Hi gang, Larry WØAIB who publishes “LL” Larry’s List here on the east end of the state invited his readers to subscribe to KAR and 18 hams requested to be put on the mailing. The following is a “LL” mailing for you to see and addresses to subscribe if you wish. “LL” >>> lstaples@kc.rr.com TU Larry.

◆ I am planning on operating from Thule Greenland NA-018 from March 23 to April 24th. This is a work trip so I will be on the air as work permits. There is a possibility that my trip will be extended for another 2 to 4 weeks after the stop date, so operation past that date may be possible.

I will make an effort to be on during contest weekends including WPX SSB.

I will be using OX3RC if my license arrives in time (I've been told it's in the mail), or OX/N0RC. I plan on using 60M if my permit arrives with my license. I will be operating the other HF bands, including 10m if it is open. If 10m is open I will be giving out my 10-10 number upon request. I also plan to operate satellites, activating grid FQ56 during my time in Thule. I will be limited to FM birds with a VHF uplink. Satellite operation is also dependent on the BMEWS radar system not interfering with the UHF downlink. Michael, OX3MC, gave a listen to the downlinks and thinks it won't be a problem, but I won't know for sure until I get up there. The second factor would be the weather. While I want to give QSOs, I'm not going to get frostbitten to do it!

I will upload my log to <http://www.clublog.org/loginform.php>, LoTW and Eqsl. QSL direct or bureau via N0RC.

Since I will be operating in my spare time, I cannot give a predictable schedule. I plan on sending out an announcement before I go on the air through a google group page with planned times, bands and modes of operation for that day. People can sign up by going to <http://groups.google.com/group/ox-thule-2010>.

I may be contacted at <reid.crowe@gmail.com>.

73,

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Joseph Plankinton WD6DMV our state RACES Officer in the process of retiring from the Ks DOT but not settled in quite yet so no email address yet. As soon as he is officially retired he will be NCSing the RACES net, so stand by.

For you public service hams, we have a sight you can down load a printable ARES map and the associated ARRL Ks Emergency Coordinators. I highly recommend you putting this one in your list of URLs for keeping.  http://www.cenkares.org/

I had two visitors to the shack in the last week. Many years ago when I was the SM I had a knock at my door and a young man in broken English asking for help to be a ham. Anatoli Antonets is now KS6AA and a very active RTTY contestor. Anatoli is from Russia living here with his family. His English is better than mine now, hi hi.

Tom W0EAJ from Denver graced my shack a few days late. His stepfather K0IK just became a SK here in Overland Park, Ks. We had a very nice EYE-BALL-QSO an he sat down to this computer and wrote the following for you............................

James (Jim) Carl – W0KI

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Submitted:

Tom Dailey – W0EAJ
Denver, CO

It is not too early to start planning for FD. Order your materials now.

http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/fd-2010-packet.pdf
Hi Orlan,
Thanks for the latest KAR, a wealth of information again. Please see this announcement regarding a former Kansan plus he works for Collins!
http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2010/02/16/11344/?nc=1
It's snowing today but hardly any wind so it looks pretty!
73, Chuck, KØBOG at ARRL.

Look at both parts -- there are more interesting YouTubes available along the right side of the screen.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22fl5JtoZXU>
Well worth the time to watch.

Thanks, Dave Ross, KA0VRX

AMATEUR RADIO NEWSLINE  http://www.arnewsline.org/

Rod Blocksome, K0DAS, Appointed Midwest Division Vice Director
http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2010/02/16/11344/?nc=1

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KAR newsletters>>>  http://ksarrl.org
Kansas Section News Click >>> http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS
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NF9L Kansas City page http://kcHamRadio.com
To download and view the WorldRadio Online, go to the CQ home page at <www.cq-amateur-radio.com> and click on the "WorldRadio Online" box.

73, Orlan wØoyh UR KAR ed and ARRL Ks Ast. Section Mgr.  w0oyh@arrl.net
You will find Ron on the KS Weather Net (as NCS some times) on 3920 kHz at 6:00 PM and on the KS Sideband Net at 6:30 PM and on the QKS CW net at 7 & 10 PM on 3574 kHz.

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

February activity reported by 24 zone EC for totals of 148 nets being called with 962 QNI and 31 QTC. RACES net operation still hindered by poor band conditions and the retirement of
our state RACES officer from the employment of the State of Kansas. Joe WD0DMV should be on soon with lots of vigor, hoping to find a good supply of county representation the first Thursday of each month 3940 khz  7:00 PM. See you there. Chapter 110 QCWA 5 nets 40 QNI.

Congratulations to KD0E WB- Ryan O'Neil as Assistant SM for Youth activities. Ryan can be reached at 8245 Robinson St. Overland Park, KS 66204-3627 Phone: (913) 647-8919 (D), (913) 642-2135 (N). Perhaps he can encourage more of our youth to join all our network systems here in Kansas including the ARES program.

Army MARS reporting 456 man hours of operation and 269 messages originated. Looking for someone in the Navy and Air Force MARS to report similar activity for us each month. If you are interested contact me ASAP.

Also I would like to have someone involved with the American Red Cross to volunteer as our liaison with monthly updates on activities etc.

Are there other agencies or organizations you might think of that we should be in contact with? your opinions appreciated.

The Boy Scout motto still holds true—BE PREPARED, join your EC in being ready for whatever, whenever and where ever.

73
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You can find Bob on the Kansas Sideband Net on 3920 kHz at 6:30 pm most evenings.

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~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ KANSAS SILENT KEYS ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

Dennis Dressler, ex-K0LAD, passed away Saturday. Dennis and his wife, Irene, K0REE, were very active in Air Force MARS in the 1960s, 70s and 80s. Irene passed away in 2000.

The following is from The Topeka Capitol Journal, Monday, February 22, 2010:

Elbert "Dennis" Dressler, 86, of Topeka, passed away peacefully on Feb. 20, at Midland Hospice, with his daughters at his side. Dennis was born Apr. 16, 1923, in Lebo, KS, the son of Herman Albert and Cora Lee (Whaley) Dressler. On Oct. 5, 1946, he married Irene Ann Thomas, in Long Island, NY. She preceded him in death in 2000. Dennis was a 1941 graduate of Lebo High School and attended college at Ball State University in Muncie, IN. He served in the US Army as a Turret Instructor during WWII.
He then started two very successful construction companies, Building Systems Inc. and Dressler Construction Co. After retiring from the construction business, he began working as a housing inspector for the City of Topeka, retiring in 1988. He and Irene were active HAM radio operators and were very instrumental and received citations for providing communication during the Alaskan earthquake and the Topeka tornado of 1966. Survivors include daughters, Carol Dressler of Mission, KS and Lois Michael of Topeka; son, Dennis (Vickie) Dressler of Auburn; grandchildren, Morgan (Jason) Padgett, Cale (Rachel) Michael, Jason (Vicki) Dressler, and Wendy Dressler; beloved companion, Carolyn Till; and seven great grandchildren, all of Topeka. He is also survived by two sisters, Carmen Ward of Durham, NC and Norma Ballard of Piedmont, SC. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 at Penwell-Gabel Mid Town Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorial donations be made to Midland Care Hospice Services, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka, KS 66606. To leave a message for the family online, please visit www.PenwellGabelTopeka.com.

From: Paula Keiser <pkeiser@cox.net

◆ It is with a very heavy heart that I pass along the following information.

Dean K Speaks, KD0FRP passed away some time this weekend.
He was scheduled to work today, after having been off sick a few days last week, and when he did not show up for work, a Sheriff's Officer was sent to his residence for a welfare check.
The Officer found Dean in his bed.

Funeral arrangements are still pending, and as soon as I have any information about that, I will pass it along.

Sid Ashen-Brenner N0OBM
2 Delta EC

◆ Dean K. Speaks, KD0FRP  Silent Key  Update #1

The following from the Salina Journal - on-line edition:

"3/9/2010

Dean Speaks, Saline County’s deputy emergency management director, died Monday. Speaks, 52, was found dead at his Salina apartment about 4 p.m. by Saline County sheriff’s officers who had gone to check on him after he failed to show up for work and he had not been in touch with his office, Sheriff Glen Kochanowski said.

Speaks had been ill with respiratory problems for at least a week and a half, Kochanowski said. He had seen a doctor for treatment last week, but could hardly speak, the sheriff said.

Speaks was formerly a Beloit resident. He was hired as deputy emergency management director in October 2003. He served as interim director of the office from June 2009, when director Bryan Armstrong retired, to Jan. 11, 2010, when new director Joe Koch started work.

Kochanowski said an autopsy was being conducted Tuesday in Topeka to determine the cause of Speaks’ death. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the McDonald Funeral Home of Beloit."
It is likely that the Funeral Service will be in Beloit rather than in Salina.

Sid Ashen-Brenner  N0OBM  
2 Delta EC  
North Central Kansas DEC

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Submitted:

Tom Dailey – WØEAJ  
Denver, CO

Be sure to report any Silent Keys to our Section Manager Ron KBØDTI so he can report them to ARRL for publication in the QST. Kb0dti@arrl.org

QKS - THE ARRL KS CW TFC NET OF THE NTS

Net operated daily at 7 and 10 pm on 3547 kHz. 7 pm is the out going tfc into the NTS system and in coming at 10 pm. You are welcome to check in with or without tfc. Our manager is

James, NBØZ
I am Net control on Monday, Fridays and Saturdays at 10 PM. Been doing that for 30+ years... Orlan
HA - HA - HA - HA – HA

W9RDR before Missouri was Ø Land.
Sent in by........
John NØEI

More cars >>>>>>>>


◆ BEING THANKFUL
A Minister said to a precocious six-year-old boy, 'So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?' The little boy replied, 'Thank God he's in bed!'

◆ In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have 'the rule of thumb'

◆ Believe it or not, you can read it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Orlan,
Just heard about your electronic newsletter and would like to be added to your distribution list. Thanks....

Ted Knapp, N0TEK

◆Dear List Members:

Many of you know about and receive the terrific KAR (Kansas Amateur Radio) an electronic newsletter produced by Orlan Cook, W0OYH, former ARRL Section Manager for Kansas. I recommend it and I will bet that Orlan will welcome hams from states other than Kansas (like Missouri). I suggest you send Orlan <orlan@everestkc.net> a message requesting subscription. You will not be disappointed. I would be forwarding it to you, but KAR is a .pdf attachment which will not be sent through by a couple of the services (yahoo groups) which forward my list messages.

73,
Larry, W0AIB

◆ Thought you’d get a kick out of this...:

<http://lifehacker.com/5477290/macgyver-of-the-day-ham-radio-hacker-diana-eng>

Joseph B. Rollings KDØHQG  <snip> “LL”

◆ Larry,

I recently came across a couple of podcasts that might be of interest to your list. First is http://www.lowswr.com/ It is a father and son and they are fairly new hams but they are trying a lot of things in ham radio and are very enthusiastic. Second is http://www.hamradio-dioclass.org/ which is audio classes for Technician, General, and Extra Class. Both of these podcasts are also available on iTunes.

73 DE W7KU Bob

Bob Kimbrell W7KU Kansas City, MO
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http://kimbrell.freeshell.org/

◆ List Members:

I have gotten several good comments about the "Operating Practices" article: <http://www.on4ww.be/OperatingPracticeEnglish.html>

Would it be a good idea for every newly licensed ham to receive a copy of this article? Perhaps they should be given the web address and encouraged to read it.

What do you think?

Thanks and 73, Larry, W0AIB
Hi Orlan,
I saw this and wondered how fast you can copy. Click on the details link. This is amazing!
http://www.rufzxp.net/

I hope you are ready to lose an hour of sleep Sunday. That seems to come around quicker every year!

73, Chuck, KØBOG at ARRL hq

Tom's Key-Strokes - WØEAJ Denver, Co.
Displaced Kansas neighbor

Here's a handy attachment, sent to me by Maty Weinberg (KB1EIB) of ARRL headquarters. If you submit anything for QEX or QST magazines - or other ARRL publications, and they accept it, they'll require a "release" in order to publish the material. To save yourself time, here's an attachment which IS the release.

So... if you are confident enough with your submittal(s), go ahead and include a signed release... it'll save THEM and YOU time.

Tom - WØEAJ

Specs and schematics for VERY OLD Heathkit gear, such as early VTVM's, Audio Gens, RF gens, Q meter, and others, not often found. http://www.pestingers.net/PDFs/Radio/specifications.pdf

NOTE: BAMA and the BAMA Mirror site NO LONGER CONTAIN any Heathkit manuals or schematics - somebody bought the rights to them, thus they are NO LONGER, public-domain.

Have a lot of fun creating your own code practice OR some really cool CUSTOM RING TONES that hardly anybody else understands. http://morsecode.scphillips.com/jtranslator.html

Tom – WØEAJ

....and yes, the SX-99 is sitting PRECISELY at 7.0475 (W1AW CW practice freq)

This one has a mod (that I'd never seen before), of a 100 kc xtal calibrator circuit, installed at the back of the top of the chassis, and using the STBY/RCV switch (upper right) as the on/off switch. I can't wait to get that NC-57 going better..... sent off an order to Mouser today for a bunch of "orange drop" caps and electrolytics.

Tom
PS - It's been a tad "brisk" back here, but Mom tells me that it's snowed a lot - Phooey..... Yeah, Spring will be a tiny bit more welcome this year, but there's nothing like sitting in my little warm shop (strip heater), tinkering, when it's blowing snow like a banshee outside.

◆ Reading Ron, KBØDTI's story, and noticing that part about "some people never do become hams" hit home. As a kid, I'd played with electricity, electronics, and radio for many years, but was "scared" I'd flunk the Novice test, so didn't take it until I was 19, and in the Navy... in Electronics Technician school, no less. Funny how the fear-of-failure kept me from pursuing a hobby that's carved my many careers into usable shapes, over many years.

I suppose the message here, is don't walk toward your dreams - JUMP AT 'EM.

Tom

◆ I had one of these "men" when I was in 4th. Grade (1951).

http://www.museumofamericanspeed.com/Collections/Toys/BuckRogers/01-622S.shtml

Tom

◆Hey Gang,

Spent a portion of last evening, finishing up alignment and testing of a Small Wonder Labs PSK-20 transceiver for PSK-31. My friend Steve (KBØOLF) built up the kit, and we put it on my bench to sort out. The board is first-rate, components are of good quality, if not a tiny bit hard to read, and while there ARE some surface-mount components, they're in areas where you CAN get a regular iron to them for installation. It comes with all jacks, connectors and such. [ if you want an enclosure/box, they offer them, but we have our own ideas for an enclosure ]

Alignment is quite easy, and can be accomplished with a VTVM (or equiv)... (I recommend a "swinging needle" type), along with a good signal generator or some source of accurate signal on the stated frequency - ours was on 14.072 mHz. I used my Marconi 2022C digital-entry siggen, plus a BIRD 43 wattmeter into a BIRD dummy-load, but almost anything works.

Basically you adjust 3 "cans" and you're there. I determined that a signal level of .025 microvolt would yield GOOD COPY from the little unit. I then hooked it up through my L-network tuner (homebrew) into the 135 foot longwire that comes out of the shop (adjusted the tuner for best results, using an MFJ ant-analz), and first CQ, we worked a chap in SC, receiving a 589 sig-rept; this, running ONLY 2.5 WATTS! Later on, we worked a few other stations, some with signals so low, you COULD NOT hear them, and COULD NOT SEE THEM on the waterfall display, but with good copy.

If you want to get into PSK-31 and want something small and very, very portable - look at the SmallWonder Labs PSK-20 - pretty neat stuff.

www.smallwonderlabs.com  Tom
Okay gang,

In my humble opinion (and it's not always that humble... one of my foibles), there are two schools of antenna design...... "ARRL Perfect", and "Real Life". In my usual fashion, I've always found the latter to be the one I'm most familiar with, as far as things working, the first time. Let's face it - most of us don't own an antenna range, and most of us don't have property that is as big as a basefall field or pasture, where we can test our "wave catchers" in the manner in which they SHOULD be tested.

I guess that's why it usually comes down to "Stick it up and see if it'll take power" is the rule that governs most of my attempts. Over the years, I've found that wire antennas are my favorite; not only because they're relatively invisible, but also 'cause they're CHEAP and provide excellent performance. Want to "pre-age" an antenna made with Copperweld wire?... after it's measured and cut, soak a rag with vinegar and run the rag up and down the copper-plated wire, before putting it up - it'll tarnish, and become INSTANTLY nearly invisible, instead of being a gleaming beacon of copper, that attracts your neighbor's eyes.

Copperweld wire, for those of you who do NOT know about it, it just about the greatest antenna product, this side of dogbone insulators. It's steel wire (with a mind of its' own), plated with copper. The result is that it has the electrical characteristics of copper wire, but is a heck of a lot stronger. Heck, you can pull a car with the stuff! I'm still using a roll that I bought off of Ellis Eldrid, who used to run the B-A hamshack, just before he closed his store that was one of the remnants of the old B-A.

I've made dipoles, center-fed Zepps, wire-beams, Windoms, and all sorts of antennas with it, and they'll survive ice-storms, hail-storms, and lots of wind - typically outperforming the trees you've used to hold 'em up! A cheap alternative to the name-brand stuff, which like everything else, has gone up in price (seen anything go DOWN besides computer stuff?), I stumbled across at Harbor Freight (cheap plug, here). It's sold as "wire-welding wire", and is Chinese-made, copper-coated, steel wire-welder wire, sold by the POUND. I seem to recall that 7 bucks got you a pretty heavy roll of the stuff, sufficient to make a 160m zepp with no sweat.

My first 2m beams were brass brazing rods, screwed into threaded spacers, glued into a 1" x 2" "boom". My gamma matches were old pieces of TV yagis, with unshielded pieces of RG-8 stuffed inside the tubing, that made up the gamma-match capacitors, and more than one dog-food can was cut up for the clamps.

One of the best "antennas that wasn't supposed to work, but did" was at the US Naval Schools Command at Treasure Island, CA (SFRAN) back in 1962. I was going to Electronics Technician "A" school there, and belonged to the K6NCG Amateur Radio Club, on base... http://www.qsl.net/k6ncg/index.html (yeah, that's me.... "The Sixties" 5th. Row - Far Right). We had a regular sked with a station in Antarctica - KC4USN, I think.. anyway, it was raining like crazy in San Francisco, and we'd just gotten through putting our Mosley Classic beam back up, after cleaning all the aluminum-to-aluminum joints. Well, nobody noticed that while we'd carefully installed the beam, we managed to do it with ALL OF THE TRAP DRAIN-HOLES ON TOP, instead of the bottoms - the beam flooded out, and would NOT take
power. At that, a couple of the guys (along with me for some reason), went up on top of our building, that sat RIGHT NEXT TO THE BAY's EDGE, and using an 18 1/2 foot piece of ordinary pipe, balanced on top of a coke bottle, fed with some coax that LOOKED LIKE RG-8/U, we leaned it on the wooden railing of the 'widows walk' on top, then went back inside to dry off.

When they loaded up the Collins S-line, feeding into a Johnson Thunderbolt DESK KILOWATT amplifier, the SWR was 1:1 - we ran the sked, along with some phone patches, and they guys down there at "the bottom of the World" said our signal was the best they'd heard us in a long time! Well, after it quit raining.... the makeshift "leaning vertical" would NOT work at all.

So there ya are - "ARRL Perfect"...... and "Real Life"...... Of course we all know that "rubber duckies" are just RADIATING DUMMY LOADS...... that IS true.

Dit Dit – Tom

◆Here's a small list of swap sites, along with some amateur practice sites. Most, you folks already know, but if not – good. http://kd4e.com/hl.html

◆While looking about for a replacement pot for my portable Tektronix scope, I stumbled across these folks. Good source for proprietary parts that you can only get from Tektronix (once they quite making something, they don't support it after a short time). http://www.sphere.bc.ca/test/tek-parts/tek-info.html

tc
Ya wanna see some PRETTY homebrew receivers? These are based on the HBR series (I have an HBR-11, but it's not as pretty as THIS one)

http://www.bignick.net/Morgan_Radio/Radio_8.htm

> thx/73 TC

HBR-11 “Homebrew”