louise Yellow Springs, OH
Dave Salina, KS
Mitch Maceo, NY
Kevin Waterloo, IA
John Chattanooga, TN
John Cincinnati, OH
John Marshalltown, IA (/φ)
Randy Cuba City, WI
Kansas Univ ARC, Lawrence, KS
Ken Springfield, IL
Jayhawk AR Sety, KS, KS
Steve Elizabethown, IN
Emory Leavenworth, KS
Joan Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Chuck Mooresville, NC
Ralph Madison, WI
Ralph Ravenna, OH
Jim Selden, KS
Mike Toledo, OH
Dell Toledo, OH
Jim Wooster, OH
Joe Wichita, KS
Joe Flushing, MI
Stan Worthington, OH
Dave Ypsilanti, OH
Vio Kansas City, MO
Info needed
George Warren, RI
Winford Elwood, NB
Doug Nashua, NH
Al Westminster, CA
Jerri Westminster, CA
Mike Laurel, MD
Mary Chester, MD
Dean Salina, KS
Robin Delmar, DE
Stan Meadville, PA
Ed Berwin, IL
Otto Overland Park, KS
Chris Massillon, OH
Larry Kansas City, KS
Bob DeSoto, KS
Tony Huntsville, AL
Jay New Orleans, LA

The above roster lists the calls of some of the finest traffic handlers in the world.
Many are now active, but due to high levels of QRM, many were unable to QNI during the past few months. They are listed here for your information, as they are, or have been, active in traffic work, and you may run across them on a net someday. Keep this list next to your rig for reference.

# May be heard as NCS.
* May be heard as liaison.

73, Orlan wøoyh  ■■ No not I but, dit dit