Hi gang, I got the other eye zapped with a laser this month and .......... "I can see again!..!" This time he zapped my left eye about 20 times. Last time it was only 5 times, so fast I didn't even get the chair warm. I am glad I didn't have to take a drivers test this last 2 months.

Who is counting any more? Any way, I will be 74 on the 12th of November. My speed-o-meter is rolling over even tho the speed indicator registers about ZERO. Ø.

Last month I asked all the ECs to send the SEC a HF message saying "they were ready." I am sorry to say, only one EC responded and that was Bruce KØBJ our vice-director. How about that! One of my bosses replied to my request...! Lets extend this through the month of November and see if we hear from other ECs. October was "SET" month with our HF nets running extra sessions to handle your messages.

Which brings me to this question, what if your county Emergency Preparedness Director called the county ARRL EC and asked him/her to come to his office as soon as possible and bring your ARES Group. You are informed of a test of your HF communications and you are handed a message to be sent to the State EOC at Topeka by HF through one of Kansas regular nets. If every county did this to test their EC, how many messages would the state EOC receive? Many years ago when Bob KØBXF was SM he was given several messages from DC to introduce into our Kansas nets to see how long it would take to get back to DC without hams knowing about it. You never know..! Did you ever wonder why the Salvation Army "Satern" teams are activly recrutin hams with HF capabilities. Did you notice who was handling the Health and Welfair messages out of the disaster sites? Nope, not ARES or NTS. "Satern" has a 20 meter nation wide net handleing H&W tfc that we use to.

A communicator is a person who can cause a second person to think the thoughts of a third person even if they are a thousand miles apart.

One of my pet gripes is to try to communicate with a communicator and never hear from them. Have you ever had someone ask you for a job and never talks to you after you give them the job? They don't answer your email, telephone calls or letters and they don't make monthly reports that they said they would do if you gave them the job. If all hams could be SM, SEC of STM for one year you would know what I am talking about.

Did you know you could view your drivers license on line? Click > http://www.license.shorturl.com/ and follow the instructions like type your name in the box etc. You get a photo too.

Are you on the ALERT for emergencies in your SECTION...? You can be by having your computer's HOME page set up on http://www.arrl.org The ALERT box will appear on the right of your screen when you go on line, click it and UR there. This is also the page for the latest in ham radio happenings world wide.
Need a Ks ARES map?
http://www.cenkares.org or http://www.qsl.net/swkares/section.htm
73, Orlan w0oyh - UR ed

ARRL KS SECTION MANAGER
I wanted to put a couple of things in the Summary but forgot. I am going to use the e-mailing system to send out an addendum later this afternoon. Won't be archived for posterity but is still communication. Still working on it. I inadvertently left out a few things.

SET was a couple of weeks ago but the window of opportunity is September to December. If your group has not done a drill this year a good time might be November 5th when an exercise involving the KC metro area takes place. This will involve 5 Kansas counties and the theme this year is Ice Storm.

QKS SESS QNI QTC
QKS-SS is back in session. Check-in on Mondays & Wednesdays at 7:30 PM on 3.710 MHz.
Ron KBØDTI - ARRL Ks Section Mgr.

ARRL KS SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR
Don't get too frisky now. This ole man is just sittin' around with nothing else to do but think, and that gets even me in trouble ever now and then. My commitment to you as SEC (and as past SM) can keep me busy for the rest of my life, and I hope that's another 20 years at least, Hi. Busted the stiches on left side of groin about Tuesday evening and started some bleeding. Doctor told me to spend more time lying down, but that's hard to do for me, I gotta be on the move. Travel is almost out of the picture for couple weeks yet. Then watch out!!!!!!!!!!!
73 Bob K0BXF

KANSAS ARES REPORTS
Gentlemen,
Report for ARES 2 Delta for October 2005

We had 2 nets with 17 stations checking in, N0 Traffic listed or passed. One regular ARES Meeting with 9 in attendance. Training was ICS-100 Part 1 of 4 For a change, we were not out on Stormwatch this month!

We are now down two members KB0VXU (Silent Key) and his XYL KC0ABL (moving back to North Carolina)

Also, in adition to my other duties, on Friday Oct 28, I was elected as Vice President of the Central Ks Amateur Radio Club.

Officers for 2006:
President Mark Boyle KB0MQX
VP Sid Ashen-Brenner N0OBM
Secretary Alvin Wiechman W0ME
Treasurer Marty Soffrin KG0MT
Activities Pete Sias N0OY (formerly WB0DRL)

Marty is now also our VE Team Leader (replacing Richard KB0VXU)

Sid Ashen-Brenner N0OBM
Emergency Coordinator Kansas District 2 Delta
n0obm@arrl.net or sashen@swbell.net Homepage http://www.qsl.net/n0obm

We are suddenly into the 'doldrums' as far as ARES net activity, now that NWS Goodland isn't calling daily spotter info/ARES nets. We've given some thought to replacing the weekday noon net with an ARES/ragchew net but so far have not done so.

Our Thomas County Emergency Preparedness director KC0HBR is encouraging us to do the online NIMS training. So far two have done so.

Zero nets for October.

73 Bruce K0BJ
EC 3A KS

Here is the report for ARES Dist 6F for October 2005.

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SKYWARN: No Skywarn activity for October
Steve Benson N0BTH
EC KS Dist 6F

KANSAS CITY METRO Annual Communication Exercise

NON-AFFILIATED [not ARES or RACES member] OPERATOR CHECKIN -----
147.315+ (tone, 88.5)

If you do not currently belong to ARES or RACES, we would encourage you to join your local group. However, if you are not a member we do invite you to participate by checking in on the 147.315+ (tone, 88.5) NEKSUN repeater for an assignment.

FIRST SATURDAY of NOVEMBER, November 5, 2005 - 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Activity for this exercise may begin as early as 7:00 a. m. on some repeaters.

All activity should be completed by 2:00 p. m. on all repeaters. Your cooperation in keeping the frequencies clear for communications during this exercise, is appreciated. If you need to use any repeater for emergency personal use during this exercise, please advise the net control on that repeater.

This exercise has been designed to utilize ALL amateur radio operators and radio organizations along
with the emergency response agencies located in the Kansas City metro area. Organizations from across the state of Kansas and Missouri are also involved. The members of the Metropolitan Emergency Communications Council [MECC], have been instrumental in coordinating the participating groups for the purpose of testing our communications skills and mutual aid during a disaster. We invite ALL amateur radio operators and organizations to participate.

During a real emergency the NEKSUN has authorized the MECC members to use their repeaters for the purpose of coordinating the activity between all groups, for solving problems and giving information as needed. If you ARE AN ARES member or a RACES member, we encourage you to contact your local leader and participate in their exercise on their designated repeater.

For the purpose of assisting coordination between all groups, we will be using these repeaters:

ARES/RACES & Groups COORDINATING FREQUENCY ----- 146.940- (tone, 88.5)

ALTERNATE COORDINATING FREQUENCY -- 147.315+ (tone, 88.5)

ALTERNATE COORDINATING FREQUENCY -- 145.390- (tone, 88.5)

We thank the NEKSUN for their permission to use their repeaters. Their consistent contributions to amateur radio statewide is a benefit to all of us. We encourage your donations to enable them to continue their awesome repeater networks. For more information and to make a donation see their website: www.k0ham.com

For more information THE DAY of the exercise, check in to the 147.315 + (tone, 88.5) repeater. For more information BEFORE the exercise, contact your local ARES Emergency Coordinator or Exercise Controller. Thank you for your support of Amateur Radio!

Exercise Controller: June Jeffers KB0WEQ
Phone: 913-856-8674
Email: kb0weq @ kc.rr.com

Please let me know if you plan to participate.

We will support Johnson County as much as we can and will have our session with Mike Stewart concerning lessons learned from Katrina during November or early December. I believe we have until the end of December to conduct our SET. I need to do some research and will then set up a schedule well in advance of the date of execution.

Work is really getting in the way of my fun. 73, Paul E. Backs KC0JCQ

SILENT KEYS
NØMFT - Don Johnson, Topeka
WØRZK -- Joe Aubert, Topeka
Jack George Botteron Jr. - W0KZN

Jack George Botteron, Jr., a retired electrical contractor, and a resident of Lake Quivira, KS for 42 years, died October 30, 2005 at the age of 77. His interest in electricity began during his childhood with the building of crystal-set radios and continued throughout his lifetime. He was a licensed shortwave operator for over 65 years. Complete obit found at....................
I'm sorry to report that Ken Johnston KC0VZ passed away Sunday Morning. He, along with his wife Vera N0EEI, were long time members and supporters of PRO. We are very sorry to hear this news and wish the best for Vera. From the Joplin Globe web site (http://www.joplinglobe.com/obits/): for full obit.

Thanks to R.D. Slim Cummings - PRO newsletter ed

Dean L. Hutchinson - W0PWV

Dean L. Hutchinson, age 87, passed away Monday, September 19, 2005 at Brighton Gardens Health Care. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, September 22 at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens. Dean was born March 22, 1918 in Kansas City, Missouri. He was a graduate of KU receiving a degree in engineering, he was a supervisor for Midwest Motor Freight Bureau for 38 years, was a member of the Amateur Radio Operators for 60 years, was a Baptist and a Navy WWII Veteran. Dean was preceded in death by his mother Bertha Shafer Hutchinson, sister Kenneta Hutchinson, aunt Maude Shafer. Survivors include cousins, friends and neighbors. (Arr; D.W. Newcomer's Sons Floral Hills Chapel, 7000 Blue Ridge Blvd., KCMO (816)3531218).

Published in the Kansas City Star on 9/21/2005.

Thanks to Larry WØAIB

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ARRL KS STATE CONVENTION

Orlan: Thanks for all your help in advertising. Thanks for all you attended and supported the ARRL Kansas State Convention in 2005.

We will be doing it again the third Sunday in August 2006.

73-Don-KA0EIC

HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA

A man, his wife, and mother-in-law went on vacation to Jerusalem.

While they were there the mother-in-law passed away. The undertaker told them, "You can have her shipped home for $5,000, or you can bury her here in the Holy Land for $150.

The man thought about it and told him he would just have her shipped home. The undertaker asked, "Why would you spend $5,000 to ship your mother-in-law home, when it would be wonderful to be buried here in the Holy Land and you would spend only $150?"
The man replied, "Long ago a man died here, was buried here, and three days later he arose from the dead...... I just can't take that chance."

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From 'RF Cafe'...Some Amateur Radio Definitions

S.W.R. -- A term, applied to any part of the antenna system, which means: "Savings-to-Watt Ratio". Based on the inverse relationship of dollars in the bank and effective radiated power. Characteristic Impedance The usual reaction of your spouse when told about the proposed antenna system.

Traps -- Devices installed in antennas to collect rain-water, to keep it from running further down the antenna.

Wind Loading -- The measure of how much more awkward it gets to handle a big beam as you ascend the tower.

Balun -- (Pronounced: "balloon" by many). An anti-surveillance device, installed in coaxial lines at the antenna, to prevent nosy neighbors from eavesdropping on you through their TV sets.

Sent in by Michael Jennings NØHM

Barber: I can't say I've ever gotten a shave from a barber, but I've seen others who have. I was in a shop once, and an obviously new barber nicked a customer several times while giving him a shave.

The new man, in an effort to smooth things over asked solicitously, "Do you want your head wrapped in a hot towel?" "No thanks." said the customer. "I'll carry it home under my arm." Thanks to Tom WØEAI for this one.

Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi.  TU Dan WØKKS

Where will you be setting in eternity, smoking or non-smoking? The best vitamin for a Christian is B1  TKS to David Doonan

WHEN MY THREE-YEAR-OLD SON OPENED THE BIRTHDAY GIFT FROM HIS GRANDMOTHER, HE DISCOVERED A WATER PISTOL. HE SQUEALED WITH DELIGHT AND HEADED FOR THE NEAREST SINK. I WAS NOT SO PLEASED. I TURNED TO MOM AND SAID, "I'M SURPRISED AT YOU. DON'T YOU REMEMBER HOW WE USED TO DRIVE YOU CRAZY WITH WATER GUNS?" MOM SMILED AND THEN REPLIED..... "I REMEMBER." Thanks to Jim WØEB

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'" Thanks to Don Strating in ND.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Orlan, Reading the KAR I noticed you wrote you were from Belleville, KS. How long has it been since you lived there? I was there just last week. I grew up on a farm by Republic. My
Grand Parents lived in Belleville and So did my Uncle.
Chuck Morlan, KØCDM Very small world..! My wife is from Republic and knew your folks well.

_**Thanks. I understand that my very dear friend Chuck Morlan (KØCDM), has a connection with your wife’s family and her. What an incredibly small world it becomes, sometime. Chuck and I met in 1958, and went to HS together at SMN. He's the guy I hassled for 43 years, to get his ham ticket...**_

_When you consider how WE met, then how you discovered my picture at Mom's, and now this - well, some things are just meant to be, ya'know?_

Tom WØEAJ - Denver Yah, when I saw you that first time in dress whites at the light house in San Diego and thought I knew you and did not realize it was your photo on your mom's Baldwin organ I fixed that I recognized U from and several unusual events her locally and then you coming into our HF nets from Denver. Even Orlan and Morland makes U think. Yep, it is meant to be.

_**Greetings, Some of you are not aware of this side of Don Inbody. BuffaloGrass is my trio that performs traditional, bluegrass, and western music. Our website is:**_

http://buffalograssmusic.com

Don ADØK

**Captain Donald S. Inbody, USN**
Professor of Naval Science and Commanding Officer **Looks like you have a nice ministry going Don...!**

Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit

University of Texas at Austin

_**Orlan, It's good to hear what's happening in "Zero land". Good luck on the eye work on the 18th, certainly hope that goes well and gets you back to 100%. Sorry to hear about KØBXF, hope they come up with some good answers for him. We had another good group of Section Managers here for the annual workshop on September 24 & 25th. We all seem to learn something new and it's good they can compare notes with the others since most of them were fairly new or just starting their term.**_

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2005/10/05/2/?nc=1 . A number of the SMs were able to participate in teleconferences with SMs and Section Emergency Coordinators in the hurricane affected regions. This weekend is the JOTA event and a number of scouts are expected at W1AW. Steve Ewald and I plan to be there to help demonstrate ham radio in operation. We seem to be in the monsoon season here with around 7 inches of rain in the last few days and more forecast this week. We had been behind in rainfall, so I believe that was taken care of.

73 and take care, Chuck KØBOG - ARRL HQ Staffer **Thanks Chuck. I like the photo of the W1AW attic.**

**Hey Pard, send some of that there cold weather down here. We are still in the high 80's to the low 90's. Should start cooling off around the end of November. Thanks for the bulletin.**

Keep warm--- Jerry I am ready for some of your Miami beaches but not the hurricane that blew through Jerry.

**Hi Orlan, Just a word or so to tell all about** my new repeater that is now on line.

The "KC0IFO" repeater is located in Central McPherson County and is @18 or so watts, 75' above a 1504' above sea level area, with a pretty good coverage area (for that short of a tower and low wattage). The frequency is 145.290 Mhz. with a (-) offset (of course).. Anyone from afar traveling through is welcomed to "call out" and see if they can hit it.. Six of us in the area are using it for local chat at this point.
Thanks Orlan and 73!!
Jerry Bruce~ KC0IFO ~ That is my club's repeater frequency here in Johnson Co.

Thank You for the KAR Orlan, I hope you are doing good. Godfrey Flax KCØAUH - EC

Orlan ... Found you email on the Kansas Section page and would like to be put on the list for the Kansas Amateur Radio newsletter .. I am a Missouri resident but I maintain the Midwest Division web page < http://www.arrlmidwest.org > and would like to keep up with whats going in for any news for the division page.

Thanks Steve - Stephen J. Schmitz - ARS: W0SJS Welcome to KAR Steve. Glad to have you on board. Orlan

Your still on our prayer list as you see it works. God bless. Pat & Sallie

Corporation for National and Community Service in KANSAS -------- Bob KØBXF
http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/role_impact/state_profiles_detail.asp?tbl_profiles_state=KS

Orlan, Thanks for the update concerning Bob, please pass along our get well wishes to him. Hope he has a speedy recovery.
Chuck KØBOG

Thanks Orlan, Good coverage, sounds like it was a very nice event. I appreciate you forwarding it to us, I will pass it around here.
Bob, I hope your recovery is going well and you will soon be back to full steam. Everyone have a good weekend.
We had a light frost here last night. Looking forward to the extra hour of sleep.
73, Chuck KØBOG

Ham Radio gets Press coverage in Johnson County Sun (Kansas City Area)
http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?
newsid=15457878&BRD=1459&PAG=461&dept_id=506062&rfi=6

Brian Short, KCØBS
JOCO ARES EC

Congratulations to Bill Brinker for yet another media win! Famous guy. A darn good assistant auctioneer too.

Gary WØTM

http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?
newsid=15457878&BRD=1459&PAG=461&dept_id=506062&rfi=6

Ron and Orlan, I noticed that QKS-SS is back. How wonderful and I hope it works out. When I was manager for that net I had a great time doing it and getting to know all the guys. I remember that experience with great fondness. I even got an article published by ARRL in their Net magazine.
I will tune in and see if I can check in from down here in Texas. As the winter begins to set in, I expect I will be able to hear you guys.
73, Don/ADØK Ron shuts down the net in the summer time and opens it up when it turns cool. I wonder how many other states still have a slow-speed CW net going? It has been going sense John NØEI (WNØGVR) started it in the early 70s. If it was not for Ron the net would be long gone. He is also our Section Manager.

Captain Donald S. Inbody, USN
Professor of Naval Science and Commanding Officer
Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit
University of Texas at Austin
Yea I have had a few of those tests. The last one they did a Sona Gram. Got my heart rate up and quickly put me on a table and probed around. I passed fortunately. Well our prayers will be with Bob too.

Have a great day. 73s, Terry, WA0DTH TU Terry...!

Hi Orlan. Tell Bob he could have outrun the truck if he hadn’t spent so much time as Section Manager!

Jim N0JL (11 years and counting) I guess 31 years was not enough Jim he is now Section Emergency Coordinator, hi hi.

Orlan, Tell KOBXF (Bob) that you know a guy who had two hernias (both sides) done at the same time and he is still looking for that eighteen wheeler. Many years ago and no after effects. PTL Jerry He will be reading this Jerry while the stitches heal.

Hi Orlan: Understand there will be some activity at the Ensor Museum Oct. 22, even food. Have not seen any info on activities. Can you send me a web site with the info. Hope you and the wife are doing OK.

73-Don-KA0EIC

Hi Orlan: Us American Baptists were fed by the Southern Baptists while helping with clean up in Wiggins, MS. Pictures of our trip are at: [http://www.fbcleavenworth.org/ABMen/ABM_DR/Default.htm](http://www.fbcleavenworth.org/ABMen/ABM_DR/Default.htm) Enjoy!

Didn't do any hammin' there. Too tired from running a chain saw and dragging debris all day. 73 de Rick, KF4LM Very nice line up of photos Rick and a fine job of helping others through your fellowship.

Hi Orlan, I meant to reply to the last "KAR" about Burstein-Applebee but never got around to it -- so I will now. Plus a few other comments you might find of interest.

I never worked for B-A but I think I spent enough time there as a teenager at the 55th street store downstairs in the ham radio department to qualify as alumni. The bus then street car took me to the Plaza then I walked from there. I went to the downtown store a few times before that but ham radio moved to the 55th street store about 1961(?). I worked at Wilson Distributing (20th & Grand) while in high school and then did deliveries when I turned 16 and was able to drive. McGee Radio was just a block away so I'd spend many lunch hours there going through the latest piles of "junque" they'd get in. As some remember, McGee specialized in buying close-outs and selling real cheap (my pocketbook price at the time). They sold speakers more than anything else. They'd advertise "$800 15" speaker -- two for a dollar" or something crazy like that. Back then, speakers were ranked by the weight of their magnets and they indeed could get heavy. Get two of the big ones stuck together magnet to magnet and it would take two people to pull them apart. They gave me many that had flaws like a speaker cone tear. A little Scotch tape and they were fine. I had a $50 ham shack but an audio system hooked to my Hallicrafters SX-99 that rivaled anything a movie theater might have. In between was a 1,000 watt army surplus audio amp from the Korean war (used to broadcast "surrender or else" statements to the enemy 20 miles away. With all the McGee big-time speakers, I was able to test it -- once. After paying for the few shattered windows and my mother apologizing to the Shawnee police and firemen who responded, I was ordered to never do "that" again. I delivered Philco tubes and parts to all the radio parts and TV repair places around town. Not many of them still around. Walters and Electronic Supply is all I can think of still up and running.

About 15 years ago, I attended an estate auction of a non-ham but antique radio collector in Topeka. He had been a bachelor and a recluse for many years. His house was so packed
with old radios and other stuff that he even gave up his bed to more treasures he'd bring home. I heard he slept in a tent in the backyard. Anyway, I was the only ham there I think. Everyone else collected antique radios. I did buy some radio items from the teens and twenties but my best purchase was about three hundred pounds of old catalogs. Allied, Lafayette, McGee, Olsen, Radio Labs and so on. He particularly collected EVERY B-A flyer and catalog going back into the 30's. There were no other bidders so I paid a dollar for the 20 box collection. I have the B-A catalogs at my vacation home in Colorado (in my "ham museum room"). I've had older hams (like me) from Kansas City who grew up with B-A visit me out there and, when I showed them the many stacks of B-A catalogs, proceeded to spend the rest of their stay just sitting on the floor reading. The wives would go shopping, we'd go out to dinner (without him) but the KC ham was still on the floor reading old B-A catalogs when it came time for them to head home to Kansas City. I think of B-A every time I pass the old Burstein mansion on U.S. 50 on the way to the Ozarks. Someone who knows the history of B-A should really write it all down some day but, perhaps, there is no one still around who could do that. What a shame. B-A meant ham radio in Kansas City for so many years.

Ken (K0KS) and Ann leaving KC? Tell me it isn't so! Anyway, good luck to both in Texas. That cell phone no call list e-mail is a hoax no matter what people say. It has about one percent truth it and those are the best kind to stay alive. I receive the e-mail every month or two and it (like all hoax e-mails) implores me to "forward this to everyone you know!". In a nutshell, all cell phone number "blocks" have always been on no call lists. Like mine is 816-520-xxxx. 816-520 is only assigned to cell phones and it appears on the list (usually a CD) that telemarketers add to their "can not call" database. Cell phone " blocks" have always been off limits to telemarketers and always will (by law). Where the one percent truth comes in is the new phone number portability law. That's where you can move your home or cell phone number to another company and (this is the "truth" part) move your home phone number to your cell phone. IF you never put your home phone number on the do not call list (www.donotcall.gov) then move it to your cell phone then you are (still) fair game to the telemarketers. To them, they are calling a home phone number. So that's the "real deal" on this harmless e-mail hoax. But it costs nothing to register your cell phones and all other numbers you have. So might as well do it even though your cell phone number is already off-limits. Kind of like "elephant attack insurance". I bought mine at a hamfest in 1975 and I've not been run over even once since then. Best $100 I ever spent.

Keep up the good work and get health(ier)!
73,
Gary, W0TM Thank you Gary.......... Great reading and a trip down memory lane. I worked at the Baldwin piano and organ store from 1959 to 1967 just across the alley from BA. Made lots of trips to the store. B4 I came to KC I bought through the catalog. That really brings back nice memories. While at K-State in 53, I bought all my parts for a homebrew rig with a 2E26 final and a power transformer with a 110V AC primary winding and a 6V primary winding too with a viberator in it for going mobile in my 1948 Olds convertable. Remember when cars had 6volt batteries? I had a 40 meter diapole hidden in the attic of the old WW II celatex army barracks used for on campus college housing for married couples. Those were nice days as I look back on them. TKS Gary...!

Hope you all like this it is amazing. We are sooooooo small.
Here is an interesting website, check it out:
This is very impressive. Florida State University in Tallahassee has put up a very interesting page on their site.

It begins as a view of the Milky Way Galaxy viewed from a distance of 10 million light years and then zooms in towards Earth in powers of ten. 10 million, to one million, to 100,000 light years and then it finally reaches a large Oak tree.

Once you click on the site, the software does all the work. Sit back and imagine how perfect our universe is! You can play it forward and backward to be amazed over and over. At the end it says AUTO....click on that and review the process in reverse!

Hope you enjoy this one. KØLM Lloyd McCombs

TU, I enjoyed the trip from very large to very small. Orlan

http://micro.magnet.fsu.edu/primer/java/scienceopticsu/powersof10/index.htm

Click to retrieve the CKARC November QSP newsletter. http://www.qsl.net/ckarc/news.htm
73-Don-KA0EIC

Until digital communications systems are fully implemented, look to an already-available back-up system: ham radios. From Fire Chief Magazine, the author spells out what amateur radio is and how it can benefit a local jurisdiction.

Thanks to Mac, K2GKK on the OK amateur radio reflector for pointing to this resource. http://firechief.com/mag/firefighting_amateur_power/

Lloyd Colston Mayes
County Emergency Management
Pryor, OK USA
http://www.mayescem.us

thank you for posting to Central States Hams news group! Please forward this information to your friends. Invite them to join. Help spread the word about this news group. Feel free to post swap meets, special events, public service, and weather spotting functions. Also, don't forget to post your events to the calendar on the news group. It has several events listed on it.

73's!

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TOM'S KEY STROKES

Hi there, boys and girls, The week of 2nd. October, I was in the UK on lodge business, but went o'er with a good friend who is actually FROM there, but lives here. Two of the places I was priveleged to visit were Bletchley Park (home of the WW-II code-breaking efforts, ENIGMA in particular), and the Imperial War Museum.

I noted with satisfaction, and the "Intercept Rooms" at Bletchley Park still had pre-war National "HRO" receivers on the tables, each with those old ear-killer headphones, aside a typewriter. The writeup concerning this position spoke of the Nationals in (pardon the pun) glowing terms. Later in the war, came the improved HRO, and also the HRO junior, which was essentially the same receiver, but with fewer bells and whistles. While standing there, a brace of nice older English ladies were touring the place, and their guide knew a great deal, but not about the radio part.... being a good (and unabashed) American, I volunteered, by giving a small presentation about how the receivers were used, and why they were significant in the efforts. The older chap who listened, right along with the lady's group, said afterwards "Hello, do you want a job?" I enquired as to the pay, and he chuckled... "Oh, the only pay one gets are the smiles of the appreciative, you know!" It was great fun to have been a part of it.

Another notable thing, and there are MANY, MANY of those!... is the reconstruction of an exact replica of the original COLLOSSUS computer. It was the world's FIRST digital computer, used vacuum tubes, and was entirely hand-bult. This followed the Polish-donated "Bombe" (pronounced Bom-Ba", which could figure out the "key", but not necessarily the decription of the whole message. The Collossus copy, was constructed by 3 chaps who took it upon themselves to build one, using only schematics and a few pictures. The WORKING MODEL is on display, and does indeed operate, just as the original did, some 60 years ago. To obtain the necessary number of "valves", as the British call tubes, a Country-Wide drive was held to obtain them from military stores, private citizens, amateur radio operators, and the like. They collected a sufficient number, and have spares as well. After testing on ORIGINAL ENIGMA INTERCEPTS, the official "lighting off" was done by the Duke of Kent, with an ordinary wall switch (it was all they could find, and the Duke remarked that "it certainly does not appear to be a very substantial switch, for so great a part of history, does it?" None-the-less, it came on, and still functions.

There is also a splendid display of other German crypto equipment, and some interesting teleprinters from the era (how I remember working on Model 15's and 19's), along with captured German communications equipment, which was not exactly backwards. Some of
their VHF and UHF gear is quite interesting. There are also pieces of Japanese gear, as Bletchley Park also did some of the work on the Japanese "Purple" and "Diplomatic" codes. The last version of the Purple code was never successfully broken, by the way... there is ONE hand-built PURPLE machine in the CIA building, and it's STILL CLASSIFIED, with very limited access to need-to-know folks.

Seeing an actual ENIGMA machine was astounding. It's very compact, and simple to operate... I was personally struck by how closely one of our US Navy machines (which I can't name) was built like it, that I was using in 1966! There were over 10,000 people working at Bletchley Park in it's max-effort days, and yet it was the BEST KEPT SECRET OF WW-II! Now that the 50-year British Secrecy Act has allowed it to be opened, they're still having a heck of a time in getting old workers there to verify facts. The overwhelming reply to questions, told to me by one of the directors, is: "Sir Winston himself, swore each of us to secrecy, and unless you can present him in front of me straight-away, then I will not break my promise to Mr. Churchill!"... and they mean it.

Parting note: The directors told me that in the last year of the war, the British commanders had knowledge of German messages and orders BEFORE the German commanders did, due to the speed of decryption and level to which the system worked. If you get a chance to visit this facinating and informative place, along with it's Winston Churchill museum, I strongly advise it. It's where CW was still King.

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The other venue I recommend is the Imperial War Museum. Oh what a place. Their section on "The Secret War", i.e. Spying, Espionage, Crypto, miniaturization of gear, and general communications, is very worthwhile, but only a small part of the whole. Also present are German radars, such as the Wolfsburg and Freya... very ahead of their time, but of course, the British scientists had invented the magnetron, which changed the whole ball-game. It was brought to America in a briefcase, lest somebody discover it. The flight over the Atlantic had to be done on relative dead-reckoning, as the magnetic field of the "maggie" made the magnetic compass of the aircraft, pretty worthless!

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Restoring a friend's National NC-183D, with a Hallicrafters SX-62A coming up next. Ahhhh, and all the right smells come out of 'em, as well. Old radios, as I've remarked before, are somewhat like CRAYOLAS... the smell takes you IMMEDIATELY back to the first place you ever smelled one. The crackle of the ether, when you first HCJB Quito, Ecuador... "The voice of the Andes", and their little bird singing. 'Course, nearly everybody's on SSB these days, so listening to the early-morning nets on 3.825 AM isn't quite what it used to be. My most vivid memory of humor in ham radio, happened in the Overland Park Presbyterian Church, back in about 1958. I was trying to sit still (always a tough problem), cleverly placed between my parents... Dad was no dummy!.... and the preacher was just beginning to deliver a stirring sermon (or so everybody else thought), when I recall he exclaimed "and then the Lord cried out...." ---and at that very instant, the local ham on his Sunday AM net, keyed up, and said "Oh yeah, Paul... that's the way it happened... at a Barbeque!"... the whole congregation cracked up, and I was laughing so hard, that I received "The Look" from my Mother, which meant a sort of universal "Shut UP". Through the miracle of audio rectification, the ham's generous AM signal was indeed, rectified by the PA amplifier, using the speaker wiring for a lovely 75m antenna, and the audio out of his D-104 microphone became a portion of my early religious education. I still laugh about it, but Mom laughs too, now. Another thing we
All, These are pictures taken along the Mississippi Gulf coast after hurricane Katrina. They're sent to me from a former shipmate in the Navy. He lives in Gulfport, and by an amazing turn of events, managed to be on one of the few pieces of HIGH GROUND around... lost a few shingles and a window... otherwise, just fine. If you think you've seen pictures, before... YOU AIN'T SEEN NUTHIN' YET! (Note, the show takes about 10+ minutes for all... don’t miss a one) Tom

Scan down to the URL, below.
When the group picture of police comes up click on PLAY and it will go through the slides
Some of the first pictures you see is a barge with three stories built on top, it has a blue round top. This was the Grand Casino's gambling barge, It weighed about 150 tons. This was taken about 1/4 mile from it's normal place and left in the middle of Hwy 90. It had been anchored woth cassions on each side, plus large cables, but the 35 foot tidal surge wave and 140 MPH winds was a bit too much.
In Biloxi, another one like this was taken almost a mile and left on dry land. DON'T EVER UNDER-ESTIMATE the power of an hurricane

Thanks Tom for all the fine input to KAR. Orlan w0oyh - dit dit OTe

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