Hi gang, I spent 3 hours in the hospital’s emergency room last Tuesday evening. My heart has developed a bad rhythm and slows my pulse to 48 beats per minute. Another thing I must learn to live with. I am told no, no caffeine and no stress. It comes and goes and right now it is ok. Looks like by-passes can disrupt the heart's electrical circuits.

♦ The Ks Amateure of the Year nominations are open. Please send your selection to………. Kansas – Nebraska AR Club. C/O Stan Creitz WAØCCW 965 KS-14 Hwy BELOIT, KS 67420

♦ Want a copy of HB 2805?

Goto www.kslegislature.org

Then go to the far right side of the page under Quick Search type in 2805 in the FULL TEST OF BILLS then print it out.

JD KCØNYS

♦ Update on John Barlettano, KC0IVP:
John who suffered a stroke a while back is in re-hab and trying to regain speech and movement. He has been moved from Scott City to The Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Address: John Barlettano, KC0IVP
c/o Central Kansas Medical Center
Room -420-
3515 Broadway
Great Bend KS 67530

He would appreciate any contact. Be it a card, QSL, or what ever. His wife, Robin, says he may not be there too long and they hope to get him home and begin outpatient treatment. However, he has had a little depression from being isolated and not getting much info from the "outside".

Rod
K0EQH

♦ Dear List Members:

Donna, KB0YJN, sent this message to us about the Dayton Hamvention:
You may have watched us the past couple years. We broadcast live streaming video and audio of the world’s largest ham radio convention. It is the Dayton Hamvention in Dayton, Ohio. Hams from all over the world come to this each year. We are looking forward to broadcasting again in just 2 weeks. For now we have recorded video running on our website. There is also a chat room for hams all over the world to chat and have fun. We have been viewed in over 150 countries. The site is active now and you may check it out. The address is <http://wa5kub.com or http://w5kub.com>. When we start our convoy to hamvention we will switch over to live broadcast.

Also please note that our broadcast begins 2 days earlier than the Hamvention. We actually broadcast our drive in the car LIVE for the 550 miles that we drive from Memphis, Tennessee to Dayton, Ohio. We also have a "helmet cam" that we wear everywhere we go. That means you see us when we go to eat, when we stop for gas or just about everything.

The broadcast is live 24 hours a day at Hamvention as we set up outside in the flea market. If you can’t go, have your ham friends come by our spaces 3350-3351 and wave back to you. It will be fun.

Please spread the word to everyone. Here is our schedule:

Begin the convoy to hamvention on Wednesday May 14 at 1300 gmt or 0800 AM Central time. It is a 10 hour drive.

We set up our flea market spaces at hamvention on Thursday May 15 at approx 1400 GMT.

The hamventions begins on Friday morning May 16.

We drive back to Memphis after Hamvention ends on Sunday May 18.

Remember you can go to <http://wa5kub.com> or <http://w5kub.com> right now and chat with other hams around the world and watch some recorded videos of hamfest.

Also see lots of ham radio pictures at <http://tmedlin.com/dayton.html>.

I hope to see you at Hamvention.

73, Tom W5KUB
Hi Orlan:
Just a thought and you have already thought of it. How about posting the list of clubs that we have on your site and asking the ham population if they know of any others that are in existance. Just a thought. I have the list on my computer that I can send to you.
Stan C, WAØCCW  Ok, send em 2 me Stan and any one else, do the same.  w0oyh@arrl.net

Bill Barnes wb0nsq sent this........
The "Russian Woodpecker" antenna array....I've seen these before, but worth it again....... http://englishrussia.com/?p=1882#more-1882

http://www.centralksarc.com/officers08.htm for a Complete listing of Officers of the CKARC for 2008

Sid  N0OBM  QSP Editor, VE Team Leader  CKARC Past VP.

Printable Ks ARES map. CLICK>>> http://www.cenkares.org/

Kansas Section News Click >>> http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS

Keep up with the world of ham radio, CLICK >>> http://www.arrl.org/

73, Orlan w0oyh UR KAR ed and ARRL Ks Ast. Section Mgr. & KAR ed

ARRL KS SECTION MANAGER - Ron KBØDTI

For more from Ron and lots of new photos. CLICK >>> http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KS

Ron also makes him self available to the Kansas hams on the Kansas HF nets. You will even find him as the Net Control Station on the Weather Net at 6 PM on 3920 kHz several times a month. He is available to all on the Kansas Sideband Net daily at 6:30 PM on 3920 kHz. You will also find him on QKS the ARRL Ks CW net at 7 & 10 PM daily on 3547 kHz.

All of our SMs in the past have made them selves available to Ks hams this way on all three nets. At one time it was the only way to send our monthly reports to the SM. 73, ed

ARRL KS SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR - Bob KØBXF

KANSAS SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATORS REPORT:
From the desk of KØBXF ARRL SEC KS
May 2, 2008 KANSAS ARRL SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR REPORT
March ARES activities.
17 Zone EC reporting with 101 Net sessions 235 QNI and 34 QTC handled.
QCWA Chapter 111 had 5 net sessions 34 QNI and 0 QTC.

KS RACES Officer WD0DMV reports 34 QNI from the following counties: Brown, Atchison, Wyandotte
How about you representing your county the first Thursday of each month on 3940 khz at 7PM.

Army MARS had 135 hours of on air participation and 1234 messages originated. No report from KS Satern
nor American Red Cross communicators. If there are stations out there who give support to other
organizations on a regular basis, how about a few words from you reference monthly activity. Like say
for instance, KSVOAD, SKYWARN, etc. County Radio Officers with the RACES program are also
encouraged to send in a monthly report of communication activities happening in your county.
We still have 11 openings for Zone Emergency Coordinator appointments and one District Emergency
Coordinator at present. Being an ARRL member and having the desire to be of assistance in your area
by supplying Emergency Communication for various agencies active during disasters and or certain
Public Service type events are the top requisits for holding the appointment. Contact either myself,
K0BXF 3045 N. 72nd St Kansas City Kansas 66109, or E-mail rsummbxf@aol.com or telephone
913-299-1128.

Not sure what zone you are in! visit http://www.cenkares.org/distks.html for the KANSAS ARES
STRUCTURE-MAP etc. Remember to check the ARRL Kansas section web page
http://www.arrl.org/sections/KS.html

Keep abreast of other activities within the state by making sure your email address is registered with
Orlan W0OYH orlan@everestkc.net or w0oyh@arrl.net, to receive the KAR publications put out quite
frequently.

Printable Ks ARES map. CLICK>>> http://www.cenkares.org/.

73, Bob Summers K0BXF ARRL Ks Section Emergency Coordinator
Bob can be found on the 3920 kHz Kansas net at 6:30 PM.

ARRL KS AST. SECTION MANAGER "Youth" - Emily KCØPTL

Hi everyone,

Hope everyone is doing well across the section. We've had some rough weather the past few weeks.
I know ARES members are helping with storm spotting.

Dad brought back some interesting information about Very Low Frequency signal monitoring from the
Ozarkcon QRP convention. See < http://image.gsfc.nasa.gov/poetry/inspire/ > to get more information
about the project. You can build a receiver from a kit and use a computer to record the sounds. This
might make a good science project for school.

Next week is the Dayton Hamvention. Yes, it's a long way from Kansas, but it's still a lot of fun for
younger hams. If you're planning to visit, stop by the ARRL youth lounge, even if you're not part
of the under 21 crowd. We have lots of fun activities for the little ones planned. We will have a youth
calling frequency on 145.540 MHz (107.2 Hz CTCSS) primary and 146.430 (233.6 Hz CTCSS)
secondary. The 2008 ARRL Dayton Youth Dinner takes place Saturday May 17 at 5:30 PM. There
will be details at the youth lounge.
The next Kid's Day will take place in June. Remember, the summer break is a good time for students to study for a new license or an upgrade.

As always, your news and comments are welcome!

73,

Emily, KC0PTL

**KANSAS STATE RACES OFFICER - Joseph WDØDMV**

A big change in State RACES, as of May 1\textsuperscript{st} KS RACES is no longer under Day Hay and the State Emergency Management. KS RACES has been placed under the KS Adjutant General's Dept with Jason R. Moses, Interoperable Communications Coordinator, National Guard, Colby, Kansas. According to the FCC database, Jason had a called of KDØBTV which was traded in for a vanity call, KSØTAG. I have not yet had a chance to meet Jason, being in Western KS, and learn what he envisions for the State RACES program. I want to thank all those that did check into the RACES net. Conditions were a little rough and I hope we did not miss anyone wishing to check in.

The Kansas RACES Net meets every month on the first Thursday at 7:00 pm 3940 KHz

All stations are welcome.

Stations heard May 1\textsuperscript{st} Net

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73 Joseph WDØDMV
State RACES Officer Proud to be a Ham
wd0dmv@arrl.net

The RACES Net meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm on 3940 kHz

Joseph can be found on 3920 kHz at 6:30 PM and following as the Net Control Station on Wed evenings.

SALVATION ARMY TEAM EMERGENCY RADIO NETWORK [S.A.T.E.R.N.]

June Jeffers  KBØWEQ
KS ARRL DEC - Liaison to The Salvation Army
KS & Western MO Division S.A.T.E.R.N. Coordinator

NEW MADRID EARTHQUAKE COMMUNICATIONS EXERCISE - OCTOBER 4, 2008
The New Madrid Earthquake Communications Exercise to be held on October 4th this year has been coming together nicely. This past month we have been talking to agencies to find those who want to play. We currently have these agencies that will be interacting with our exercise:

- The Salvation Army, Mo-Kan Division EDS, Kansas City;
- The Salvation Army-Midland Division EDS, St Louis;
- The Salvation Army-Southern Division
- The Salvation Army-Oklahoma & Arkansas Division
- The American Red Cross, Kansas City;
- Missouri Dept of Transportation, Jefferson City & their 8 District Managers throughout Missouri;
- Missouri State Emergency Management Agency, Jefferson City;
- National Weather Service, Pleasant Hill;
- FEMA Regional VII Logistics, Kansas City;
- Dept of Homeland Security Region VII, Regional Emerg Comm Coordination Working Group, Kansas City
- Kansas Emg Management, Human Services, Topeka;

Before the first of June we hope to have all the Objectives from each of these agencies and begin designing our response plan. By the first of July we hope to have our response plan completed and know "how" we will complete the Objectives from these agencies. We will then begin soliciting ham operators from MARS - ARES - RACES - SATERN groups in all areas to accept an assignment for the exercise.

Missouri and Kansas MARS has already accepted the challenge to assist with the HF operations. We plan to utilize the state NTS nets to handle traffic.

ALL agencies and organizations are welcome to participate, as well as all ham operators. If you are interested in being a part of this exercise, send me an email and you will be added to the Email distribution list for updates as the planning progresses.

We had a banner day at the ARARAT HAMFEST in Kansas City, MO on April 19th. We picked up 6 new members that day and had continuous visitors at our EmComm Trailer display outside. Our MO-KAN Division SATERN Activation Team [SAT] members held a meeting after the ARARAT hamfest and discussed our draft Operation Plan. With the input from the team members we have made some improvements and additions to our original plan and now have our basic Operation Plan in place.

With the tornado activity this past couple weeks, it appears we may be in for an active storm season. We are still looking for more Teams! SATERN was not activated during the recent tornado damage here in Kansas City ... however we did loose our whole antenna system at the top of our tower in Kansas City MO. This will be a major job getting those huge antennas back on the tower once the repairs are made. Joe Krout W0PWJ and Rich Britain N0ENO are working on getting us back in operation at the EDS Headquarters.

If you really want to serve during a disaster -- SATERN is where you need to be!
If you have portable APRS equipment -- we need YOU!

June Jeffers KB0WEQ
KS ARRL DEC - Liaison to The Salvation Army
KS & Western MO Division S.A.T.E.R.N. Coordinator
Gardner, KS 66030 [Johnson County]
Home: 913-856-8674
Email reply: KSSATERN@kc.rr.com
WEBSITE: http://home.kc.rr.com/saternkansas
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  I am Net control on Monday, Fridays and Saturdays at 10 PM. Been doing that for 30+ years...  Orlan

A FEW WORDS ABOUT CW FROM A FRIEND:
Regarding Morse code as a ham that is probably two steps above being a CW zealot, if you have room in an upcoming KAR newsletter I'd appreciate my defense of CW and an invitation to all to - GIVE IT A TRY!.

"While there were some "100% code" hams, who were so upset at allowing no code hams on HF band to the point of quitting ham radio (some have quit over various changes over the years including when the tests became multiple choice) I thought it couldn't hurt. I just made the point that I'd be opposed to allowing modulated signals on CW sub-bands as then it would be not too much different than CW (try CW on 10 meter CW during a sunspot high -- it is next to impossible to get through the SSB and AM carriers. Otherwise I was OK with giving it a try and call the bluff of those who claimed they couldn't get an HF license because they had a medical (never confirmed) inability to transform series of tones into letters. No matter how low the speed the was lowered to.

Now that no code HF is allowed, many of those who claimed "code was impossible to learn due to a "medical condition" gave CW a try out of curiosity and most are now clipping along at 20 wpm and much higher. CW activity has INCREASED! Quite frankly, one reason I was not against it was that it would lessen the load of the CW segments. I did feel sorry for those who were all SSB would be deluged with new hams who had to do nothing much more than it takes to get a CB license. A few hours of memorizing multiple choice questions, So many have "tried it" that CW activity is UP!!  All contests show a jump in CW entrants reversing a trend of decreasing CW activity. With the sunspot low in process activity is down on almost all bands (me too -- I've not been on in months) so we'll have to wait until 2011 until we know for sure CW activity is permanently up. The one thing that could mess things up now is to change to bandwidth segments. A "free for all" much like 10 CW during a contest with thousands of illegal CB'ers all jammed into the bottom 200 KHz with the CW hams in the contest. I've actually listened to some of the CB'ers complaining about the "interference" from the (legal) CW!

To quote Mark Twain, "The rumors of my death have been greatly exaggerated". I topped out at 68 wpm at age 40 but would have to struggle to hit 35 today. But I still find myself involuntarily tapping out road sides on the steering wheel as I drive along. The person who sent in the certificate, K0IP, and I used to tap messages to each other in science class until one day the teacher tapped back to us. He was a ham but hadn't told us. He had monitored our pencil tap QSO's for months. We must have liked him as he thought it was funny and we'd often have a three way QSO.
I wear a badge to hamfests that reads "CW forever!". I receive both smiles and frowns. And some very interesting and lengthy conversations. All cordial and friendly. Even those who fought against Morse code for 30 years. QST ran an April Fool's article some years ago that the famous Larsen E. Rapp had invented a zero bandwidth carrier by canceling out the "sidebands" of a CW carrier. Then reinserting it on the receive end. Literally thousands of signals could occupy the same frequency. That was one of the best April Fool's articles in QST ever. It created a running debate for months with some hams sure it really wasn't a joke and they had engineering proof. It finally ended with someone suggesting the entire world operate on one frequency using other frequencies for most unusual purposes (bottle different frequencies in quantity and save it for the future in case we ever ran out of Kilohertz due to an unexpected sunspot event).

Anyway -- "CW FOREVER!"

73,
Gary, W0TM  

TNX Gary. I have known Gary about 30 years. He is our club's trustee. I think as a teenager he was one of our JoCo RA Club's charter members.

SILENT KEYS:

K0SJU

Francis L. "Frank" Reed, 76, of McPherson, died Friday, May 2, 2008, at The Cedars, McPherson. He was born on November 17, 1931, at Kelso, Washington, the son of Clyde Ulysses and Myrtle V. (Tweet) Reed. Frank graduated from high school in Culver, Oregon. On October 30, 1950, he was united in marriage to Victoria A. "Vikki" White. She preceded him on death on April 25, 2003. Frank was a retired security guard for Pinkerton Security Services and was stationed at the NCRA Refinery. He also was a police officer and sheriff deputy in McPherson and worked as a mechanic and warehouseman for Farmland Industries. Mr. Reed was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and served during the Korean War. Frank was a member of the First Baptist Church, Masonic Lodge #172, Isis Shrine, McPherson Amateur Radio Club, and the M.A.R.S Air Force Network. The funeral service will be at 10:30 AM, Wednesday, May 7, at the First Baptist Church. Burial will be in the Juniper Haven Cemetery in Prineville, Oregon at a later date. Visitation will be from 3:00 to 8:00 PM Tuesday at Stockham Family Funeral Home with the family present from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Survivors include: his mother, Myrtle Kober of Bend, Oregon; two sons, Steven Reed of McPherson and Richard Reed and wife, Margaret, of McPherson; a brother, Earl L. Reed of Culver, Oregon; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Clyde Reed, his wife, Vikki, and a daughter-in-law, Barbara Reed. Memorial donations may be given to the McPherson Shriners' Children's Hospital Fund or Hospice Care of Kansas in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home.

www.funeralplan.com/stockhamfamily/link1?id=131493

♦ Robert E. Friday - NOBVK

Robert E. Friday passed away on Monday, May 5, 2008. He was born November 22, 1940 in Minneapolis, MN to Doris and Evan Friday. He was currently employed as an Electrical Engineer with Honeywell where he had worked for over 40 years. He is survived by his wife of 30 years,
Cheryl Friday, and two children, Kevin and Denice. He leaves two brothers, Richard and Philip from Minnesota as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Robert will be held at Hillcrest Christian Church, 11411 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2008. Family members will gather to receive visitors at the church beginning at 10:00 a.m. A graveside ceremony will take place immediately following the funeral service at Shawnee Mission Memory Gardens. Arrangements: D.W. Newcomer's Sons Johnson County Chapel, 11200 Metcalf, Overland Park, Kansas 66210. 913-451-1860. Fond memories and condolences for the family may be left at www.dwnewcomers.com.

Published in the Kansas City Star on 5/9/2008.

♦ Ray Lund, K0RFL, McPherson Amateur Radio Club vice-president, became a silent key on Friday, May 9, 2008.

http://www.gliddenedigerfuneral.com/obituaries.php?action=full&showcomments=1&id=342

Patrick Kidd, K0PMK

♦ NØTLR -- Marvin Rankin, Fort Scott

NAØS - Kevin Cutright, Atchison

FROM AROUND THE STATE:

Orlan:
We are an active ARC in Leavenworth. We are on the list below, but thought I would send you a note to give you some contact info.

Our web site is www.pkarc.net. I am the web master..

President: Dan Borneman – W9JXZ dborneman@kc.rr.com
Vice President: Rich Waeltermann – N0XCM rich@smtsol.com
Secretary: Shawn Philips – KC0LPS ke0dl@arrl.com
Treasurer: Evan Strawbridge – KC0ZTD estrawbridge@kc.rr.com

Our club meetings are on the first Thursday of each month except December where we have our Christmas dinner.
We have somewhere around 80 members, and as is typical about 30 of them are active.
Let me know if there is anything else I can provide you for your newsletter...

Regards,
Dan Borneman – W9JXZ
913-684-2907

♦ Butler County ARES, FHARC, and Butler County CERT

Butler County CERT will be conducting a cross band radio exercise this Saturday afternoon. We will be working on 439.00 in and 145.700 out. We should start around 1:30 and finish around 3:30 to 4:00. We
are going to be working in the western part of Butler County from Whitewater to Rosehill. You are welcome to join us.

Don Smith
Well thank you Orlan.

We (the CERT group) found out at 1:30am last Tuesday morning that when the power goes out the repeater quits you have very short distance radio communications. We could not talk to the weather bureau in Wichita.

We had worked the northern part of the county two Sundays ago and found the sweet spot for the cross band repeater. We are hoping the sweet spot for the south western part is very close to the same place.

Don

KANSAS STATE ARRL CONVENTION:
AUGUST 17 2008
MAP >>> http://www.centrlasksarc.com/prnt.php_files/mapimage.png
Central Kansas ARC >>> http://www.centrlaksarc.com

Ensor Museum
If you can visit the Ensor Park and Museum, just 5 minutes South of central Olathe but haven't, do it now and see a most interesting and original flashback to the mid-1900's. Our motto "SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT" is true. A site map, Ensor GPS coordinates, and much more can be seen on the website at  www.w9bsp-w9ua.org

Larry Woodworth WØHXS
Ensor Park and Museum Manager
Past Pres. - MEMO <snipped> from the Jo Co RAC Feedback.

HA - HA - HA - HA - HA
When I die, I want to die like my grandfather--who died peacefully in his sleep. Not screaming like all the passengers in his car."
--Author Unknown

JUST A TAP ON THE SHOULDER

A passenger in a taxi leaned over to ask the driver a question and tapped him on the shoulder. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb, and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window. For a few moments everything was silent in the cab, and then the still shaking driver said, 'I'm sorry, but you scared the Hell out of me!' The frightened passenger apologized to the driver and said he didn't realize a mere tap on the shoulder could frighten him so much. The driver replied,
'No, no, I'm sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my first day driving a cab..... I've been driving a hearse for the last 25 years.

Jerry in Miami, Fl.

Subject: Painting

A blonde teenager, wanting to earn some extra money for the summer, decided to hire herself out as a 'handy-woman' and started canvassing a nearby well-to-do neighborhood. She went to the front door of the first house, and asked the owner if he had any odd jobs for her to do.

'Well, I guess I could use somebody to paint my porch,' he said, 'How much will you charge me?' Delighted, the girl quickly responded, 'How about $50?' The man agreed and told her that the paint brushes and everything she would need was in the garage. The man's wife, hearing the conversation said to her husband, 'Does she realize that our porch goes ALL the way around the house?'
He responded, 'That's a bit cynical, isn't it?

The wife replied, 'You're right. I guess I'm starting to believe all those dumb blonde jokes we've been getting by e-mail lately.'

Later that day, the blonde came to the door to collect her money. 'You're finished already?' the startled husband asked. 'Yes, the blonde replied, and I even had paint left over, so I gave it two coats.'

Impressed, the man reached into his pocket for the $50.00 and handed it to her along with a ten dollar tip.

'And by the way,' the blonde added, 'it's not a Porch, it's a Lexus.'

Larry WØHXS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Orlan, It was nice to see this get passed.
73s
John KAØJMO

Hi Orlan;

Trojan ARC is still kicking along. We don’t have near as many “active” members as we once did.

Everyone is busy and there are lots more ways to spend free time.

73, Michael Albers K0FJ

The May 2008 Grounded Grid is online:
Hi Orlan,

Still not back on the air, but enjoy reading the info you send out.

Can you change my email from ............

Hope your health is doing well.

Paul Sykes  Gud to hear from U Paul.
K0XR

ALL THIS TIME, I SEE THESE MESSAGES FROM 'ORLAN' AND DIDN'T HAVE A CLUE WHO YOU WERE....NOW, I DO!!!!
IT WAS NICE TO CHAT WITH YOU AT THE HAMFEST IN K.C. ON SATURDAY AND GET TO KNOW YOU A LITTLE BETTER...
YOU TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!!!!!

PATTY YOST AND OF COURSE, VIRGIL TOO, N0XRS  Yep, Ya got me.......  

Thanks, Orlan. This email address will phase out pretty soon.
I'm very active in Army MARS, and we're actually running some CW! Finally. Again!

Vy 73, Kent K0WEW  TU 4 the up-date Kent.

Hey You!

I pulled the mail from the box today, and wondered who the big envelope was for - I saw it was from you, and figured I'd been given some kind of off-the-wall award for having such a bizarre and unstoppable imagination or something, then I opened it up

Wowzers! Where the heck did you find a BA record bag? Man, that sure took me back to a halcyon time of good times and hard work. I recall many, many people walking over to the service desk, carrying a bag with some new album or LP inside. They were the greatest advertising that Jerry Burstein and the "ad" department ever thought up.

I shall FRAME it, and put it out in the shop, where I have 2 plastic packets of B-A parts, there with other old electronic parts, still in their original boxes. I have National, BUD, Vari Loopstick, Johnson, Hammerlund, Philmore, RCA, Ohmite, and IRC components, still in the new boxes they came in. The B-A packets... one has 3 mixed zener diodes, the other a handfull of matched hardware (with the OLD B-A logo, marking them from the 10th. and McGee store).
This bag will crown it all - I cannot thank you enough, old friend. Now, you've inspired me - I shall finally write the history of B-A as best I can - figure I'll interview Bill Neustadt (Electronics Parts Co. on Main) (one of the Applebee side), and see if I can find Bruce Burstein, whom I last saw in 1978. I know quite a bit, but after so many folks asking me to do it, ...guess it's high time I got off my butt, and did it.

Thanks again, my friend - 73 indeed.

Tom WØEAJ Denver, Co

♦ I will bet that I am the last to hear about this site:

<http://www.cqoogle.com/search/>

73, Larry Staples - W0AIB

♦ Try this site to see what it is like to listen from a site in Europe to stations in real time on 40 and 80 meters. The tuning controls act a little funny but after a while you will get use to them and the delay between your movements and what you hear. Don't try this on a dialup connection. :>)

<http://websdr.ewi.utwente.nl:8901/>

WAØOFO TU Marshall........

♦ Orlan,

Kansas State University Amateur Radio Club, W0QQQ
Dave Yoder, KA0JPM, dyoder@ksu.edu

Dave N0IN TU Dave for the info.

♦ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AX0P1enyCGA>

Larry w0aib

♦ Tom, N0GSG, sends this message:

Hi Larry,

A week or so back someone on the list was asking about Atmel microcontrollers. Here's a couple web sites with good information on the subject:

<http://www.kdomus.com/petek/atmel/index.htm>

<http://www.avrfreaks.net/>

73, Tom
Larry,

Here's a website that has a Google Earth overlay of a nearly real time map of the MUF.

<http://terra1.spacenvironment.net/~ionops/ES4Dintro.html>

73, Leif  W0RDE

The May edition of the ARRL epublication, Contact, is available:

<http://www.arrl.org/pio/contact/2008/05/>

There is a lot of great stuff here.

Larry Staples - W0AIB

Tom's Key-Strokes  - W0E AJ Denver, Co.  Displaced Ks neighbor


The URL attached, relates to a case of illegal operation by a CB'er in a neighborhood in Aloha, Oregon. I became involved from afar, due to my friend Don Gillispie asking for my aid and advice. Don and I served together in the US Navy, as Radiomen, and as such, he knows more about how radio "works" than the average neighbor in a city environment.

Don relates as to how it was VERY difficult to get ANYBODY "off the dime" to do anything, but finally decided to involve the LOCAL AUTHORITIES, and that's what finally worked. I might add that this case took over SIX MONTHS to get action upon, and that the perpetrator (illegal operator) was during this time.. rude, beligerant, and near-threatening in his contact with neighbors, merely attempting to get him to reduce his power or to "fix the problem".

I feel PROUD that as a licensed Amateur, I could be of assistance in a situation where the "common person" didn't know where to go first, or to whom to apply for help. It's ONE MORE case where Amateur Radio was originally thought to be the culprit, but reasonable people asked a knowledgable person (I'm hoping you agree, here), learned a few things, and got the results they hoped for....... and more.

73 for now

Tom Dailey

W0E AJ

How can it be, that after all these decades of existence, the ARRL can't figure out how to make a "Ø" on their webpage? Those of us in the Tenth Call Area feel slighted and abused. After all, you can make all of those "1's" through "9's" easily enough... why not the ZERO?

Actually, it's pretty simple:

HOLDING down the [ALT] key, and using the Numeric Keypad (on the right of the keyboard)...

Type [Ø], [2], [1], [6]  and release the [ALT] key.....

joila' - you have a Ø
Respectfully & 73

Tom Dailey
WØEAJ - Denver, Colorado
Licensed since 1962 - former US Navy Radioman

◆ Click on the attachment for pertinent info - NOTE:  Back in the early 60's, I operated station-callsign NPL3 (a "satellite" station of the main comm-cen "NPL").

Tom

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DE AAA9F NR 031
P 081605Z Apr 2008
FM: AAA9F AZ
TO: All Army MARS Members and Stations
INFO: AAA9A AZ
AAA9O AZ
AAA9M AZ
Chief, Navy/Marine Corps MARS
Chief, Air Force MARS
BT
SUBJECT: Annual Armed Forces Day Crossband Military/Amateur Radio Communications Test (10 May 2008)

1. The Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard will sponsor the Annual Armed Forces Day (AFD) Crossband Celebration on Saturday, 10 May 2008. The annual celebration features traditional military to amateur cross band communications SSB voice tests and copying the Secretary of Defense message via digital modes. This also allows an opportunity for Amateur Radio operators and Short Wave Listeners (SWL) to demonstrate their technical skills, and to receive recognition from the Secretary of Defense and or the appropriate military radio station for their proven expertise. Individuals participating will receive a QSL card later after the event acknowledging their contact, and a certificate will be given to individuals who copy the Secretary of Defense message.

2. As most of you have witness and participated in the past years know, this celebration is held the weekend prior to the actual Armed Forces Day which Saturday, 17 May 2008. However, to avoid conflict with the upcoming Dayton Hamvention, 16-18 May 2008, MARS services conducts the Armed Forces Crossband Celebration the weekend prior. This year we will celebrate this event On Saturday, 10 May 2008.

3. There will be six (14) military stations located throughout the US participating including Alaska and Hawaii representing Army MARS. Call signs, hours of operation, locations and frequencies of these stations are published in many amateur radio magazines. You should log on the Army MARS website: http://www.netcom.army.mil/mars/, and clicking the Armed Forces Day link for further detail information.

4. Please note that the event will only take place on Saturday, 10 May 2008. Do not get confused with the times as they are in ZULU which some reflects the following day. Once the conversion of the time has been made, you will see that the actual event will take place on 10 May 08.

5. You should start tuning your station into the station that will be transmitting the Secretary of Defense message early if you plan to copy the message. Announcements will be transmitted several times prior to
the actual message allowing you time to tune to the stations and be ready to copy the actual message.

6. Good luck to all of you during this great event and let's have lots of fun. This headquarters will be participating the entire event, and we hope to make contact with all of you.

Request widest dissemination of this message to all Army MARS members.
Signed, Dewayne Smith AAA9F

BT

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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 slide 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 jiggled, 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 retrieving 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

http://www.bliley.net/XTAL/Fun_n_Trivia/Talkie-XTAL/index.html

I just got one of these off of E-bite. Turns out the BLILEY crystal company made 'em (famous during WW-II and beyond). Ahhh, harken back to the daze of our youth, when the evening was spent with a piece of glass, and a box of Bon Ami ("hasn't scratched yet"), grinding WW-II surplus crystals into the Novice band(s), using the tried-and-true "figure eight" method.

Tom - WØEAJ

http://www.bliley.net/XTAL/History.html

I have one of these Model 2A units. - it was in the box of stuff from WØRAS (SK), when we carried it all away. It's featured at the top of the page of a 1948 Bliley advertisement.

I have applied 6vac to the filament, and about 140vdc to the plate, and it oscillates just perfectly.... pretty darned stable too, after about a 2 minute warmup.

Neat stuff...

Check out the site on BLILEY - it's by the original owner's son... they're still in business.

Tom

Shortcut to: http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/hall/8701/ham/knight.htm

Everybody knew that Knightkits were absolute junk... but that didn't make 'em any less desireable to you, when you were 13 years old.

If Heathkits were the "Cadillac"... then Knightkits were the "Citroen"
I told the guy I'd TAKE IT ALL. He's gonna' hold it for me - wowzers... I have Neil Preston (WBØDQW) holding a Multi-Elmac AF-67 for me... another guy has a TM-231 2m rig for me (actually, for my Stepdad), and now a bunch of Knight stuff. I "should" drive the truck, but after my last "adventure", I think I'll just bring my reliable Saturn.

Maybe I should open up a store, eh?

Actually, my "dream" is for Kathleen and I to move South to a little town called Sedalia (Colorado)... get a few acres (big enough for a half-wave on 160m of course), and build a bigger shop than my 9' x 11' one... hang up my shingle, and really begin fixing boatanchors for folks. I really enjoy doing it, and as long as they don't want a "restoration", I'm happy.

(Let THEM replace all the caps and resistors!)

...got an ALINCO DX-70 on the bench, and not really impressed. 6m side listens pretty well, but the HF side is fairly deaf, and the finals are gone... think it took a static hit, but it's becoming a royal pain to get to anything. I think I'll stick with my ICOM IC-706's

Ahhhhhhhh, nothing like Navy logic.

Reminds me of a ride in a very-early C-130 out of Tachikawa, Japan at Yakota, AFB... I was a red-faced newbie Seaman Apprentice, chasing my first ship (VEGA AF-59)... as we qued up to board the aircraft, there was a young airman at the bottom of the air-stair, with a whitish cardboard can, with blue writing on it, passing out wax earplugs - thing was, they looked EXACTLY LIKE those big wads of bubble-gum we bought as kids. Well, the total-idiot in front of me, a BMSN with TWO hashmarks (obviously, a bad boy), grabbed two and threw 'em into his mouth, and began chewing - the airman looked at me and the other guys behind me, and grinned... but didn't crack. That's when we noticed the boatswain's mate with a really funny look on his face, trying REALLY HARD not to let us think that he DIDN'T know what he was doing..... and worse, that WE KNEW what he'd done.

After we were airborne for Itizuke, he finally extracted the pink mass from his mouth, and found a home for it, under the seat.

Frickin' Priceless.

Tom

For anybody who ever dealt with CW through digital... here's the definitive site for it ALL.

....There's just something about the smell of a Model 19 at 60 wpm... maybe it's the ribbon, maybe it's the paper, maybe it's the creosote smell of the tape... I dunno....

Shortcut to: http://www.nadcomm.com/

THIS is the one I'm looking for. It was the FIRST electronic catalog I really "got into". When It arrived in the mail, I would sit at my little "test bench" down in the basement, with my "DROOL CUP" in front of me,
"Digesting" this catalog - it taught me many things about electronic components.

Looking at the cover: Who knew I'd be involved with the US Navy's FIRST communication-satellite program?

If ANY of you find one of these - let me know.

Tom

♦ Shortcut to: http://www.nostalgickitscentral.com/allied/allied.html

Pictures, some manuals, schematics of ALLIED RADIO and Knight Kit gear. For those of us who needed a drool-cup when the ALLIED catalog came.

Tom

♦ Read how the other people live.

The government that everyone here keeps doing news stories about, and then saying how good it is everywhere else in the world but the USA... Let them all move out if they think things are better. Here is a portion of an email from an amateur radio operator from one of those great places to live:

Re: Import duties on amateur radio items
The "import duty" is not the problem, but the VAT (somewhat similar to the US sales tax), which is exceedingly high in many European countries.

I wonder if anyone tops the Icelandic VAT, 24.5%, which is added on the total package value: Content price + shipping + insurance. Additionally, I may be charged for the paperwork ($10-20), and to top it all they may occasionally request a permit from the Post and Telegraph Authorities for "radio components". This is what I had to go through when ordering my Elecraft K2, a few months ago.

Last week I received a notice from the customs, which had in its custody an envelope with a transistor and five ceramic capacitors from Elecraft, marked with the value of $1. I managed to convince the customs that these were replacement parts and I had already paid for the original kit earlier, but I was lucky this time.

(name & callsign withheld, per request)

♦ Bob Kaminski (color TV guy) and I were sent over to remove the little safe from the office at the vacated 1012-14 McGee building... The thing was bolted to the wood-floor with some kind of pot-metal nuts, and no matter how we tried to unscrew them, they just seemed to get tighter. Finally, I went out to the truck and got one of those "SolidOx" torches that were sold then - cranked it up, and melted the nuts off the bolts - well, that went great until the last one, when we caught the damned floor on fire - luckily, there was a bucket of really ugly water in the basement, and Bob threw it UP on the burning floor - that put the fire out, but we both stunk to high-heaven from that damned water...

Then, we went up to pull it UP, out of the floor, and after leaning it over, not thinking... I laid my hand on the still BLAZING HOT bolt - burned the living snot out of my hand.

We laughed about it, all the way back to the shop.
Civil Air Patrol Search & Rescue (SAR) frequencies, by listed states.

Shortcut to: http://www.geocities.com/shane_binder/sarradio.html

Shortcut to: http://www.magiceyetubes.com/

For all of us who were simply FACINATED with "magic eye" tubes in the older radios, here's the definative web page for 'em. Many were seen on early AM & FM radios, with later uses in reel-to-reel tape recorders. I think I'll build a circuit for TWO of 'em... set it outside on Halloween, and scare the snot out of the little monsters, who come threatening in lieu of "protection".

Tom

Shortcut to: http://www.hamradiogallery.com/gallery2/main.php?g2_view=slideshow.Slideshow&g2_itemId=8907

This is a rather large file, and I'd advise setting the time delay at 5 seconds, vice the normal.... also the image size should be increased to YOUR limit.

Sit back and enjoy - everything from the S-1 through the 2000 "Tornado"

Shortcut to: 
http://hamradiogallery.com/gallery2/main.php?g2_itemId=8900&g2_GALLERYSID=b1672b17406999a0a87324c35d08a44a

Shortcut to: http://www.sphere.bc.ca/test/tek-parts/tek-info.html

A page-full of helpful information for those using Tektronix oscilloscopes, who may be having problems. Also available, are parts that may be difficult to find, as Tektronix does NOT support older equipment, for the most part.

The bottom of the page holds "Service Topic" tech-notes which, based on my experience, could save you lots of hair-tearing.

Tom

Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2008 5:44 PM
Subject: USS Stewart (DE-238) restoration

I donated a WW-II Collins AN/TCS-9 receiver to the ship - they were missing theirs, and the one I'd repaired and restored was just taking up space, so I gave it to them for the radio shack.

Tom

Their callsign was "NKFP" during WW-II and beyond I can FWD the newsletter and photos to who ever asks. W0oyh@arrl.net

Here's a page I stumbled across, that has TONS of fixes, modifications, and good ideas for ALL KINDS of radios (all the "majors" are included).
Shortcut to: http://www.ham.dmz.ro/