Hi Gang, The first thing we need to talk about is SET, "Simulated Emergency Test." It is a TEST of Amateur Radio Emergency Communications. Just who and what does this involve? There are some who think it has to only with their repeater and the area it is able to supply communications for the public in its shadow. Others think it has to do with only with their ARES Group and their county. Others think it only involves their state. Saturday October 5 and Sunday the 6th, SET involves our nation. I don't think I have to explain networking in the computer age that we live in. Even the young kids in school know and use it. Our network, the NTS, National Traffic System has existed long before computer networking. NTS is capable of getting messages to any place in our nation. I know, some of you are asking how can I participate nationally when I am limited by the range of my repeater. Get with your ARRL Emergency Coordinator in your county and ask to participate in the SET. An ARES Group should be able to take a message from you and relay it by an ORS, Official Relay Station to one of Kansas NTS nets for delivery in Ks or be relay to the Tenth Regional Net and Central Area Net for national delivery. So in order to test the entire network, we need messages created by you at the grass roots of our nation through LANs, Locally Area Nets like an ARES net.

I am asking the ARES hams to send a message to their SEC telling of their 2002 SET participation and out NTS hams to do the same with their STM. If you need help, contact your ARRL Emergency Coordinator in your area. You can participate locally as a family member or nationally as the family collectively. If you don't know who your EC is, ask and I will send you a state map via email showing all ECs. > orlan@postcomp.com <

Kansas SET nets will be found on 3920 kHz at 8 AM, 1 PM and 6:30 PM Saturday and Sunday and can handle messages to any place in our nation. Send a message to a friend or relative across our country to help test the whole system, The whole network, the NTS. Don't know how to write a message? Ask your EC, SEC or STM or me. Orlan

KANSAS ARMY MARS PARTICIPATING IN SET:
As you know from the State Conf. this year in Salina, the Army MARS is participating on HF with us this year. The suggestion was made to use a Haz-Mat type emergency. Whatever you choose, you might send an HF message to ARMY MARS.

Joseph WD0DMV
KS SEC

>>> kc0auh@cox.net 08/29/02 07:43PM >>>
IDEAS FOR SIMULATED DISASTER ARE NEEDED E-mail me at kc0auh@cox.net or Gaylon at kc0aud@globenetworks with your suggestions
Simulated Emergency Test S.E.T.

The public service spirit of Amateur Radio is carried on through training, and the annual ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is one such way to experience that necessary training and to test your capabilities and equipment to perform in emergency situations. The main weekend for the SET is October 5 and 6, 2002. It involves the Amateur Radio emergency involves the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), The ARRL National Traffic System (NTS), the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), SKYWARN and many more groups as they work through simulated emergency scenarios. Cooperation between Amateur Radio operators and community and public service agencies has been a key ingredient for commendable service. Simulated emergencies are a ready invitation for served agencies like the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Federal Emergency Management Agencies and the National Weather Service to learn first hand how Amateur Radio operators are able to assist in emergency situations. To help in this year's Simulated Emergency Test, please contact your local ARRL emergency coordinator (EC) or net manager (NM). Whom should you contact? Check with your Section Manager or log onto your ARRL Section Web page at www.arrl.org/sections/. This will lead you to a listing of the ARRL Field Organization leaders and pertinent news in your section. (Oct. QST)

CUL & 73's
Godfrey M. Flax  KCØAUH Thanks Godfrey for that info and text! Orlan
A.R.E.S. Emergency Coordinator
Kansas Zones Bravo 6, Charlie 6 & Delta 6
Dodge City, Kansas 67801
E-Mail: kc0auh@cox.net
URL: www.qsl.net/swkares
PILOT KNOB AMATEUR RADIO CLUB:
Effective 9/17/2002, Martha S. Auchard, WB0ERI, has been appointed Trustee of the Pilot Knob Amateur Radio Club Station Call, W0VZG.

Regards,
Nolan Beatty, KB0TML Congrats Marty! You always do a fine job. Orlan
PKARC Secretary/Treasurer
LOOKING FOR A SAMPLE AR TEST?
Orlan: I found it!!! It is not quite the same as it was, but it sure beats cutttting and pasting.

http://www.aa9pw.com/radio/index.html

73

Herm vwØr Thanks Herm. I know this will be appreciated! Orlan
FELLOW KANSAS HAM MOVES TO ARRL HQ:
Dear ARRL Section Managers,

I am pleased to announce that Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG, has joined the ARRL Headquarters Staff in the Field and Educational Services Department. Chuck just moved from Great Bend, Kansas, and has started his new position. He is working with the Amateur Auxiliary to the FCC and the ARRL Official Observer programs. In addition to being the main contact at HQ for Official Observer Coordinators and Official Observers, he will be as assisting with Field Organization and regulatory information matters as well.
His e-mail address is either cskolaut@arrl.org or k0bog@arrl.org. His office telephone number is 860-594-0239.

Chuck has the job formerly held by Brennan Price, N4QX, who is now the QST Product Review Editor. Brennan continues to maintain editorial responsibility for the ARRL Repeater Directory and to occupy the National Frequency Coordinators' Office.

You may link to this ARRL Web site article for a summary of these recent ARRL HQ staff-related announcements.
http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2002/08/01/3/?nc=1

I will also be in touch with OOCs and OO's about this news. Please join me as we welcome Chuck to the ARRL HQ staff!

73,
Steve Ewald, WV1X
sewald@arrl.org
860-594-0265

SILENT KEY (SK):
Orlan, I heard of a ham death in Joplin that you may want to send to QST:

Bruce Cummins KF0TO

He doesn't have any connection to PRO so I am not sending a normal death notice.

Slim

Rolland D.'Slim' Cummings
Professor/Coordinator of Instructional Media
Pittsburg State University
Pittsburg, KS 66762-7503

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:
Subject: A O T Y Award

Orlan, I just wanted to say Thank You again to all involved in this honored award. I am certainly pleased to be associated with such a wonderful bunch of people. It is something I never, ever thought I would be a part of. Thanks again to the award committee, the A.R.R.L., and all the wonderful amateurs. Without you all I would not be the person I have become. 73 and God Bless.

Ione McBride-KFØWS Kansas doesn't have anyone more deserving Ione! 88, Orlan

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Hi Orlan,

Yep, I am checking out the KS news on the ARRL website link. Not as often as I should..... but I do get to it now and then.
Mike K0FJ recently paid up his Life Membership, and was one of the first recipients of the new style Life Member plaque. We had a presentation at the September Torjan ARC meeting.

Also 4 of us went to Smoky Hills Public TV in Bunker Hill the night they debuted Our Town: A Day in Thomas County. K0FJ ran camera, K0BJ appeared on camera, AC0J ran camera, and K0QP took phone pledges. We received a certificate from SHPTV that will go in the TARC scrapbook. The club also received mention on the air numerous times.

73 Bruce       Thanks Bruce! I will post the photos on> http://www.arrl.org/sections/KS.html

Hello Orlan,

Just a few comments on the Sept. KAR newsletter. I rarely visit the KSN news section. I rarely think about and have gotten in the habit of relying on email, lists, reflectors and groups as well as news letters to keep me informed. The reason I subscribe to ksham@mailman.qth.net is to receive email from Kansas Hams however it's an under utilized resource.

I don't know who "Tom" is and it's with due respect to him I take issue with the statement " An ARES Group with out a full time HF member or outlet is only half an ARES Group." Such a statement doesn't take in the realities of life. My HF station has been down since a tornado destroyed my home 4/10/2002 and I'm aware of only one other functional HF station in all of Echo-3. My HF rig survived without damage and if didn't it would have been years untill I could have replaced it. The prices of HF rigs have come down in the past several years however, they are still comparatively expensive. I think the prices of HF rigs more so than the code inhibit license upgrades. Most ARES group are of a local nature and VHF/UHF serves their communities well.

In regards to ideas for practice disasters I think most groups are overlooking the one weather event that is over due, that will seriously challenge both amateurs and professionals alike the big snow. Permanently installed antennas may come down and repairing/replacing them will become a challenge due to the miserable conditions. Travel will be most difficult.--

73

Doug, you have encouraged TOM to write a reply next
Doug, N0LKK dougy@ruraltel.net time. He is scratching his head right now.

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> Hi Gang, I am wondering if anyone is reading KSN on the ARRL server? I asked for help and have not heard a thing from anyone. CLICK>>>>> http://www.arrl.org/sections/KS.html

Orlan, I read it. I even saw your request for help. I didn't know the answer off the top of my head, althought I could probably figure it out (the answer, not that your request is doable). I also figured you probably had others more qualified answer already.

73 de Don    Thanks Don!

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Hi Orlan:  Pilot Knob Amateur Radio Club is quite active. Here's a sampler of what's happening:

Technician Classes start Monday, September 16th, 7pm, Red Cross, 525 Shawnee, Leavenworth Contact: Paul Backs, (913)772-0025 or qb223@mindspring.com. Classes run for 7 weeks and end with a test session on Friday Nov 1. You do not have to be a club member to join the class. We're also holding code classes on the same evenings starting at 7:15 pm, same place. Contact Rick
Reichert, (913)727-3577 or kf4lm@arrl.net.

Club Breakfast on 28 Sep at Up Above (Now McDowell's) 800 Main St Lansing 8 am. All are welcome. Talk-in 147+ repeater.

Homebrew contest (a.k.a Ugly Project Night) at our club meeting on Oct 3 at Red Cross, Leavenworth, 7:30 pm. Bring a homebrew project that works. For prize and category information contact Mike Stewart AB0VM (913)651-2565 or mstewart@lvnworth.com.

Lots of other events and happenings. Club web site is www.notus.com/pkarc.

73 de Rick, KF4LM    Thanks Rick, Keep em comming! Orlan

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Check the web site for the latest edition of the Club's newsletter "QSP"

The web site is:  http://www.qsl.net/ckarc

Thanks Ron and thank U and the club for a fine state

Ron WA0PSF - Central Kansas ARC    Convention at Salina. Orlan

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Orlan, Just a quick note to let you know we enjoy receiving the KAR newsletter electronically. Could you change my email address to k0hyd@earthlink.net. This replaces dalepuckett@pgtv.net.

Earthlink bought out Pegasus who ran my broadband satellite connection for the past year and a half. If anyone is interested, I can still issue IP addresses for hams in Kansas if they are interested in an address in the 44.122.0/18 subnet.

Thanks es 73 de Dale

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Thanks Orlan for all your help advertising the convention and hamfest in Salina. We had a great turn out of over 400 people paying. With all the great support we will be doing it again next year. Also I do read the KAR newsletter. Hope you are receiving our club newsletter via mail ok.

73

Don - KA0EIC    My pleasure Don! Great convention. Looking forward to the next one. Orlan

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Hi Orlan

Nice to see you last week-end. On the PSHR paper we got there is nothing said about the VEs or the asst. VEs that help with testing. I do not chase paper like a lot of people. I help with ARRL and W5YI testing and didn't see any way they could get credit for helping. This is no problem to me, I don't need any paper to get me to help with things that all Ham's should do anyway.

73  Terry  KA0BHO    Good Point! I understand they will be re-thinking PSHR. Orlan

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Just a quick note to all of you who were there to help at the State convention yesterday, and to whose who would have liked to be there.

We had a great time and a good crowd. The vendors went away happy.

We'll do it again next year. Put August 17th 2003 on your calendars.
Ron WA0PSF  Got it on my calendar Ron.  Hope it is even bigger!  Orlan

Hi Orlan,
Thank you for your Section News and reports for October QST.  Hope your region of the country receives some rain soon.  Last year at this time, New England was in a draught situation, but the rains of this Spring and early Summer brought levels back to close to normal.

Best wishes,  Steve @ ARRL HQ

Orlan,
Yes, I have "Written you to let you know I've read (and enjoyed) KSN," and this one is no exception.

I am always overwhelmed, though, at what all the other EC's are putting into their posts.  I sometimes wonder if I'll ever get caught up with just knowing what my responsibilities are, much less getting them done (e.g. June's report in this KSN).

Good luck in Salina!  Wish I could be there, but I'll not be able to go this year.  Some of our club will be there, though, so I'm sure they'll be happy to let me know what I missed.

Jim McCarthy KCØGDV ARES Group Echo 1   OK Jim, put it on your calendar!  Orlan

The ARRL Kansas Section Manager's and Section Traffic Manager's monthly reports have been moved to "KSN" Kansas Section News > http://www.arrl.org/sections/KS.html < on the ARRL web. You will find it contains more detail and it can be changed or updated by the minute. Original data remains for a month as updated. To read news from other sections go to > http://www.arrl.org/sections/ < and click on the Section you wish to view.

73,  Orlan w0oyh .. ARRL KS Section Mgr.  dit dit

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