Hi gang, I will jump directly to the important stuff. See our SM’s text below his photo, below. Also check the "Kansas Section News" on the ARRL server >>> [http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS](http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS) for the tornado activity.

I thought I had KAR ready to send out when I went to bed last night but when I logged on this morning I had tons of new stuff. I do appreciate all that you send me. Many TKS...........

♦ Tuesday, May 08, 2007 9:02 AM From ARRL HQ.

Orlan Thanks for keeping us all posted. Steve WV1X is forwarding the latest information onto our editor. It’s good to see a good response of hams helping out in a very trying situation. Keep up the good work.

73, Chuck KØBOG - ARRL HQ staff Gt. Bend is Chuck’s home town.

♦ Kansas Amateur Of The Year nominations are due before the end of May. Clubs should send their nominations along with supporting letters to:

Stan Creitz- WAØCCW
Kansas Nebraska ARC
965 KS-14 Hwy
BELOIT, KS 67420

Submissions from individuals are also welcome. U know some one who should be honored?

♦ Dayton Hamvention

THE premiere hamfest of the, the Dayton Hamvention is scheduled for May 18th - 20th at the Hara Arena in Dayton, Ohio. This is the Hamvention's 56th year, and this year's theme is Local Clubs: The Heart of Ham Radio, and acknowledges the support that ham clubs provide around the world. For more information, visit www.hamvention.org.

This year's Field Day runs June 23rd and 24th,

♦ Does anybody have a manual for the Heathkit GC-1 (or GC-1A) "Mohican" portable GenCov receiver? All I need are the alignment insts. If you have a manual, I can be trusted to copy it, and return it... really!

Tom - WØEAJ
daileyservices@qwest.net
303/455-0889

♦ If KAR stoped coming to your mail box, maybe you have a new email address and did not
Hello everyone.

Obviously the big story is the big storm. Certainly this must have been the biggest single WX event in a very long time. Kansas hams are responding to the needs, for the most part. The Salvation Army is our only "customer" as of this time and we've been able to meet their requirements. They are operating 5 canteen trucks that leave Haviland every day, where the base of operations for everyone is, and go into Greensburg to provide food and drink for the workers that are doing their best to help the town of Greensburg. The Salvation Army is the only one using hams out there that I'm aware of. In a report from June-KB0WEQ on Monday she writes that the Salvation Army EDS Division Director sings the praises of hams. She understands the value of ham radio and what it can do for her. She's worked with hams several times in these conditions. The local hams have responded wonderfully during this emergency situation. WG0Q and WB0OAO have done a fantastic job too. They've done all the coordination for us in the way of volunteers and kept us up to date.

Bob says the cell phone system is still being overloaded during the day even with the portable set ups brought in. 3920 is being used by SATERN at 9Am-3Pm and 9Pm. There is a station
set up at the college in Haviland. The wonderful Division Director Lady, mentioned previously, says they will be in Kiowa Co. thru Sunday. I know that the guys that are there now are going to need relief. So, we need 5 operators each day for Thursday thru Sunday. Bob-WGOQ is taking reservations for the Canteen Rides. If you are available to continue our record of responding when needed please call Bob. Here is his number: 620-486-3233

There were other WX events taking place as well. Salina and Great Bend had some flooding and Shawnee Co. received their share of high water as well. Had it not been for the stormy weekend I was going to update the KSN page. In looking it over Tuesday nite I noticed in K0BXF's report that there were 20 ECs reporting in February and they indicated that between them they had nearly 400 ARES members. To put it in perspective I think our state convention draws 400 attendees in a good year. I'll leave it up another day.

Keep your radio on and check the KSN page often for updates on the Greensburg emergency.

Ron KBØDTI
ARRL KS SECTION MANAGER

ARRL KS SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR - Bob K0BXF

SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR REPORT
From the desk of K0BXF, ARRL SEC KS
And the storms continue. March does kind of start the Severe Weather here in Kansas or it at least thinks it does. Weather seminars are being held in various places and times to keep us all abreast of the many ways we can be of assistance to the National Weather Severe Storms people and of course our local communities. Do take advantage of these meetings if you can. This report includes the activities of Kansas ARES activity for the month of March. We had 24 of 48 zones reporting with 174 net sessions, 1713 QNI and 61 messages handled. WD0DMV our State RACES Officer reported only seven counties reporting to the monthly radio test session.

Poor band conditions was probably the main reason for low participation, Members from Johnson County, Marshall, Linn, Wyandotte, Neosho, Montgomery and Shawnee Counties were acknowledged. Kansas Chapter 110 of the Quarter Century Wireless Association reported 5 net session 48 QNI and no traffic handled. K0FJ started his new occupation as Asst to the Thomas County Emergency Management Director. Slowly we are beginning to
accumulate Zone Emergency Communication Plans. When all EC have complied with the request to provide same, we will perhaps be in a better position of being able to others requests of additional communication support during those times of need. Check the web site [http://www.cenkares.org/distks.html](http://www.cenkares.org/distks.html) for the latest appointments of DEC and EC for the state. That wraps up the March activity report with one exception: Don’t forget to send your personal activity report each month to Ron KB0DTI and cc W0OYH so they can pat each one of us on the back in their respective newsletters, and of course each DEC and EC send your latest activity totals to K0BXF for the Kansas Section Emergency Coordinator's report to the SM and ARRL Hdq.

Printable Ks ARES map. [CLICK >>>](http://www.cenkares.org/)

**73, Bob Summers K0BXF ARRL Ks Section Emergency Coordinator**

ARRL Ks Ast. Section Manager "Youth" - Emily K0PTL

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Hello all!
If anyone is interested in participating in youth activities, please e-mail me at kc0ptl@arrl.net.

73, Emily, KC0PTL ARRL KS Ast. SM - Youth

**KANSAS STATE RACES OFFICER - Joseph WDØDMV**

Hi Joe, don’t forget to add N0KQX Finney County EOC to your check ins for April 5th. I seen it was absent on the KAR newsletter. Thanks

Dale N0KQX

Dale

**May 3rd Kansas RACES Net at 7:00 pm 3940 KHz**

If you tried to check in and I didn’t acknowledge you, thank you also for being there.
I would hope in the future we can get more check-ins with some assisted relays. I do appreciate it.

Stations heard.

**Call County**

WAØGDX Brown
WAØSRR Brown
KBØWEQ Johnson
NØENO Johnson
NEW REPEATER FULL TIME:

Hi Orlan,

Good to hear that you're feeling better.

I have some news to report. The 902/927 repeater located at Shawnee Mission Medical Center (Merriam, KS) now has a full time (24/7) Echolink connection! Final adjustments should be completed tomorrow evening, Weds 4/11. This will be one of the first repeaters in Kansas City offering Echolink on a full-time basis.

One exciting feature of Echolink is the ability for home stations to connect to local (or distant) repeaters via their PC. This will allow those without 900 MHz gear to utilize our repeater via the Internet. Also, suppose that you're out of town and want to check into the repeater. This, too is possible with Echolink. I've made many distant contacts via Echolink - Japan, Australia, and many European stations. It might also be fun for those capable of receiving our 927.7125 output to connect via Echolink and hear themselves through the repeater.

For those who are not familiar with Echolink, this is a free service which allows hams to connect to repeaters all over the world, using the Internet as the link media. Visit http://www.echolink.org/ for more information.

K0KN/R
902.7125 input (151.4 tone)
927.7125 output
Echolink Node # 307578
73,
Kyle Yoksh
K0KN
Olathe, Kansas

PKARC TEST DATES

Club members and others interested in taking the FCC examinations for the various license classes should know that testing sessions for the Club have been set at the American Red
Cross building on Shawnee Street, Leavenworth at 7:30pm. The next testing date for 2007 is scheduled for 29 June. Please notify Martha Auchard, \textbf{WB0ERI}, at 772-7350 of your desire to take the test, so Volunteer Examiners can be notified and all the elements you need are on hand. If you need assistance preparing, please ask any of the Club officers. Classes will be held also throughout the year depending on the number of those interested in devoting the time.

\textbf{STORM SPOTTERS CLASS SUCCESSFUL:}

Good morning, Orlan!
We had a good turnout last night (April 9th) for our Storm Spotters Class which was presented at the Mercy Health Center here in Ft. Scott. I didn't get an accurate head count on the attendance, but would guess that we had somewhere close to 50, maybe more. Mr. Gerald Claycomb, from the NWS in Springfield, MO, presented the class with videos and lots of graphics. It was a well-informed presentation and he did a very good job.
Snacks and soda were available during the "break time" intermission. Laura, our EM. Preparedness Coordinator, was the one responsible for getting all of this together for Bourbon County, the City of Ft. Scott, and all adjoining and coordinated systems within this area.
There were several ham operators from all around, several from Missouri, as well as those from Kansas, that were present. Our Section Manager, Ron, KB0DTI, was present, and he was very well-pleased with the program, also.

Have a good day, and we will try to keep up on all of the happenings via your KAR newsletter. I really enjoy reading it each month.
73, Keith - WB0QDE

\textbf{BANDWIDTH CHANGES:}

Orlan:
Hi! Hope this finds you well. I know you have gone through some health concerns and I hope you are much better.

Orlan, I've been made aware that some moves by the ARRL leadership have me very concerned. I'm attaching a letter to the SM, Ron, that I wanted you to know about. If there is anything you can do to help, please do so.

I'm afraid where we are headed is going to put CW on HF bands "out of business." I'm going to contact my Sante Fe Trail ARC members aware and try to motivate them to action. Orlan, back in the 60's we really enjoyed hamming and now maybe we can "give back" something by protecting our precious spectrum.

Darryl Evans, W5VK (new vanity call) ex: WB0NOQ

\textbf{Club Home Pages and Newsletters:}

- SANDHILLS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER CLICK>>> \url{www.odsgc.net/~sharc/}
- Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club's http://www.centralksarc.com/ click on QSP
- Jo Co AR Club \url{http://www.qsl.net/w0erh}
- The Jayhawk AR Club \url{http://www.jayhawhers.org/}
- Kansas Division SATERN \url{http://home.kc.rr.com/saternkansas}
- ARRL Kansas Section News >>> \url{http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS}
- COFFEYVILLE ARC \url{http://www.mgarc.org}
- TROJAN ARC \url{http://www.w0wob.net}
- SOUTHWEST KANSAS ARES GROUP, INC. \url{http://www.swkares.com}
- INDEPENDENCE ARC \url{http://skynet.entrz.net/webpages/n0id/}
Dear membership of MEMO,

Yesterday, April 18 at 5:12 PM, Larry Thomas, WA0GWA left our world. I learned this from his wife Sandi by phone a short time ago. Larry, age 60, was our W9BSP and W9UA Trustee and second club member and allowed me to have the #1 tag.

I knew Larry from years as a member of the Santa Fe Trails ARC where he was a regular at Saturday breakfasts and other radio events. The dawn of our friendship came on a Saturday morning club breakfast in 2002 where we mulled over the 2001 Field Day that took place at the Ensor Museum South of Olathe. We each marveled at how great it was to send radio waves from the life long home of Mr. Ensor.

Larry fessed up that he had been a student of the world class instructor back in 1963. He told some memorable episodes of what Ensor was like. He left Larry with a huge amount of respect and a desire to follow the electronic training gained at Olathe High.

We sort of each felt a respect that called to us. Over coffee that day, we vowed to create a radio club dedicated to the memory of Marshall H. Ensor. Larry had already created his Krell business as a result of the start given him by Mr. Ensor. Larry even schooled to become a teacher and succeeded at that work for a while before becoming a business owner.

On April 6 2002 we sat together again and signed the papers of our MEMO Club prior to attempting to regain the W9BSP call for the Museum. We were welcome to use the museum radio room for our club operation. We got the W9BSP call thanks to the vanity call system and also put the call back on the air on December 6, 2003, making our

There is room for your club here............

ENSOR MUSEUM - W9UA and MEMO Club:
first contact with W1AW. It was 62 years since the call was last used on the opening day of WWII. Larry was also instrumental in getting the W9UA call of Loretta Ensor last year.

Larry was as thrilled as can be with all this pay back stuff. He also helped by getting our web domain for the club web site. I have hopes that we can continue the site into the future.

Below are some shots of Larry Thomas for your remembrance.

Larry will be missed at radio functions, and so much more.

73,
Larry Woodworth W0HXS
Ensor Manager, MEMO Pres.

Observations about low dipoles.
This comes from a conversation I had with Terry AB5K after the last CTDXCC meeting. For nearly all my ham radio life, I have only had low dipoles as antennas. The highest was at about 20 feet and most were lower. My current arrangement is at less than ten feet hanging from several live oak trees in my back yard. This includes full-sized 160m, 80m, and 40m dipoles ganged together on a single feed-line and a separately fed 20m dipole.
I will not extol these antennas as the best thing since sliced bread and I have spent many a frustrating day trying to work stations that others in Austin manage easily, but I have noticed one important thing: these antennas are quiet. Since beginning work at this QTH (on the edge of the hill country in northern Hays County) I have managed to get WAS and RTTY WAS as well as complete my DXCC. Just this week I was able to work Swains Island on 17m and 20m CW, and have been able to work the Kerguelen Island and Peter I Island DXpeditions in the past. Shoot, I even managed to snag the Falklands (VP8KF) on 15m SSB in early March.

The key has been that I have been able to hear the stations. The low elevation of the antennas apparently keeps the noise down; much like a beverage is a quiet antenna. Also, as they are low, I know that most of the signals it hears are high angle radiation. However, if you read ON4UN, he reminds us that at certain times of the day (right at gray line) a significant amount of the DX signal on the lower bands is actually arriving at a high angle. Don’t forget that even though the low antenna favors high angle signals, it does not eliminate the low angles. Since they are quiet antennas, you can pull those weak ones out of the noise. The signals do not come in S-9, but 40m noise is usually below S-2 and even 160m noise is no higher than S-3. That gives a real chance to hear the signal and, after all, on receive signal to noise ratio is the only thing that counts.
Transmitting is more of a problem, of course, and I am unable to compete with the high antennas and full gallon guys, but with patience and careful operating skills, it is still possible to make the contact. CW and RTTY have an easier time than SSB, but even that mode can be successful.
So, why am I writing? To encourage those hams who do not have the big towers and full gallons to just start working the DX with whatever they can get up in the air. Rule number one is “a poor antenna is infinitely better than no antenna at all.” Rule 2 is to “listen, listen, listen” so you understand how the DX station is operating.
Rule 3 is "give it a shot."
Low dipoles are not the antenna of choice, but if that is all you have, my experience tells me
they have certain positive aspects that can provide you benefits in chasing DX.
73, Don ADØK - http://ad0k.net/

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 incoming at 10 pm. You are welcome to check in with or without tfc. Our manager is
James,
NBØZ

S I L E N T  K E Y S :

Larry Swallow - KA0ZXJ
Larry L. Swallow, 65, of Topeka passed away March 21, 2007. Graveside services will be at
1:30 pm, Monday, March 26, at Woodlawn Cemetery at Pomona. Visitation will be from 6 to
8:00 pm Sunday evening at Greenwood-Roberts Funeral Home in Overbrook. Memorial
contributions to Heart of America Hospice may be sent to the funeral home at Box 268,
Overbrook, KS 66524.
Published in the Topeka Capital-Journal on 3/22/2007

◆ Orlan,
Todd Brandenburg KØKAN had sent out on our reflector about Roger Wilson becoming a SK
also about the same time as Larry Swallow (the one that I sent you). Did you receive this
information, or do I need to out to the paper and send this one to you as well???
BTW hope you are feeling better
73, Cindy NØYUR

◆ Orlan,
I went ahead and copied the obit for Roger. I don't know if you have already received this
but..................... And if you would pass this along to Ron SM as well Thanks and 73 -
Cindy NØYUR Thank U Cindy........ Orlan

Roger N. Wilson, 70, Topeka, died Thursday, April 5, 2007 at Stormont Vail Regional Health
Center. He was born Dec. 16, 1936 in Kansas City, KS, the son of Jesse James and Corda
Marie Nevils Wilson. He was raised and attended public schools in Kansas City and came to
Topeka in 1964 from Wichita. He had a 35 year career in broadcasting and journalism that
began in 1953 as a high school student who had a puppet show on a Kansas City TV station.
From there he ventured into radio news, with stops at KCKN in KC; KCLO in Leavenworth;
KTOP in Topeka; KLEO and KFH in Wichita and 15 years at WIBW in Topeka. He returned to
Wichita working at KFH, KWCH, and KSNW before retiring from the Wichita Area Chamber of
Commerce. He then moved to Newton where he was the director of the Harvey County
Historical Society. He returned to Topeka in December 2006.
He enjoyed numerous hobbies including, amateur ham radio operator, model trains, and
performing in Wichita's Cowtown and Gridiron productions. He is preceded in death by his
father, mother, and a son, Roger N. Wilson II. Survivors include three daughters, Kristian
Wilson and Robyn Pugh, both of Topeka and Shannon Wagner of Ozawkie; four
grandchildren, Brandi Stewart, Sara Stewart, Jackson Pugh, and Coleton Pugh. Cremation is
planned. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday at Penwell-Gabel Mid Town Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society. Roger N. will be loved and missed, but "We will continue to do what we continue to do". Roger N. Wilson Published in the Topeka Capital-Journal on 4/8/2007

Larry P. Thomas - WA0GWA
Larry P. Thomas, Age 60, went home to be with the Lord, April 18, 2007. Visitation will be Monday, April 23 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 S. Blackbob Rd., Olathe, KS, followed by a Celebration of Life on Tuesday, April 24 at 1:00 p.m., also at the church. Interment, Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, Olathe. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Thomas Memorial Fund, in care of Metcalf Bank, P.O. Box 4249, Overland Park, KS 66204. To leave a message for the family, please visit www.PenwellGabel.com. Published in the Kansas City Star on 4/20/2007. 
http://www.legacy.com/kansascity/DeathNotices.asp?

KANSAS STATE CONVENTION:
Sunday 19 Aug 2007 Put it on your calanders..!
Central Kansas ARC >>> http://www.centralksarc.com
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Salina Bicentennial Center
800 The Midway
Div: Midwest

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E-mail Greeting
It doesn't hurt to take a hard look at yourself from time to time and this might help you get started. During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the Director what the criterion was which defined whether or not a patient should be institutionalized. "Well," said the Director, "we fill a bathtub with water, then offer a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket to the patient and ask them to empty the bathtub."
"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup." "No," said the Director. "A normal person would pull the plug in the tub.
Do you want a bed near the window?"
"SO, DID YOU PASS OR DO YOU WANT THE BED NEXT TO MINE?"
<n0jl@arrl.org>

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:
Pacemaker... Wasn't that make by E.F. Johnson?
73 de Jim Lasley, NØJL
Iowa Section Manager, ARRL
n0jl@arrl.org
641 935 4337

♦ Orlan:

Glad to hear your pacemaker is doing OK. In the 23 years I've been in Rock Springs we've not had a tornado, not even a warning. When we moved to Effingham, IL July 1, 1998, which was a Wed, we were in a tornado alert two days later, setting in a 5th wheel in a campground. Phyllis said we will have a house with a basement and you will get a 2-meter rig for the time we are here. We moved back to RS two years ago; last year, about this time actually, Springfield, IL had a fairly bad storm. I was planning on going to the Salina hamfest this year but guys in the Fighter Squadron 14 missile fire control shop in the early '60s decided they want to get together in July in Jacksonville, FL. So it looks like the hamfest will be put off another year. Take care of the ticker!

N0CY

♦ Orlan,

Hope all is going better for you. Forgot to pass on to you that we had a meeting on 15 March in Olathe with the Kansas Amateur Radio Homeland Security Council (KARHSC). Then, on 17 March went over and assisted Joe Plankinton security the RACES trailer and equipment for movement to a new location. 73s

John

Oh yes, Orland I did see your comments on the CW net, but it has been years since I have worked much CW. What freq is this net? And, what day and time.

John

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Tnx Orlan,

I don't mind the 15 to 20 WPM, but I will see if I have the patience to listen to 5 WPM. 73s

John

♦ Hi Orlan, not much happening out in the western end of Kansas. Just 2 snow storms in the month of April!!!! Just to keep you up to date, Phillips County Amateur Radio Club will be testing on May 10th, 7 pm at the Phillipsburg Rodeo Grounds 2 miles north of town. The club is also in the process of moving our repeater antenna back to the very top of the Elevator in Pburg. Had been moved down to the bottom of the head house the previous Director of Emergency Management. Hopefully 147.120 will have its old range back. Will keep you posted. Had thought of moving it to a different location and increased height but that would involve re-coordination, more cost, etc. Decided to leave it on the elevator!!! Glad the ticker is back in sync again. Hope you will be on the air more often now. It was just a year ago this week that I was dismissed from 8 days in hospital.

Still feeling the effects of that!!!! Better go for now. TTFN

Bill AA0OM

♦ Hi Orlan, It was good to get the latest edition of KAR, those band chart attachments are unique. I’m sure glad to hear your pacemaker is working better now. I was really saddened to hear about Gail KØEFZ from Otis becoming a SK. We used to share war stories about broadcasting as well as ham radio and I went to a number of ham fests with him. It is nice to see information from Emily the other ASM, her counter part in GA was recently awarded the Goldfarb scholarship. Those links to the various clubs are nice, thanks.
73 and take care, Chuck, KØBOG @ HQ

TU for the very nice report Paul. Orlan w0oyh
Your more than welcome. TU for all you do for us. 73 Paul, KC0JCQ

♦ Orlan, Thanks for sending the Hiawatha ARC newsletter, it looks like the KC hamfest was a good one. That new Yaesu FT 450 looks interesting, I’m sure lots of people will be checking it out at Dayton. Take care.
Chuck, KØBOG @ HQ

♦ Thanks Orlan, Yes, Al Legler sent the pictures to me, it was good.
John

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Thanks Orlan,
Don’t know if I can keep up with you fellows on the CW anymore. I’ve really missed the CW since MARS took it out of system. 73s.
John

♦ Good morning Orlan,
It’s good to hear from you again. I wish we were going to Dayton this year, maybe next year. We will be coming back to Kansas at about the same time though to see our son-in-law get his Dr’s degree at KU and visit everyone for a bit. He’s been working hard and doing a lot of book work and writing to reach that goal. His specialty is history. Take care.
73, Chuck, KØBOG @ HQ

♦ Mac, Please announce at the club we have W0ERH for another ten years.
73, The Johnson County RA Club.
Gary, W0TM Mac WØLVQ has been our treasurer for 30 to 40 years. Orlan

♦ Thanks Orlan,
We’ve been following the reports and can’t believe the devastation. It looks like the only major structures surviving were the grain elevators and storage bins. The town certainly took the brunt of the tornado. Ron and others have been sending Steve reports of ham activities. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims. I remember talking to a fellow on 75 meters from Greensburg back in the 60s after I got my DX 60 working on AM, nice fellow.
Chuck, KØBOG

♦

Hello, Ron.
I, too, am sorry to hear about the tragic loss in Kansas due to the severe tornados and weather. Thank you for keeping us updated over the weekend, and for this morning’s summary. Chuck and I are sharing these reports with the ARRL news editors, too. Best wishes to all.
Steve Ewald, WV1X
Supervisor, Field Organization Team
ARRL - The national association for Amateur Radio
860-594-0265
sewald@arrl.org
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Orlan,
I am attempting to assist and mirror the information on requests for assistance as I get them
direct off the repeaters here as well as through e-mail reflectors I am on. I have made the
Central Kansas web site, http://www.cenkares.org front page a site for information. Site count
hits from all over the country skyrocketed over the weekend, bringing the daily visit average
count from 4 to 24, and the hits are continuing. You can list the link if you like, however I
know Ron is keeping the ARRL Section news updated.
73,
Kent, KB0RWI

◆ Subject: Re: ===URGENT REQUEST TO HAM OPERATORS:
Hi Orlan: I'd like to help, but just too far away!!
N0CY
Cecil is a misplaced Kansan living in Wyoming.

Tom's Key- strokes - W0E AJ:

◆ I gleaned this from the Hallicrafters Reflector that comes to me. Let's pass it around, as it's
the one thing that's the most difficult to obtain for a repair or restoration of a boatanchor.

From: "Gary" <xfrmrs@roadrunner.com>
Do you need that transformer or choke rebuilt, contact me off list for a quote. Get that piece
of gear back on the air with a new transformer. Gary...WZ1M
the excellent website of John – K4OZY (lots of Hallicrafter information)
◆ Click on the URL, then use the subject "scanners" to find your radio gear, alphabetically.
http://pdf.textfiles.com/manuals/
Tom
◆ Yeah,
%5Fno=
Ya'know Orlan... I remember the one that hit Ruskin Heights in the 50's, and also the remnants of the Topeka one in '68 I think (I was on Guam, but saw the pictures). But... this one is beyond anything I've EVER seen. Absolutely horrendous.

Tom So do I Tom, I was in the down town YMCA. I had just finished a hand ball game and could see the clouds out the window, Orlan

Here's a wonderful link for looking at, and reading about those "older" radios. Many useful links for obtaining information as well. A real bonus is the BAMA "mirror link". If any of you have tried (with less than stellar results) to download manuals from the regular BAMA site, you'll enjoy the ease with which the mirror-site allows this.

http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~postr/bapix/index.html

Did you know that the Heathkit GC-1 & GC-1A "Mohican" portable general-coverage receivers were the FIRST commercially made ALL TRANSISTOR radios available? It was also Heath's FIRST all solid-state kit. The radio was in the league of Zenith Trans-Oceanics, but was MUCH BETTER, having an adjustable BFO, and Calibrated Bandspread for the ham bands (which included the 11m band, which we'd just lost!). They ran on ordinary "C" cells (very unusual and very convenient), or the optional AC power supply. (Writer's Note: The AC supply was a transformer, 2 diodes, and 2 electrolytic caps... no regulation at all, and pretty awful - both of mine have REGULATED supplies that I've made) It also came with a MONSTER 54" telescoping whip antenna (quarter-wave on 6m). These critters were so popular that Heath was still selling them, almost 5 years after they took 'em out of the catalog!

http://vintageradio.me.uk/military/mohican.htm

Here's a neat tip from ELECTRIC RADIO, which I've simplified somewhat:
If refurbishing or restoring old radio that have those really neat knobs with indented graduations or lettering, often the paint is chipped or the markings are dirty and gone. To restore those, it's a simple process, that just takes a bit of time.
First - Remove or tighten the setscrews so that the threads are fully in the shaft holders... then soak the knobs in a mix of dishwashing soap & water, a bit stronger than usual... then scrub them with an old toothbrush (preferably, one you're NOT still using), making sure to clean the gripping serrations.
Rinse well, blow the excess water from the setscrew & shaft holes, and wipe dry with a clean cloth.
Second - take a scribe or old hypodermic needle (they work great, but be careful) and scrape out ALL of the old paint from the numbers, lines, & graduations. Now, wash them again and rinse well... allow a FULL day to air-dry.
Third - PAINT over the numbers, lines, and graduations with BIC "Wite Out" (yes, that’s the correct spelling) SUPER SMOOTH or COVER ALL liquid. Allow to dry OVERNIGHT. Now, using 800 or 1000 grit sandpaper, sand off the excess, leaving only the lines, numbers, and graduations visible. [hold the sandpaper flat] Blow off with an airgun, or wash again (Wite Out is NOT water soluble, so it stays intact!). When totally dry, and FREE OF DUST, suspend the knobs OFF of the surface they’re to be sitting on, and give 'em a spray coating of CLEAR LACQUER. Krylon 1301 or most other brands will work. I gave mine 2 coatings, allowing them to dry in between. When finished, they look BRAND NEW, and will stay that way.

Tom

♦ Here's one of those "radio songs", but this one's done darned well - read the history and hear the tune.
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