**August 2019 Newsletter**

**Kansas Amateur of The Year Nominations**

Kansas Amateur of The Year award is put on my the Kansas Nebraska Amateur Radio Club. If you know someone who has helped promote, elmered the amateur radio community and would like to nominate them send me a email cmoro67467@gmail.com. At the current time it is still up in the air when or where the award will be given.

Thanks, Chuck NR0W

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### Upcoming ARRL Hamfests

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<td>2019 Reno County Hamfest</td>
<td>Reno County Amateur Radio Association</td>
<td>Jerome Kahn ACORL</td>
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<td>Kansas Nat'l Guard Armory</td>
<td>1111 N. Severence St.</td>
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<td>Reno County Amateur Radio Association</td>
<td>Hutchinson, KS 67501</td>
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<td><strong>October 5, 2019</strong></td>
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<td>Valley Center ARC</td>
<td>Bruce Barley KK0S</td>
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<td>Steve Periman N0YYI</td>
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<td>Talk-In: 146.94</td>
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Updated information for the Reno Co Hamfest will be posted at [https://ksarrl.org/hamfests](https://ksarrl.org/hamfests)
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**Links for Kansas Hams!**

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Links to all known Kansas Clubs can be found at the bottom of http://ksarrl.org
If you change your Clubs web address, please contact Kent at kb0rwi@arrl.net
Supporting Our Veterans - Honorably Discharged
S*M*A*R*T - Special Military Active Retired Travel Club

KCONDG  Sherwin
or SARG;  EX-K102  1960 to 1987
or TOP, 1SG;  Army USAR, Retired 1951 to 1987  ---  final discharge 1994

God Bless those who have served this great country AMERICA
Proud Military Veteran
SEEING THE COUNTRY WE DEFEND
SHERWIN & DOROTHY STIELOW

Silent Keys

As a service to fellow hams across the state, I urge all individuals and Clubs to send me Silent Key notices. Please include a link to an obituary. I watch Larry's List for announcements of hams from Kansas. If you are not on Larry's List, I will forward the notice to him. He in turn notifies the ARRL. As Larry cannot include pictures, I do my best to find images so that a face can be put with the name and call. Thank you!
The ARRL Midwest Division September 2019 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:

http://www.arrlmidwest.org/newsletter.html

Highlights this month are:

Photos of Possible Interest

- VHF Rover Station
- ARRL HQ Lobby
- Central States VHF Conference
- Tower Work at N0MA
- ACORA Award
- Joplin, MO Hamfest

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Around the Midwest Division

- Missouri Section Technical Specialist
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Thanks and 73's,
ARRL Midwest Division Director:
Roderick K Blocksome, K0DAS
k0das@arrl.org

Post Kansas QSO Party Comments

We had a very successful KSQP once again with two claimed Sweeps and one European station claiming 102 counties worked. 354 logs representing over 50,000 contacts have already been submitted. I particularly need Kansas logs to be submitted and would like all 1x1 call logs to be submitted by the 16th (50/56 have already turned in a log), so I can start working on certificates and stamps. Special thanks to Kent/kb0rwi for posting the flood of incoming logs to the Received Logs page! Preliminary results will be posted to the KSQP web site on Oct 2.

73, Bob, w0bh
KSQP
AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

MONTHLY EC REPORT

◆ Zone 4A – Brian KCØBS

SEPTEMBER 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
Bill Gery KA2FNK - Recruiting, Technology
Darren Martin N0MZW - Net Manager
Brad Kelsey KU0FAN – Membership
Jesse Gonzalez KE0ECS – CERT
Chuck Simpson KC0NUG - Rapid Response
Jim Andera K0NK – KCHEART

NTS liaison is maintained with the KS SSB Net:
Jim Andera K0NK                          Terry Reim WA0DTH
George McCarville WB0CNK            Jim Cordill KI0BK
Debbie Britain AB0UY                     Rich Britain N0ENO

Net Sessions: 38
QNI: 337
QTC: 0

4 nets - 2 Meter Voice
2 nets - 440 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 - 1.25 Meter
4 nets - SATERN 80 meter SSB
Kansas ARES Net Report August 2019, Zone 6A, E & G

Total nets.....4
Total QNI.....28
Total QTC.....1  (net report)
Alt NCS: N0OMC
Stations participating:  AC0E, N0KQX, N0OXQ, WB0QYA, W0BYV, KD0ODX, K0EQH, N0OMC, KG0VA
Rod, K0EQH
NCS

Tom's Key Strokes - WØEAJ

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

radio@daileyservices.com

Window line pass-through from station to Zepp antenna

Over the years, I lived in many rented places, some of which were houses... but not all. As a result of those accommodations, I had to get really creative on figuring out how to get on VHF/UHF, and especially HF. I’ve loaded up furnace ducts*, rain-gutters, “parts” of cyclone fences and clotheslines, “dog runs”, Airstream trailers (yep, the whole thing), and many other crazy nutty places that WEREN’T SUPPOSED TO WORK, but did.

*Furnace ducts are actually quite GOOD, and they’re VERY broadbanded. All that sheet metal makes a great radiator, and even if they’re grounded, you can ultimately find a point somewhere, to SHUNT FEED them. [ I got the idea from when I had a crystal set in my room, to listen to all those radio shows that USED TO BE on KMBC, and that I was NOT to listen to after I supposedly went to sleep ]
“Laugh NOT, grasshopper...”

When I finally managed to climb to a point in life where I could go back to my roots and live in the COUNTRY, escaping the noisy and overcrowded city, I ended up with 4.5 acres, SW of the little town of Sedalia, Colorado. It’s about halfway between Castle Rock & Denver. Ahhh, but that created yet ANOTHER challenge – LIGHTENING storms! Getting the antennas up was fairly easy – no covenants, no HOAs (I despise them), and no city engineers to tell me how or why to put my tower up in a particular way. Concerning the lightening, that was a biggie – See, Sedalia is at 6,320 feet MSL...
(mean sea level) in the foothills of the Rockies, and as such, we’re in a rather “active” area for the creation of thunderstorms and other phenomena. Because I like WIRE antennae (yes, that’s a correct plural), the question was HOW to get an open-wire feedline into the shack without drilling holes or detuning the heck out of the whole thing... AND how to easily disconnect them from the gear AND the house. Looking through my collection of old ceramic insulators, I settled on what you see in the picture.

This is how I passed the 450 ohm “window line” through a basement window... It’s a section of weather-stripped 3/8” Lexan with ceramic insulators... the feeders connect to the outside threaded terminals, and there’s a short piece of 450 ohm line, INSIDE, that comes from the balanced-output of the Heathkit SA-2060 tuner (impedance matcher – you ARE going from unbalanced to balanced line here)... the banana plugs go into the feedthrough’s banana jacks (these insulators were salvaged from an old 1930s Navy transmitter – used for changing plug-in PA coils) and enable Quick and Easy connect/disconnect of the antenna, THUS to the equipment. The basement windows are sliding type, and this 8” wide piece, sandwiched between the sliding frame and fixed frame, allows me to feed balanced line AND coax (double female bulkhead connector) through to the outside, without drilling holes in the house... and of course, the lexan is an insulator.

Way back in the halcyon daze of my youth, I lived in a “2nd. level” apartment, which having a deck with sliding doors, caused me to hatch this original idea. In the 70s, I couldn’t find a piece of Plexiglas long enough (TALL enough) to do the job, so ended up with a piece of plywood that I finished in a very light blue – looking at it from a distance, it looked “clear”. Ahhh, but the modern age gives us plastic (Lexan) that’s available in just about any length (height) you want.

The point here kids, is that you can ALWAYS “find a way” to get on the air, and figuring out a surreptitious way TO get by “the rules”, adds to the fun..... dit dit.