Due to the fast pace of health news and cancellations, I made a call to David Isgur, N1RSN – ARRL Media and Communications Manager about reprinting of the ARRL Newsletter content. He told me to continue as Larry and I have on the list, provide links and source origination with the items used. One item of note that he told me to post was the link for cancellations. Actually there is more than one, but this is for cancelled Hamfests. If you did not go to the web site to read the March 12 Newsletter, the URL is http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search/canceled. No membership required for this service. As well, keep abreast of other cancellations and affected activities at http://www.arrl.org/news-features

Events Cancelled Due to Coronavirus Worries


[UPDATED 2020-03-12 @ 1503 UTC] Concern over COVID-19 has led to the cancellation of the 2020 International DX Convention (IDXC), which was to be held April 24 – 26 in Visalia, California. The IDXC 2020 co-chairs posted an announcement on the convention website on March 10.

“We send out our apologies to all our perspective patrons of the 2020 International DX Convention. Due to concerns, health and well-being of our amateur radio family, our age group and possible compromised health issues, we are taking the side of safety and canceling the convention,” IDXC Co-chairs Cathy Gardenias, K6VC, and Kris Jacob, KC6TOD, said on behalf of the convention committee. They conceded that, although the number of COVID-19 cases remains low, it only takes one person to pass the virus.

“We will be refunding everyone’s reservation funds/shirt request funds,” the announcement continued. “We appreciate your support and patience while we proceed with sending refunds back to each person.”

Additional amateur radio-related events have been cancelled or postponed as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19) fears. Science City at the University of Arizona in Tucson, set for March 14 – 15, where AMSAT had planned satellite demonstrations, and Communications Academy 2020, due to be held in Seattle April 24 – 26, have been cancelled.

The March 14 Great Lakes Convention and the March 15 Toledo Hamfest in Ohio have been cancelled, the sponsoring Toledo Mobile Radio Association (TMRA) has announced. Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced plans this week to issue an executive order barring public participation in sporting events and other large gatherings (defined as 100 or more attendees). Ohio has reported four confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus, and the latest individual affected did not become sick as a result of traveling. Several conference presenters and vendors already had cancelled their participation. Refunds are in process.
The University of Scranton’s Nathaniel Frissell, W2NAF, who’s organizing the HamSCI workshop, set for March 20 – 21, said on March 11 that “it is no longer feasible to hold an in-person HamSCI workshop this year” because of the coronavirus situation. “This has been a very difficult decision to make, as a tremendous amount of planning and effort by many people have gone into preparing for the workshop,” he said. “We will refund all registrations for this event.” Frissell said the Science/Program Committee is looking at alternative plans for the HamSCI workshop, which could include an all-electronic meeting. Check the HamSCI workshop website for updates.

In Scotland, the GMDX Convention, set for April 4, has been postponed until later this year, but a new date has not yet been announced. “The current coronavirus situation looks to be escalating, and there will no doubt be a significant increase in severity by the date of the convention,” GMDX Group Chair Rob Ferguson, GM3YTS, said. “We cannot take the risk of holding the convention in these circumstances.”

In England, the Wythall Radio Club has cancelled its March 15 hamfest. “As a responsible club, we have taken this step to minimize any risks to the expected 400+ visitors and traders from the COVID-19 virus, due to the uncertainties regarding the spread of the virus,” the club said.

The Japan Amateur Radio League (JARL) has announced the cancellation of several amateur radio events planned for March, in the wake of a government policy requesting that events be canceled, postponed, or reduced in size for the immediate future. Affected events included the West Nippon Ham Fair on March 8, the Chugoku Regional Amateur Radio Direction Finding Competition on March 15, and the Kagawa Ham Festival on March 22. West Nippon Ham Fair organizers said they had considered postponing the event for 6 months, but concluded there was no certainty that the coronavirus situation would be resolved by then.

The Nara DX Association in Japan has postponed the planned V6J IOTA DXpedition to Murilo Island in the Hall Islands at least until next year or later. “We hope the propagation will be better then,” the group said.

Vicenzo Favata, IT9IZY, the president of Italy’s International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) member-society ARI announced this week that the organization’s headquarters in Milan has been closed in line with governmental directives. He noted governmental mandates calling for the suspension of conferences, meetings, and social events while any threat of COVID-19 exists.

Coronavirus concerns also postponed until May 3 a March 8 amateur radio flea market in Iceland, where some 3 dozen COVID-19 cases have been reported.

FUNK TAG (Radio Day) in Kassel, Germany, organized by the DARC and set for April 18, has been cancelled. The DARC Board said it was following the recommendation the federal health minister, who advises avoiding events with more than 1,000 visitors.

Norway’s IARU member-society NRRL postponed its annual general meeting, set for April 19, in line with government recommendations.

The FCC has put new measures in place as a result of the coronavirus situation. Visitors, employees, and contractors who have been in any country subject to a COVID-19-related CDC Level 3 Travel Warning are not allowed to enter FCC facilities. The FCC suspended until further notice any FCC involvement in large, non-critical gatherings involving national or international participants.
Postponed earlier were the March 18 – April 2 T30ET DXpedition to Tarawa (West Kiribati). That may be rescheduled for this fall, assuming the COVID-19 situation is resolved by then. Travel restrictions imposed on individuals entering American Samoa as a result of the coronavirus outbreak also caused Swains Island W8S DXpedition organizers to postpone that DXpedition, tentatively until September 23 – October 6.

In a March 11 announcement, the Dayton Hamvention® Executive Committee, said, “As of now we plan on holding Hamvention unless otherwise directed. It is our intention to follow the orders of the State of Ohio and the Greene County Health Department.”

W1AW 2020 Spring/Summer Operating Schedule

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From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT   March 10, 2020
To all radio amateurs

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ARLB008 W1AW 2020 Spring/Summer Operating Schedule

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1400 UTC to 1600 UTC - (10 AM to 12 PM ET)
1700 UTC to 1945 UTC - (1 PM to 3:45 PM ET)

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### Notes:

- **CWs =** Morse Code practice (slow) = 5, 7.5, 10, 13 and 15 WPM
- **CWf =** Morse Code practice (fast) = 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 WPM
- **CWb =** Morse Code Bulletins = 18 WPM

CW frequencies include code practices, Qualifying Runs and CW bulletins.

DIGITAL = BAUDOT (45.45 baud), BPSK31 and MFSK16 in a revolving schedule.

Code practice texts are from QST, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds.

On Tuesdays and Fridays at 2230 UTC (6:30 PM ET), Keplerian Elements for active amateur satellites are sent on the regular digital frequencies.

A DX bulletin replaces or is added to the regular bulletins between 0000 UTC (8 PM ET) Thursdays and 0000 UTC (8 PM ET) Fridays.

Audio from W1AW's CW code practices, and CW/digital/phone bulletins is available using EchoLink via the W1AW Conference Server named "W1AWBDCT."

The monthly W1AW Qualifying Runs are presented here as well. The CW/digital/phone audio is sent in real-time and runs concurrently with W1AW's regular transmission schedule.

All users who connect to the conference server are muted. Please note that any questions or comments about this server should not be sent via the "Text" window in EchoLink. Please direct any questions or comments to wlaw@arrl.org.

In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: Voice on the hour, Digital at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

FCC licensed amateurs may operate the station from 1400 UTC to 1600 UTC (10 AM to 12 PM ET), and then from 1700 UTC to 1945 UTC (1 PM to 3:45 PM ET) Monday through Friday. Be sure to bring your current FCC amateur license or a photocopy.

The complete W1AW Operating Schedule may be found on page 91 in the March 2020 issue of QST or on the web at [http://www.arrl.org/wlaw-operating-schedule](http://www.arrl.org/wlaw-operating-schedule).
Links for Kansas Hams!

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If you change your Clubs web address, please contact Kent at kb0rwi@arrl.net

![Associated Radio](image)

![SATERN](image)

**Kansas! Net Reports Provided by Richard, KØRCJ**

- **Wichita Amateur Radio Club (WARC)**
  - 4 Sessions, QNI: 115, QTC: 0
- **WARC DMR nets**
  - 4 Sessions, QNI: 38, QTC: 0
- **WARC Fusion nets**
  - 4 Sessions, QNI: 30, QTC: 0
- **Great Salt Plains ARC (GSPARC)**
  - 4 Sessions, QNI: 51, QTC: 0
- **QCWA**
  - 5 Sessions, QNI: 44, QTC: 0
- **KS SSB and Phone Nets**
  - 31 Sessions, QNI: 851, QTC: 57
- **Reno County KS ARA (RCKARA)**
  - 3 Sessions, QNI: 32, QTC: 1
- **US Center ARC**
  - 4 Sessions, QNI: 22, de NØLL
Supporting Our Veterans - Honorably Discharged
S*M*A*R*T - Special Military Active Retired Travel Club

KCONDG  Sherwin
or SARG;  EX-K102  1960 to 1987
or TOP,  1SG ;  Army USAR, Retired 1951 to 1987  ---  final discharge 1994

God Bless those who have served this great country AMERICA
Proud Military Veteran
SEEING THE COUNTRY WE DEFEND
SHERWIN & DOROTHY STIELOW

Silent Keys

As a service to fellow hams across the state, I urge all individuals and Clubs to send me Silent Key notices. Please include a link to an obituary. I watch Larry’s List for announcements of hams from Kansas. If you are not on Larry’s List, I will forward the notice to him. He in turn notifies the ARRL. As Larry cannot include pictures, I do my best to find images so that a face can be put with the name and call. Thank you!

Gale F. Ewing, KCØIKP

Phillipsburg resident, Gale F. Ewing, passed away Feb. 16, 2020 at the Phillips County Hospital, Phillipsburg, at the age of 70. He was born Nov. 25, 1949 in Smith Center, the son of Forrest & Ramah (Siegrist) Ewing.

Survivors include his wife Melanie of the home; 2 sons, Brian and J.R. of Phillipsburg; 1 daughter, Gidget Mosiman of Kirwin; 5 grandchildren & 1 great grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Wed. Feb. 19 at 10:30 a.m. in the Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, Phillipsburg, with Pastor Lee Bennight officiating. Burial will follow in the Fairview Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 12:00 to 9:00 Tuesday at the funeral home with the family receiving friends from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Phillips Co. REACT or the Deer Creek Regulators.
https://www.olliffboeve.com/obituary/gale-ewing
If there is anyone interested, a very nice video memorial is at the above link
Reed F. Richardson, WØWVI

Reed F. Richardson, 85, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at Life Care Center of Osawatomie.

Reed was born July 20, 1934 in Ottawa, Kansas, the son of Carl and Elsie (Smith) Richardson. He grew up in Ottawa moving in 1967 to Garnett.

He graduated from Ottawa High School with the class of 1953. He then served 14 years in the Kansas National Guard from 1953 to 1967.

On March 20, 1955 Reed was united in marriage to Carol J. Reekie in Ottawa. They shared nearly 65 years together.

Reed was employed by A & P Grocery as a manager from 1953 to 1975 in Ottawa and later in Garnett; Singer Electric as an electrician from 1975 to 1977 in Garnett; Millers Ace Hardware as a sales clerk from 1977 to 1993 in Garnett; Plumbing & Heating Unlimited as a technician in Garnett from 1993 to his retirement in 2013.

He was a member of the First Christian Church in Garnett serving as Deacon, Elder and was the head of several committees. He was a member of the Garnett Housing Board for 30 years; Chippewa Amateur Radio Club; and was active in Boy Scout Troop 77 in Ottawa and later Troop 126 in Garnett.

Reed enjoyed woodworking and loved spending time with family, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife Carol of the home; three children, Carl Richardson and wife Lana of Emporia, Kathy Wulfkuhle and husband Chris of Spring Hill, and Steven Richardson and wife Lisa of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; eight grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four sisters, Bertha MaGee, Mazie Maxey, Madge Womack and Ada Weldon.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at the First Christian Church, 200 S. Walnut Street, Garnett.

Family will meet with friends from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., Monday, March 2, 2020 at Dengel & Son Mortuary, Ottawa.

Interment Mt. Hope Cemetery, Williamsburg with military honors by the Kansas National Guard Honor Guard.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the First Christian Church in Garnett c/o Dengel & Son Mortuary, 235 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas 66067

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I have posted public service nets on [https://ksarrl.org/traffic.php](https://ksarrl.org/traffic.php)

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**AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE**

**MONTHLY EC REPORTS**

* Zone 4A – Brian KC0BS

FEBRUARY MONTHLY ARES REPORT TO DEC & SEC

Total of ACTIVE ARES members: 150 +0

Local Net Name: Johnson County ARES

Emergency Coordinator = Brian Short KC0BS 913-638-7373
Alternate Emergency Coordinator, Recruiting = Jim Andera K0NK 913-884-6613
Assistant Emergency Coordinators:
Herb Fiddick - ECS Liaison
George McCarville WB0CNK - Training, Drills
Matt May KC4WCG - IDs, MECC
Bill Gery KA2FNK - Recruiting, Technology
Darren Martin N0MZW - Net Manager
Brad Kelsey KU0FAN – Membership
Jesse Gonzalez KE0ECS – CERT
Chuck Simpson KC0NUG - Rapid Response
Jim Andera K0NK - KCHEART

NTS liaison is maintained with the KS SSB Net:
Jim Andera K0NK                              Terry Reim WA0DTH
George McCarville WB0CNK            Jim Cordill K10BK
Debbie Britain AB0UY                                Rich Britain N0ENO

Net Sessions: 43
QNI: 398
QTC: 0

4 nets - 2 Meter Voice
4 nets - 440 Voice
4 net - 440 Fusion Digital
4 nets - 2 Meter SATERN Voice
4 nets – CW
4 nets - 6 Meter
4 nets - 2 Meter Voice Simplex
4 nets - PSK 31 SATERN
4 nets - APRS Packet
3 nets - 1.25 Meter
4 nets - SATERN 80 meter SSB

Report prepared by:
Darren Martin N0MZW
Johnson County Kansas

◆ Zone 6A, E & G – Rod KØEQH

Kansas ARES Zones 6A, E & G Net report February 2020

Total Nets........4
Total QNI.........28

Stations participating: AC0E, WB0QYA, N0OMC, N0OXQ, N0KQX, KC0ARA, KG0VA, K0EQH

Preliminary planning for Field Day has started. New member to SHARC - W0SJR, Carey from Colorado to Tribune. Welcome Carey.

Rod
KØEQH
NCS
Finney, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Hamilton, Haskell,
Kearney, Lane, Scott, Stanton, Wichita Counties
We all own pieces of history.. some are valuable, others are simply talismans that remind us of other days and have no value; other than what they mean to US. I do have a few things, but one of the items I cherish has a distinct connection in American History, and was a small "part" of subsequent events, having to do WITH that bit of history.

Pictured, is an EF Johnson "Speed-X" semi-automatic telegraph key ("bug") that was originally purchased in Panama, CZ, by Chief Radioman Nervo. I worked for him at COMTRAPAC S Diego, in the early 60s. He bought the key down there in Panama, and used it in US Naval Communications for several years, until bringing it into COMTRAPAC, as he never planned on using it again. Speed Keys (bugs) could only be used by holders of a "Speed Key Certificate" (issued by each command), earned by a rather rigorous test of one's skill with a "bug". As I recall, it involved 10 SOLID minutes of ERROR FREE sending at about 20wpm (may have been 25wpm - I can't recall!), and ability to copy 25-30wpm with zero errors as well (with a typewriter). Also - you could not use a bug to send traffic IF the other operators were incapable of copying that fast. (ZAA = "Cease Using Speed Key")

I actually USED THIS VERY KEY to send messages concerning President Kennedy's assassination as well as subsequent message traffic! Further, I have ORIGINAL copies of (2) messages (unclassified) that refer to this tragedy & National Day of Mourning, that went out WITH the key's use.

Upon my first discharge from the US Navy in January of 1966, our boss, Master Chief Radioman Manual Campos, gave me the key, as the Navy had essentially stopped using Morse for message traffic (at many commands but not ALL of them!), and told me "nobody here will ever use it again". He knew I was a ham and wanted it to go to somebody who'd appreciate it, and ya know... it is STILL used and appreciated to this day.

The key is actually quite light, so I used to have it mounted on a steel plate to keep it from "wandering". Oh, and they don't call it a "Speed X" for nothing... the slowest you can get it down to, is about 20wpm. (only FNGs use extra weights!)