For the 12th consecutive year, The 3916 Nets will be staging the Santa Net on 3.916 MHz. Good girls and boys will be able to talk to Santa Claus, via amateur radio, nightly at 7:30 PM (Central) starting Friday, November 24, 2017. The Santa Net will run nightly at 7:30 PM Central through Christmas Eve, December 24, 2017.

Pete Thomson, KE5GGY, of the 3916 Nets commented on the 3916 Santa Net. He said, "Christmastime is our favorite time of the year on 3.916 MHz. We really enjoy being able to help young people experience both the magic of Christmas and the magic of amateur radio."

Youngsters can talk to "Santa at The North Pole" via strategically placed relay stations who are responsible for relaying in the voice of Santa. Thomson said that the Santa Net is a team effort that involves the efforts of a number of 3916 Net members. He said, "For over a decade, The Santa Net has connected kids from coast to coast with Santa Claus. With this amount of territory to cover, The Santa Net requires the efforts of a number or relay stations. Our relay stations do a super job and really enjoy bringing the spirit of Christmas to the amateur radio airwaves."

Prenet check-ins are welcome each night starting at 7:15 PM central or on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/3916santanet

Third party rules and regulations apply.

The Santa Nets are presented annually by the 3916 Nets, the Rag Chew Crew, the Tailgaters and the Freewheelers are all amateur radio nets that meet on 3.916 MHz. For more information on the 3916 Nets, go to http://www.3916nets.com. For more information on the Santa Net, email ke5ggy at gmail dot com.
Kansas Traffic Net Schedule

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- ARRL: http://www.arrl.org
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- Kansas ARES Pages: http://ksarrl.org/ares
- Wichita NWS Skywarn: http://www.ict-skywarn.org
- Kansas QSO Party: http://ksqsoparty.org
- Newton ARC: http://www.newtonarc.org
- Wichita ARC: http://www.warc1.org
- Ensor Museum: http://www.ensorparkandmuseum.org/
- ARRL KS Section News Page: http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/kansas
- Wheat State Wireless Association: https://www.facebook.com/groups/WS0WA/
- Jarbalo Amateur Radio Association: http://jara.signaleer.us

ARRL Midwest Director
Roderick K. Blocksome KØDAS
The ARRL Midwest Division August 2017 Newsletter is now available on the Division's Web page. Here's the direct link:


This link always takes you to the current month's newsletter. If this month's newsletter doesn't open, try refreshing the page or clearing your browser's cache, in case your browser is loading a copy of a previous newsletter. Previous newsletters are available at:

Highlights this month are:

- The Differences Between ARRL Hamfests and Conventions
- W0TT Visits Hams in Okinawa and Vietnam
- Amateur Radio Growth
- EZNEC Antenna Software Training Session
- Foxhunt - Chilly Success!
- Around the Midwest Division
  - VHF in the Midwest Division
  - The Southeast Iowa Hamfest
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Thanks and 73's,
ARRL Midwest Division Director:
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MONTHLY EC REPORT

◆ Zone 4A – Brian KCØBS

SEPTEMBER 2017 MONTHLY ARES REPORT TO DEC & SEC

Total of ACTIVE ARES members: 150 +0

Local Net Name: Johnson County ARES

Emergency Coordinator = Brian Short KC0BS  913-638-7373
Alternate Emergency Coordinator, Recruiting = Jim Andera K0NK  913-884-6613
Assistant Emergency Coordinators:
Herb Fiddick - ECS Liaison
George McCarville WB0CNK - Training, Drills
Matt May KC4WCG - IDs, MECC
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Darren Martin N0MZW - Net Manager
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Debbie Britain AB0UY   Rich Britain N0ENO
Wretha Galeener KC0HHO

Net Sessions: 40
QNI: 286
QTC: 0

4 nets = 2 Meter Voice
4 nets = 2 Meter SATERN Voice
4 nets = CW
4 nets = 6 Meter
4 nets = 2 Meter Voice Simplex
4 nets = PSK 31 SATERN
4 nets = APRS Packet
4 nets = 70CM
4 nets = 1.25 Meter
4 nets = SATERN 80 meter SSB
September saw a lot of disasters around the nation reminding us of the importance of preparedness and practice.

Luckily for us, we have the opportunity to fine tune our skills on October 7, during the MECC SET Drill. ALL ARES members and hams of all affiliations are desperately needed to participate in this drill.

As a hint, you might dust off our Digital comms skills...locate that sound card interface and install the latest version of FL-Digi and FL-Msg on your laptop...it MIGHT come in handy.

Be listening on the 145.29 or 147.24 repeaters on Saturday starting at 8 am for possible call out.

Thanks!

Report prepared by:
Darren Martin N0MZW
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OCTOBER 2017 MONTHLY ARES REPORT TO DEC & SEC

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QTC: 0

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Johnson County Kansas

◆ Zone 6E – Rod KØEQH

September 2017  
Kansas Zones 6A, E & G ARES Net Report

Total Nets............4  
Total QNI............24  
Total QTC (net report)....1

Stations participating:  WBØQYA, NØOXQ, NØKQX, NØOMC, ACØE, WØBYV, KGØVA, KØEQH  
Alt NCS............NØOMC

Sand Hills ARC held their annual fall picnic Sept 16 at Scott City. Good weather, good food, light attendance but enjoyed by all there.

Rod  
KØEQH  
NCS

October 2017  
Kansas Zones 6A, E & G ARES Net Report

Stations participating:  ACØE, NØOXQ, NØKQX, WBØQYA, KGØVA, NØOMC, KØEQH

Rod Hogg  
KØEQH  
NCS

Western Kansas News
Gilbert Valero, KDØGTS, recently returned from 2 weeks assisting with hurricane Harvey relief in Houston. Gilbert is the Emergency Management Directory for Finney Co. Good work Gilbert!

Congratulations to Nate Brown, KEØLBI, of Wallace. Nate recently upgraded to EXTRA!

We welcome a newcomer to the area, Tim Stoecklein, KCØMDC. Tim recently relocated from Colorado Springs to Scott City. Tim is the new Emergency Management Director for Scott County.

TECHNICAL NEWS: We now have an 'active' two meter link between Garden City and Scott City. Garden City 146.31/91, WØGCK and Scott City 146.31/70, WAØOQA repeaters are actively linked. No tone or codes required. Thanks to Dale, NØKQX and Jim ACØE for getting the system going.

The Sandhills ARC webpage has recently been updated, check it out: www.sandhillsarc.com. Thanks Floyd, WØYQX, webmaster.

Rod  
KØEQH
Specifications:

- Powered by 5-28 VDC, unregulated @ 6.3 ma.
- Low impedance (15K ohms), low distortion adjustable sinewave output, 0 to 2V.
- Frequency accuracy +/- .025 Hz maximum over -30° C to +65° C temperature range.
- Start-up time less than 10 ms.
- Squelch tail elimination of 175 ms reverse phase burst followed by 175 ms of no tone.
- Totally immune to RF.

Features:

- Compatible with all sub-audible CTCSS systems. Microminiature in size: .66" x 1.08" x .21" high to fit inside most handhelds. 64 tones from 33.0 Hz to 254.1 Hz, crystal controlled for high accuracy and stability. Mini 6 position Dip Switch to select desired tones. Multiple tone switching can be easily handled by using diodes and a single pole switch. Built in Reverse Burst option with Transmit Time-Out Timer. Full 1 year warranty when returned to the factory for repair. Immediate 1 day delivery.

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Foxhunt – Chilly Success!

The first SEKARC Foxhunt was a chilly success! The coldest morning of the fall but we still had over 10 hams and XYL's out hunting that pesky fox. We started the morning with breakfast and coffee at Hardee's while planning the hunt.

The location was Lincoln Park in Pittsburg KS. We had a great turnout for a chilly Saturday in October. Hams there were Joe WØMQY, Matt KØVLL, John ADØKA, Loren KDØRTX, Jeff KAØEGE, Tyler KBØPQP and his wife Meg, Steve N5SD, Jim ADØOD, Bill WBØLXZ and Keanan (passed Tech/Gen waiting on
The previous post here had instructions for two antennas, the video was for a 2 meter beam and the photo was for a 70cm version. Several members had built the 2m version and those seemed to work really well! Steve N5SD had a vintage version of a foxhunt antenna which was interesting. John ADØKA had a homebrew as well with attenuator and other pieces.

Bill WBØLXZ built a 70cm beacon operating from a solar panel that he planted the night before and that one proved to be challenging to find but it did get found. One of the challenges with that one was that the frequency was published at 433.92 but with some solar power limitations it drifted down to about 433.6. Find more pics: [http://www.sekarc.net/2017/10/foxhunt-chilly-success.html](http://www.sekarc.net/2017/10/foxhunt-chilly-success.html)

The 2m beacon supplied by John ADØKA was placed before arrival of the bunch in a small maple tree in the park. While some were drifting a hundred feet or so off course it was found within about 30 minutes which took longer than I had expected.

SEKARC had talked about doing this for a few years now and we finally did. This was our first try so kind of a trial run, but the spring hunt WILL include prizes and winners!! We learned some things (I learned not to forget all of my coax) and we will for sure plan another in the spring when warmer weather returns! Thanks to all that participated I think the first Foxhunt by SEKARC was a CHILLY success!

**Great Bend W5YI VE Tests**

Great Bend has been without an amateur radio club for some time. There is a W5YI CVE David Doonan, KIØNN, willing to do testing sessions on Saturdays. Contact David at d.doonan at ruraltel dot net to set up a time for a Technician, General or Extra test session.

**Tom's Key Strokes - WØEAJ**

Denver, Co. Displaced Kansas Neighbor and very gud friend.!!

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daileyservices@centurylink.net

**1944 Radioman Training film**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYKwTATmGc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYKwTATmGc)

Note the 1941 series Hammarlund Super Pro receivers (I had one), as well as the McElroy hand key... both pretty rare today. Also shown, National HRO-Senior and HRO-5 receivers and even a Hallicrafters Sky Champion, or perhaps an EARLY S-20R (early ones had metal disk dials like the SX-16 & SX-17). I even spotted a relatively "new" National NC-100/120 in here. Only the gear was newer when I went through Radioman school in San Diego, back in 1962/63.

Tom
Kansas QSO Party 2017 Update
Preliminary Scoring Results

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