

"KAR" Kansas Amateur Radio "KAR"

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Hi gang, My doctor has put me with his dietitian and she has me on a 60 carb a day intake and it is killing me. I only have three choices.....

Tell my doctor I wont do it, but I wont do that.

Lie to him, but I wont do that.

So I will do it and the required reporting to her by email of every thing I eat.

Well it is not so bad, I have gone from 235 to 208 pounds sense Christmas. I refused to go on it until Christmas was over. How much is 60 carbs? Just pick up a frozen food box for one person and read the back side. U all know how much U get in a small pop-top can of "Beanee Weenees" is 220 grams and that is 29 carbs and I am on 60 carbs a day. 2 cans feeds me all day, hi hi What is a gram, open up a can of Planters peanuts and pick out the largest, that is a gram. R U all feeling SRI 4 me? Listen to this, I got 2 Applebee's gift cards for Christmas. So next month for just one meal, guess what I am going 2 do? Yep and next month TOOooooooooooooooooooooo.

♦ Want to see ham activities in KC. Larry's List - Events Online

<<http://smartin66212.startlogic.com/jcrac/index.html>>

♦ Kansas Special Event Station KSØKS of the Santa Fe trail ARC.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtube_gdata_player&v=RapzCoHABWA

♦ Operate your radio station from any place you may go:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=whe9nV9InnQ>

♦ The February 2011 edition of WorldRadio Online magazine is live and posted

free at: < <http://www.worldradiomagazine.com/> >.

It is full of great features and columns including:

* PJ4D DXpedition to Bonaire, Part II - Oh, the Pile-Ups!

* Join KF5BOC On A Wild Ride Aboard the Space Station

* Radio Amateurs' ECHO From the Past

* Krusty Ol' Kurt Gives Us the Skinny on "Skin Effect"

♦ I have often wondered why it is the conservatives are called the right and the liberals are called the left.

By chance, I stumbled upon this verse in the Bible: Ecclesiastes 10:2

"The heart of the wise inclines to the right but the heart of the fool to the left."

Yep, that's exactly what it says!

◆ This U gotta C>><http://www.wimp.com/traintrack/>

◆ **Wish a Happy 100th to a Ham Radio Legend**

Leo Meyerson, W0GFQ, a longtime leader in the ham radio industry as owner of **World Radio Laboratories** (think Globe Scout and other Globe radios from the "golden age" of ham radio), will turn 100 years old in February.

QCWA Chapter 154 is hosting a birthday party for Leo and running a special event station (W0G) on February 24. (Look for W0G on or near 14.260 MHz between 1800 and 2400 UTC. QSL via the operator you contact.) Leo is planning to be listening in, and may even make some contacts himself.

In addition, QCWA national president Bob Roske, N0UF, suggests that all hams who would like to join the celebration write "Happy 100th Birthday, Leo" on a QSL card and mail it to: Leo Meyerson, W0GFQ, 19 Park Lane, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270.

◆ How hot or cold is it where UR going? Just point your mouse at the map.
<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/zoa/mwmap3.php?map=usa>

◆ NASA's Fermi Catches Thunderstorms Hurling **Antimatter** into Space
http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/GLAST/news/fermi-thunderstorms.html

◆ Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the **tick** with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds (15-20), the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time I've used it (and that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me.

◆ The ARRL Midwest Division January Newsletter is now available on the Division's Web page. Here's the direct link: <<http://www.arrlmidwest.org/pdfs/arrlmwd-jan2011news.pdf>>

◆ Kansas Section News and KARs <http://ksarrrl.org>

◆ Kansas QSO Party <http://www.ksqsoparty.org>

◆ Newton Radio Club <http://www.newtonarc.net>

◆ Wichita Radio Club <http://www.warc1.org>

◆ Kansas ARES <http://www.cenkares.org>

◆ Kansas ARES printable map <http://ksarrrl.org/ares/printit/>

◆ Kansas ARRL Section News <http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/kansas>

◆ Skywarn <http://www.ict-skywarn.org/>

◆ Midwest Division Home page <http://www.arrlmidwest.org/>

◆ ARRL <http://www.arrl.org/>

◆ KC han Info http://www.kchams.net/larrys_list.html

♦ NF9L KC page <http://kchamradio.com/>

73, Orlan wØoyh UR KAR ed and ARRL Ks Ast. Section Mgr. w0oyh@arrl.net

ARRL KS SECTION MANAGER Ron - KBØDTI



Santa Fe Trail came through and represented Amateur Radio for the State's Birthday. On January 29th Kansas turned 150. Santa Fe Trail Amateur Radio Club joined in the celebration by doing what Hams do- they put together a Special Event station and got on the air from a public place. The Mahaffie Center in Olathe, right on the Santa Fe trail, was the venue for this historic day. Several dozen amateurs were involved in putting this together, operating and speaking with the visitors to the museum inside the Mahaffie center. Four operating positions consisting of 40 and 20 phone, PSK and CW were set up inside the museum. And of course keys and sounders were available for everyone to try out. I don't have the updated count but I believe over 200 contacts were made, several in Kansas. The City of Olathe that operates the museum, that includes a stage coach museum, was very appreciative of the Santa Fe Trails efforts. I think there's some video out on the web from one of the participants.

There are still 10 months left to celebrate 150 years of statehood so let me know what your group is doing.

73,
Ron

Ron KBØDTI

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You can find Ron on the 3920 kHz nets starting at 5:30 PM daily.



ARRL KS SECTION EMERGENCY CORDINATOR KØBXF



Feb 1, 2011
From the desk of KØBXF
SEC KS

One month of the rest of your life just passed us all. Some have no doubt established a goal or so to complete in this next year of 2011. I hope that some of you have pledged to offer support to the local Emergency Communication phase of our hobby.

Contacting the amateur radio operator assigned to the position of Zone Emergency Coordinator would be the first step to take. I am sure that each one of them would not turn down your assistance no matter what.

Let us concentrate on Kansas District 5 as we look forward to activity in the new year.

ARES District 5 KANSAS
District 5 DEC is Robert Hanake, WG0Q. 3169 West Longview Road Sylvia KS 67581.
Tele 620-234-5471. His email address is rhanake@msn.com

Bob is also doing double duty at present, acting as DEC for ARES District 6.

District 5 is as follows:

Zone 5A Harvey and Sedgwick counties AJ5BS EC aj5bs@att.net
Zone 5B Butler county
Zone 5C Cowley county KD0BIA EC Txnks@msn.com
Zone 5D Harper and Sumner counties K0IFR EC jggerber@sctel.com.net
Zone 5E Pratt, Barber and Kingman counties K0UO EC K0uo@arrl.net
Zone 5F Reno county
Zone 5G Stafford county
Zone 5H Rice county
Zone 5I Barton ounty K0IFR EC ocanderson@yahoo.net

Known active or simi active N0CAB, KC0CFL, WD0ESF, W0FCL, W0GAN, N0IEC, K10NN, N0JDW, KD0KMP,

N0LD, K0LM, A0COMO, WB0OSF, K0PY, KB0SYF, N0TGR, AB0TX, KB0UO, W0UY.

Right or wrong, is this all the activity???? Are there others?????????????

I did not list the people above as to their county, you can do that and while you are at it, make up your mind, to at least, be the voice for ham radio in your county. Keep your SM and SEC informed as to ham radio activity within your county on a monthly basis.

Contact either WG0Q or the respective EC to see how you might lend a hand for your local ARES.

Let us not forget to keep all interested parties in the so called communication loop. Together

We Can.

Activity for December 2010, 19 ARES Zones reporting 96 net sessions 865 QNI and 57QTC.
Army MARS reporting 439 man hours on air operation with 224 messages originated.
QCWA 4 sessions and 29 QNI.
RACES balmed out do to band condx.

Let us hear from every active ham operator in Kansas thru out 2011.

73 **Bob Summers KOBXF** ARRL SEC KS
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◆ **KS ARES Printable** map to any size: <http://ksarrl.org/ares/printit> - available in PDF only

You can find Bob on the Kansas Sideband Net on 3920 kHz at 5:30 pm most evenings.

Kansas RACES Officer – Joseph WDØDMV



Burrrr...it is even colder than before outside, negative numbers. Ice, snow and more snow. Winter, yuck ! What happened to global warming? Most of the country is experiencing very cold weather. Just like the warmer months, we need to be ready. Winter can bring on power outages, take down 911, and leave people out in the cold on roadways. I hope you have your "ready pack" ready plus a home and car survival kit, should something happen. If Phil, the woodchuck, is right we should have only a few more week of this Winter weather.

The nets are still up and running. The name is the Kansas Radio Amateur Preparedness Net, KRAP Net. **ALL** stations are welcome to check-in to this net and tell us what is happening in your part of the State. Hopefully you and your County will become (if not all ready) registered as RACES. Net check-ins have been really down over the past month. Bruce AAØX called the net on Tuesday January 18th and did not hear anyone, nor could I hear him. I called the net Thursday February 3rd and did not hear anyone but Dale NØKQX. So with Dale's help, he was able to relay stations to me. I am sorry if we missed anyone. The band was very long both nights.

A meeting has been set up with the State on the future and direction of RACES in Kansas. I hope to have something to report at the next net session or by the March KAR.

73

Joseph WDØDMV

Kansas RACES Officer

The Net meets on the first Thursday and third Tuesday of each month at 1900 local time on 3940 KHz.

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KRAP Net report for Tuesday Jan.18, 2011

The following stations were heard:

Sorry no stations were heard.

AAØX Miami County Net Control

1 Counties 1 QNI

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KRAP Net report for Thursday Feb. 3, 2011.

The following stations were heard:

NØKQX Finney County

AAØX Miami County

KBØMOE Ellis County

WØYW Linn County

WDØDMV Shawnee County Net Control

5 Counties 5 QNI

73, Joseph WDØDMV
State RACES Officer
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The RACES Net meets on the first Thursday and third Tuesday of each month at 7 PM local time on 3940 KHz.

Kansas Special Event Station **KSØKS**

KSØKS is the club station of the

Jan 29 - Kansas Day and Santa Fe Trail Amateur Radio Club will operate a Special Event station from the Mahaffie Center, 1200 Kansas City Road, Olathe. QSL cards will be available for SASE. Look around 14.250, 7.250, 10.120 MHz. Voice, CW, and digital modes will be used.

<http://www.olatheks.org/Mahaffie/Events>

A <snippit> from "LL" Larrys List

We had a great special event station (KS0KS) for the Kansas Sesquicentennial. I thought there might be some interest in the results.

States Worked – 40
Countries - 4
Total Contacts 243
SSB 20m - 120
SSB 40m - 46
CW 30m - 24
PSK 20m - 53

We had quite a crowd of operators, some who stayed all day, and others that came for an hour or two. My best guess is there were at least 50 amateur radio operators involved from setup Friday night to tear down Saturday afternoon.

Brian Short KC0BS posted a **YouTube video: >>>>**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtube_gdata_player&v=RapzCoHABWA>

We would like to thank everyone for their participation and the Olathe Heritage Center at Mahaffie for hosting us.

We hope to be back again next year!

Joe Krout W0PWJ
<jkrout@gmail.com>

PHOTOS

Larry, I visited the hams set-up at the historic Mahaffie Stage Coach Stop in Olathe yesterday. It was a fine day for the 150 year celebration of Kansas Statehood. I have some photos I made on-line for any interested parties to view:

<http://fotobooth.smugmug.com/Other/Ham-Operators-at-Mahaffie/15642756_LTpeE#1172160004_SwGF4>

Dale Monaghan, W0HSK
<robofoto@kc.rr.com>



Leo WØGFQ of World Radio Laboratories - 100th Birthday

Note: Bob Roske is currently national president of Quarter Century Wireless Association.
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Hi Everybody,

On February 24th QCWA Chapter 154 in West Palm Springs is celebrating Leo's 100th birthday. For those that don't remember, Leo owned and operated World Radio Laboratories in Council Bluffs, IA for many years. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Radio_Laboratories>

So here's the plan, take a QSL card, write 'Happy 100th Birthday Leo' on it and send it to:

Leo Meyerson, WØGFQ
19 Park Lane
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

Gene Pentecost, President of Chapter 154, will make sure they get to the party so everyone that attends can enjoy them.

One last thing, tell every ham you know to do the same thing, QCWA member or not. Spread the word, at every radio club meeting you attend, at every net you check into.

I want Leo to get hundreds, maybe even thousands of cards.

Thank you and 73,

Bob Roske
broske@hutchtel.net

<snipet> from "LL" I passed my code test using one of his rigs in 1952 in Superior, Neb while Fritz WØADS & Paul WØCIH watched me QSO a station in Sacramento, Ca.

The World of WAS by Lee KØWA

Orlan.... Just a comment after reading the January KAR.

As most of your know, I love to contest...CW, SSB and RTTY. Back in the late 60s and early 70s (before college) was was pretty active on QKS, CAN and TEN. Pretty active means; every night. I still have my bug too and I am a youngster...just turned 60 this year.

I was contesting this past weekend (NAQP-CW and ARRL RTTY TU) and was counting the

number of states I had worked. In a couple of hours I had worked some 40 different states. Alaska was my second contact of the contest. Well, it hit me that it would have taken me a good long while to work that many states back in 1965 as WN0OWN.

Here I am working at lot of states on a whim. Really! No big deal. I have the Triple Play Award, our contest team works a clean Sweep each November on CW and SSB, and it is nothing to work the all the states on any given contest weekend.

The majic is still there...looking for WY or MT or LA or AK or HI. Sometimes is ME and MS, but it is always exciting. I celebrate each state I work. But, there still is a sense of disappoinment. Why? It is so easy to do these days.

Well...I do have a much better station than the Knight T-60 and the Ocean Hopper receiver. Never could get the Ocean Hopper to work very well. Or the DX-40 and the NC-57. Or, I did not have all the crystals I needed. I had two on 40 meters (one worked on 15), and on one 80 meters. I have the state of the art transceiver and tower and beam, an array for wire antennas, and one killer 40 meter vertical with 32 radials. Did I mention the BIG linear amp?

Back in the day, we all worked "split." Sometimes were would be 50 Khz from each other. No electronic keyers, computer interfaces, packet spotting, telnet services, QRZ.com, or any help what-so-ever. I got my ticket in 1965 and never saw a QST until 1968. My ham radio book was the 1961 Handbook from the Newton Public Library (permanent loan because I would not give it back) and the Heathkit catalog which we got about 4 times a year. They were all so very dog-eared too.

And, I can copy code pretty darn good these days compared to what I could do back in 1965. My skills have improved.

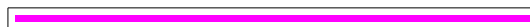
Well, I am in my 45th year of Ham radio and I am still enamored with ham radio and working states, counties, and my friends. I have a two meter rig somewhere out in the garage under the junk, but I rarely use it. The fact is, HF just lights up my 807 and brightens my 6146. CW makes my 3-500Z glow cherry red. My electrons are excited and they just leap off the antenna in joy and wonderment each time I get on the air.

Working Missouri now on 160 meters is just as exciting as working Missouri in 1965.

Ham radio is still an exciting hobby. Get on HF and see how exciting it can be.

Lee Buller - K0WA

Read more at: <http://home/swbell.net/k0wa>



In our day and age it seems that Common Sense is in short supply. If you don't have any Common Sense - get some Common Sense and use it. If you can't find any Common Sense, ask for help from somebody who has some Common Sense. Is Common Sense divine?

Common Sense is the image of the Creator expressing revealed truth in my mind. - John W. (Kansas)

Kansas VHF Report – Larry NØLL

From: Larry Lambert, NØLL
To: Jon Jones, NØJK
Subject: Re: ZL - KS Jan. 11
Sent: Jan 10, 2011 9:31 PM

Jon, ZL1RS I gave a 5/3/9 but perfectly readable but week was more like it. Heard him in and out for 10 minutes then he was Q5 and took several calls to get his attention but he is a good operator. He is ZK2RS I worked in 1984. KC0CF in EN32 worked him about 20 minutes after I did. Could hear KC0CF on the back of my beam. ZL1RS was back in then only on. 115 then. Never heard a peap from ZL1TPY or any VKs. Goes to show how the E link lines up is critical as a few Arizona, Southern California weak stations were in when I worked ZL1RS. 1st ZL in over 20 years!

Larry Lambert, NØLL

(NØLL, Smith Center, KS, worked ZL1RS on 6M Jan. 11.)

You can catch Larry on the Kansas Sideband net at 5:30 PM on 3920 kHz.

Death By Power Line

Larry,

I read something this morning on the net that reminded me; we need to rehash this VERY important issue, maybe every year.

A family of 3 was killed yesterday when a power line fell in high (50 MPH!) winds. The father went to the line, was electrocuted, then 2 other members were killed trying to assist him.

For everyone out there, this is something that has NO leeway!

Power lines can and will kill you without hesitation. There is no way for the common person to make sure it IS dead. And since, someday soon, the ice/snow will be gone, that antenna will need repair/installation/or just plain moved, here are some guidelines to keep in mind:

- 1) It is alive and reach out and touch you when you are least expecting it. And that will be last time someone/thing will be able to reach out and touch you.
- 2) If there is ANY question about what you are going to do, DON'T. Having worked around high voltage for way too many years that I care to count, the possibility of something bad happening is far too great. Also, there are enough of us out here in radio land to lead you down the right path, and make sure you stay alive.
- 3) If there are ANY overhead lines anywhere NEAR where you are planning the install, STOP! Pick another spot. Don't take any chances. Power does not check with you to see "Hey is it ok if I light you

up today?" It has a mind of its own and just does it.

4) This applies to volunteers out and about during a storm. IF you come across a downed power line, LEAVE IT ALONE! Like I have written in the past, power circuits have automatic reset circuits built in their control scheme. So when your lights blink, then come back on, that is the circuit automatically closing the circuit back in, and turning everything back on. If the antenna falls against the power line, or you come across a line on the ground, treat it as energized. Call the professionals; we have ways to clear it up. DO NOT ASSUME IT IS DEAD. Clear the area and make the phone call. The same applies if someone gets electrocuted. DO NOT try and save them. You could be joining them, as in the instance in California.

Ham radio has been a part of my life for a long time. It has given me many happy and also frustrating times. BUT IT IS NOT WORTH MY LIFE! PLEASE do not join the silent keys who did not respect that wire.

Keep it safe!

Chuck Kraly, K0XM <snip> from "LL"
<ckraly@gmail.com>

Larry,

High voltage can and does; kill as an ex-lineman, I have seen what they can do.

The ARARAT Hambash (Saturday April 23 2001) will again have Kansas City Power and Light employees donating their time to come to the Hambash and present a safety demonstration. Look for them in the Patio room outside of where the presentations are given. Stop and thank them for volunteering to try and keep us alive.

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NEW Kansas and Western Missouri [MO-KAN] Division SATERN

NEW Kansas and Western Missouri [MO-KAN] Division SATERN website:
<www.satern.salvationarmy.us>

This is located on The Salvation Army division web portal and I believe this to be a final resting place for our SATERN web page!

June Jeffers KB0WEQ

MO-KAN Division SATERN Coordinator
KS ARRL ARES District Emergency Coordinator
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ARRL Headquarters



W1AW Memorial Station



Headquarters Building

SILENT KEYS "SK"

I received no SK this month from Kansas hams so went to the "Kansas Section News" and <sniped> those that were posted by Ron. TU4 keeping Ron posted.

DØERD - Russell L. Headley, Fort Scott

WA6KHD - Helen Stevens, Salina

WAØRIO - George Peck, Caldwell

KØCVY - Jim Morrison, Colby

NØIDW - Ed Jarvis, Winfield

QKS – The Kansas CW Net - of the ARRL NTS

Net operated daily at 7 and 10 pm on 3547 kHz. 7 pm is the out going tfc into the NTS system and in coming 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

DEATH BY TEXTING

Dear List Members:

I have received a very strong anti-texting while driving video produced by the State of Missouri. In the past I have been criticized for sending non-ham related messages; I received several complaints on the Australian produced video on the dangers of drinking and driving. I think that this one should be seen by all licensed drivers; my opinion. Of course the list belongs to me, so I can do whatever I want to do. I do want to respect the opinions of you, the subscribers.

Thank you,

Larry Staples - W0AIB

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The Last Text == This may save someone's life. Maybe yours.

Click the link: <<http://www.mountainwings.com/past/10363.htm>>

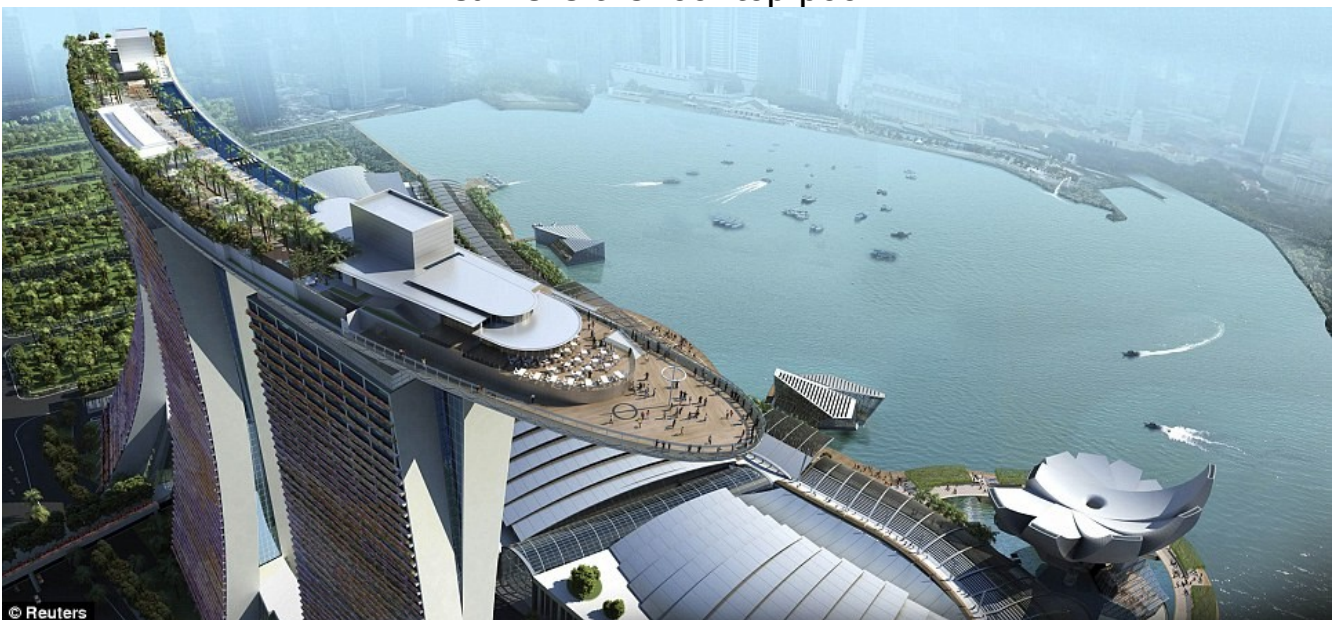
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AROUND THE WORLD

The world's most expensive hotel, the £4billion Marina Bay Sands development in Singapore with swimming on the roof top.



Can U C the roof top pool?



Ha – Ha - Ha – Ha - Ha – Ha - Ha – Ha

Copper wire:

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, New York scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 100 years and came to the conclusion, that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

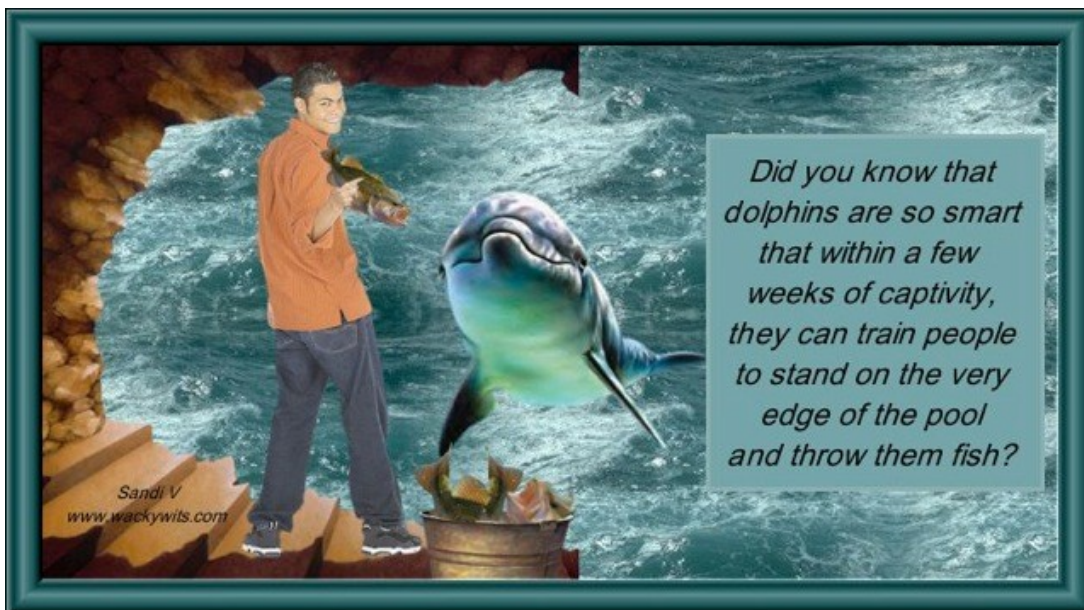
Not to be outdone by the New Yorkers, in the weeks that followed, a California archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet, and shortly after, a story in the LA Times read: "California archaeologists, finding of 200-year old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the New Yorkers."

One week later, a local newspaper in Kansas reported the following: "After digging as deep as 30 feet in his pasture near Dodge City, Kansas, Fred, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. He has therefore concluded that 300 years ago, Kansas had already gone wireless."

Just makes a person proud to live in or have lived in Kansas, doesn't it.

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- ◆ In a yard full of snow was a sign, "Un-assembled snow man," free!



♦ While creating Husbands, God promised Women that good and ideal Husbands would be found in all corners of the world.

And then he made the earth round.

♦ TO ALL MY INTELLIGENT FRIENDS

See if you can figure out what these seven words all have in common?

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess

Are you peeking or have you already given up?

Give it another try....

Look at each word carefully. You'll kick yourself when you discover the answer.

This is so cool.....

No, it is not that they all have at least 2 double letters....

Let me know if you found the answer.....

Answer:

In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word. Did you figure it out? No? Then send this to more people and stump them as well. Then, you'll feel better too

A DC 'airport ticket agent' offers some examples of 'WHY' our country is in trouble!

1. I had a New Hampshire Congresswoman (Carol Shea-Porter) ask for an aisle seat so that her hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window. (On an airplane!)

2. I got a call from a Kansas Congressman's (Moore) staffer (Howard Bauleke), who wanted to go to Cape Town. I started to explain the length of the flight

and the passport information, and then he interrupted me with, "I'm not trying to make you look

stupid, but Cape Town is in Massachusetts .."

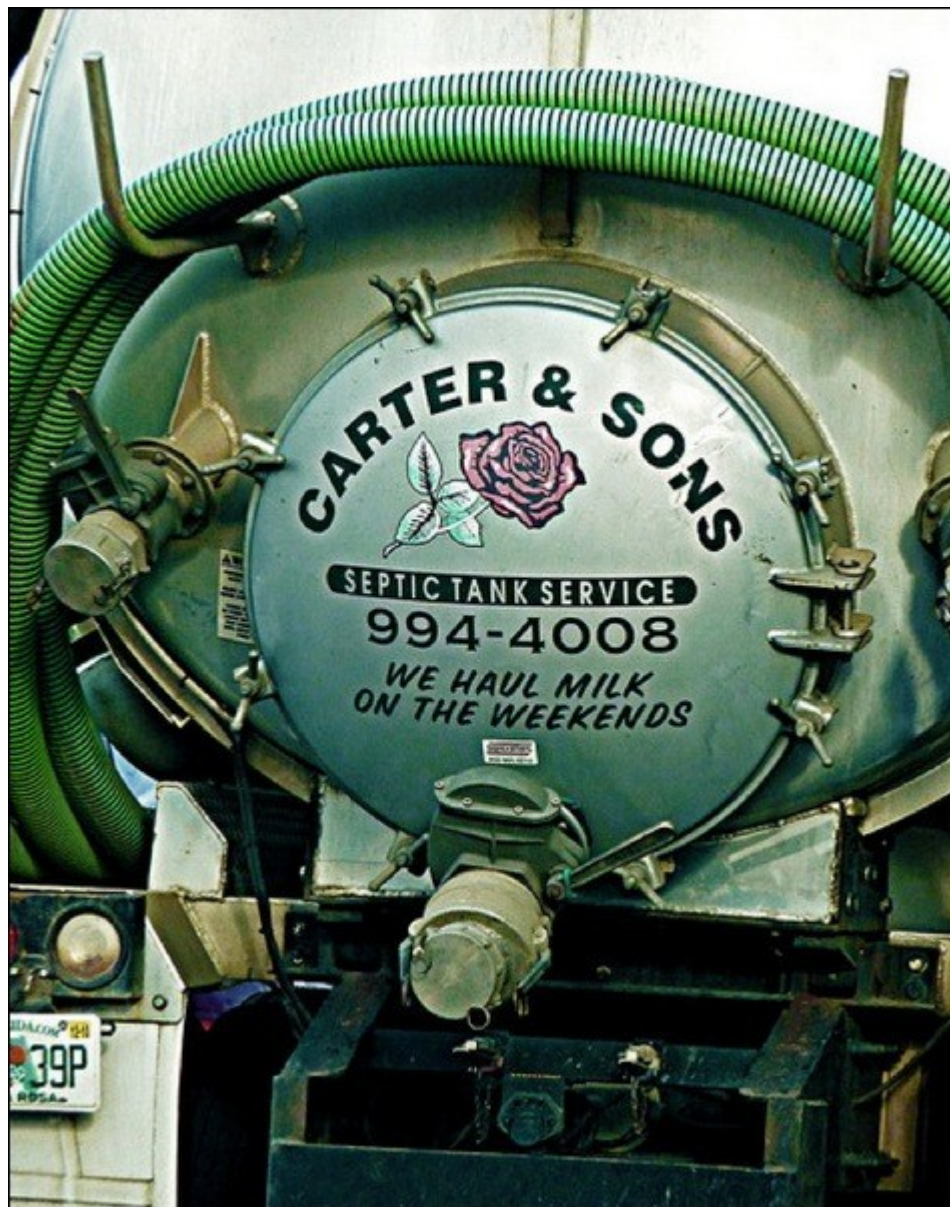
Without trying to make him look stupid, I calmly explained, "Cape Cod is in Massachusetts , Cape Town is in South Africa ."

His response -- click..

4. I got a call from a lawmaker's wife (Landra Reid) who asked, "Is it possible to see England from Canada ?"

I said, "No."

She said, "But they look so close on the map" (NOT again!)



The Way Things Were --- 1940



1940 I had lots of things made from **print chicken feed sacks** like these kids.

In Grade school no one laughed in gym when we had to change cloths and we all were wearing under shorts that looked like the girl's dresses. I have a 4 Year 4-H Club pin and had a Victory garden during WWII and raised chickens and bought a lot of chicken feed in those print sacks. Orlan W0oyh.

◆ The way it was

<http://picasaweb.google.com/WVRadioMuseum/MuseumOfRadioAndTechnology#slideshow/5360804172369787346>

◆ The way it was... <http://oldfortyfives.com/decadeofthe1940s.html>

◆ The way it was... <http://blogs.denverpost.com/captured/2010/07/26/captured-america-in-color-from-1939-1943/2363/>

◆ The way it was... <http://xoteria.com/CH65.html>

◆ <http://oldfortyfives.com/DYRT.htm>

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hi Orlan and Tom. Do really enjoy reading the KAR every month. Especially KEYSTROKES!!!! Sorry to hear 'bout Helen. Nice lady. I thought with the new solar cycle things were supposed to improve!!! yeah right!!!!. Still waiting on my swan to get out of the body and fender shop. Tech picked up new finals and driver from me on Thursday.. Made TWO funerals this week. Both Military buddies..

Tom, Way back in the late 60's when I was on the LST, We had a RBA, RBO and couple of 390's and WRR-3. Xmitters were URC-32's (2) and a WRT-1!!!. In the 70's on the can, all R-1051 rcvrs, URC-32's, WRT-2 and a WRC-1. Late 70's on the sub, Well nuff said. I still have that TTY tape cutter for CW tape that is still looking for a home. If I send you the model number, can you possibly find me a wiring diagram. I can't seem to find one!!! One of these days, I'll send you a photo of the inside of the LST shack!!!. Time for church. See y'all later.

Bill AA00M **TU Bill 4 those kind words and YES Tom makes KAR worth reading. Orlan**

◆ Orlan, thank you for providing this service. I, for one, appreciate it!

Paula, K8PK **Always glad to hear from U Paula & TU..!**
Topeka

◆ Thanks Orlan, a good way to start the New Year off!!! 73s, John KAØJMO

◆ Ham softwear>> <http://www.w1wc.com/software/>

◆ Orlan,

Many thanks for the DVD by Jim KØNK, we had fun watching both the videos. It was nice to see the Pony Express station setup. It was interesting to read on the sign that Haddam was named after the town here in Connecticut. We go to Haddam/Essex for steam train and boat rides here. They also have a small museum at Essex in a former depot. Thanks for the latest KAR, I'm glad Tom finally got his Red Ryder! They're fun at any age. I hope you made out OK on the sleep test.

73, Chuck KØBOG

Thanks again Orlan,

Those videos could be on PBSJ Jim, that is a neat cabin you have and of course every cabin needs a ham shack! I feel the same way sometimes as I try to garden, but that's the fun of it, you never know until you plant something what will grow and produce well. There's always next year! I certainly will pass the video around here. Fine on WØFCL, I walked by his QTH during Thanksgiving time but he wasn't home, so I just looked at his wire antennas from a distance. Have a great weekend.

73, Chuck KØBOG **Hi Chuck, glad U liked it and hope the staff at Hq do TOOoooooooooooo**

◆ If your intention is to protect the connectors and ends of coax runs, you might want to consider a few rolls of Rescue Tape. This stuff is amazing material, water-tight, UV proof, and NO adhesives (yet it magically sticks to itself). It is used by the US military for many uses, can even repair a burst radiator hose!

I used to protect all my connectors/coax with Butyl Rubber and good electrical tape, but the Rescue Tape is by far easier to work with, more durable, and easier to remove & clean-up.

If you GOOGLE it you will find many sources, or just search on Ebay. Here is one link when "googled:" <http://www.rescuetape.com/?gclid=CI2_tJOGxaYCFQgHbAodTBluHg>

I bought about 5 rolls of different colors on Amazon and ended up paying around \$7/roll with shipping. YMMV. (Your Mileage May Vary)

On the other hand, if you truly wish to encase a run of RG8/PL259 with heat-shrink, sorry I can't be of any help other than the vendors who show up at the hamfests.

Good Luck and 73,

Dan Turkisher, KODAN **<sniped> from "LL"**
<k0dan@comcast.net>

◆ ----- Original Message -----

From: "Larry Staples" <lstaples@kc.rr.com>

To: "Larry's List" <LarrysList@k0jpr.net>

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2011 9:25 AM

Subject: [LarrysList] Interesting web site

>I thought I would send you a link to the K9YA telegraph. I have been receiving it for some time now and I always enjoy the read. Don't know if you are familiar with it or not but take a look, I'm sure you will enjoy it as well. Just click on the download and enjoy,
<<http://www.k9ya.org/subscribers/110129170.htm>>.

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> Don Warkentien, W0DEW **<snip> from "LL"**

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◆ Hi Orlan,

Not much to report; however, we did have an interesting Exercise with the Missouri SEMA on 27 January in support of getting prepared for a possible earthquake scenerio.

Stay in and keep warm, 73s. John KAØJMO **TU John, OM!..... Orlan**

◆ Hi Larry,

Just thought I would let your subscriber's know that 10 meters was open to South America. I heard North Brazil, and Costa Rica, this morning about 1625 HRS UTC Thru 1715 UTC.

Called TI8II, Carlos, He was booming in. I could not break through the pile up. However, Carlos indicated his antenna is 130 Feet in the air transmitting with 100 watts. Heard on 28.445 mhz upper sideband. There was a station in Missouri who worked him including a QRP Station from Florida transmitting 3 Watts.

73,
John Borzen, KC0PUK
<medman73@msn.com>

<snip> from "LL" Larry's List.



Around Our World



J3 Piper Cub



Movie site "Field of Dreans" from the Cub

Tom's Key Strokes - WØEAJ

Denver, Co. Displaced Kansas Neighbor



Orlan, Back in 1987, ALINCO put out a dual-band mobile called the ALD-24T. I bought mine from MoComm and it still works; matter-of-fact, I've owned 3 of them. Now, we all know that not all Alinco products were great, and in the past, their support wasn't either... but after sending a request into their site, asking about any service info on this radio, that the factory had **ORIGINALLY** refused to provide **ANY** support on **AT ALL**, their **NEW** support group "GRE" sent me both manuals and were downright delighted to do so.

I thought that not only should folks know that there **IS** support for Alinco products, but that in case somebody has one of these "critters"... now you have service info on it.

Tom - WØEAJ

mherbert@greamerica.com was my source.

◆ http://k9sth.com/Page_2.html

The first one is ANTIQUE radios, the second one is BOATANCHOR ham gear

Both available in either MSword or PDF versions.

Tom - WØEAJ

◆ <http://www.zerobeat.net/drakelist/powradio.html>

From the DRAKE website.

◆ Are you STILL finding excuses not to get your ham radio license? When OUR folks do this to us, it will be the ONLY means of communications that they CAN'T control..... at least until the DF truck pulls up in front of your house..... so, go mobile.

<http://news.yahoo.com:80/s/time/httptechlandtimecom20110128howegyptcutofftheinternetxidrssfullworldyahoo>

◆ Actually, that IS pretty good. I have for years, advocated to the new ham, the concept of LISTENING. Even if you're a new TECHNICIAN, get your hands on some manner of general coverage receiver and TURN IT ON. At one point, when I taught basic electronics to Navy Reservists, and "elmered" younger Radioman, I taught this simple concept - "Propagation is like the Sun - as the Sun RISES, so does the MUF (maximum usable frequency); as the Sun gets LOWER, so does the MUF". That statement is NOT foolproof, but generally it's VERY TRUE.

... besides, if you have that pretty transceiver that you've been only able to LISTEN on, you'll have some "inspiration" to upgrade.

Tom Dailey, W0EAJ

◆ <http://www.pmillett.com/index.html>

This chap has discovered that many of the books & texts on vacuum tube technology and circuitry, prior to 1964, have never had their copyrights renewed, so he's scanned these into a database - some of the files are HUGE, so be warned if you have dialup. Got this from KØOJ

Tom D.

◆ Okay, I'm an older guy.. I admit it. Hey, just check out the white hair and you really don't need to go much further, do ya? Well, that understood, I'll take you back to those halcyon daze ^[sic] of youth and yesteryear when kids were STILL mystified by radio... well, maybe not "mystified", but pretty astounded anyway. I knew it had something to do with those really HOT tubes in the back of our 1949 RCA "Golden Throat Tone" radio in the kitchen, and similar ones were in my "farmer" Grandpa's 1941 Wards Airline, and also in my "city" Grandpa's 1939 Stromberg-Carlson, too. You could smell the heat - it was kinda neat as long as you didn't touch em', 'cause they'd burn the heck out of your fingers - your nose too, if you got too close (pretty easy for me HI HI). Anyway, when I went to

Grandpa Dailey's (city) place in Topeka, I discovered that one of the switches changed the "band", and I began to hear some really wierd languages and funny music too. There was this odd station near the big "5", and another one near "10" that sounded like somebody's wierd clock, and the time was NEVER right, except for the MINUTE! (by the way - I still have all but the RCA!)

So... I'm 8 years old, and my Dad had been priming me about being a Cub Scout. All the other boys in the neighborhood seemed to own those cool blue uniform shirts with patches and numbers on the sleeves, and patches on the front, too. Growing up with a family of WW-II veterans, a couple of whom were still in the Navy off the coast of Korea was, well... inspiration enough, and I wanted a uniform TOO! (the country was different then).

The "Pack" met at GRACELAND SCHOOL in Kansas City, MO. It's still there, but has been closed for a while, now. It was Pack 28, and after being "presented" to the other kids, some of whom I already knew, I swore to obey lots of people, and after a time, became a BOBCAT in Den 1. The next step on the ladder to SUPERIORITY was the rank of WOLF. Yeah, we were the new kids, 'cause many of them had already done their BEAR and LION badges, and even some who'd moved on to WEBELOS - almost REAL Boy Scouts. Dad and Mom took me down to Macy's or The Palace I think... whichever one was the official Boy Scout dealer, and there Dad paid for and presented me with my very own WOLF book, an "official" blue shirt, a cap, and a yellow kerchief - Wow! I was on my way...

So how come I brought Cub Scouts into this story? About a month ago, I was perusing an antique store (when you get old enough, those "antique" toys are what YOU played with, as a kid!), when one of the items of my Life's Quest was beheld in front of my eyes... a 1948 edition "WOLF" book. Not the fancy-schmanzy later versions, this one was tailored "for the times", with simple text, simple drawings of stuff ANY 8 year-old boy could make (who had money for toys?), and great tasks for pleasing Mom & Dad with early attempts at being responsible (boy, that was a stretch for me). Ahhh, but as I leafed through it, REMEMBERING EVERY PAGE, I came to the Holy Grail... the Ne Plus Ultra - The Beginning...

There, on page 58 was the design and construction details of how to MAKE a **Crystal Radio!** It even shows how to MAKE a tin-foil and wax paper capacitor! (told you we made everything). It promised to open up the world of radio WITHOUT using too much electricity, so in addition to performing all those mundane tasks in the front of the book, like sweeping floors, helping around the house, proper flag etiquette (Hooray), how to make a scrapbook, family fun, and learning YOUR neighborhood, I began to amass the parts for that highly complicated piece of affordable technology in 1951.... the Crystal Radio.

I first tried winding the coil on a toilet-paper roll - boy, that was a disaster... finally settling on a Quaker Oats box (which is *de regur'* anyway), and using the roll of wire I'd salvaged from a tossed transformer (ever tried to unwind a transformer? - it takes a while), I actually listened to my Dad, and tied the wire's end onto a tree, then wound the BOX toward the tree (this method is actually advocated in making the required coils for an "HBR" receiver). After 4 or 5 tries, I finally succeeded in getting a really nice looking coil on the Quaker box, fed the leads through punched holes, then painted the whole thing with varnish. I cheated on the capacitor - Municipal Trash Collection Day in Kansas City, back then, was on Thursdays... us kids would "forage" on the way to school, put the stuff in our bicycle baskets (yep... rode my bike to school at 8 years old) and gathering after school, would "review" our booty. I found a tossed radio, and having unwound one of the wax & paper caps, determined in my little pea-brain that it was the same as in the book.... yep, it was... so I wrestled another similarly looking one out, and used it.

The galena crystal was given to me by my Uncle Bill, along with a pair of earphones (nobody called 'em headphones, back then) from a Navy PBY Catalina - FROM GUADACANAL's Henderson Field - Really!, the coil "slider" from a Strongheart dog-food can - it didn't work so good, so I made a later model from that spring steel that they used on packing crates.... stuff has a mind of it's own, similar to Copperweld wire, then I made the cat's whisker from a safety pin (just like it shows in the book). I assembled the whole thing. Imagine my distress when it DIDN'T WORK... my Dad actually figured out why (I hadn't sanded the "wiped area" of the coil to remove the insulation). I snaked wire out of my window, and over to our big tree (never thinking that anybody would walk INTO it ... like MOM!), ran back inside, connected the other wire that went to the outside water faucet, and I began to hear KMBC 980... a bit of movement of the slider and there was WDAF 610.. man, I was stoked.

Yes, at night there was *The Lone Ranger*, *Gangbusters*, *Lash LaRue*, *Hopalong Cassidy*, *Red Ryder*, *Roy Rogers*, and the two programs I was banned from listening to.... "*Inner Sanctum*" and "*The Creaking Door*" - well, heck yes I listened to them anyway.... wierd dreams and all. {my Dad's variation of punishment for minor infractions, was to take my earphones AWAY for a suitable period of pennance - aughhhhhhhh, misery!}

So... you see... that silly book from so long ago - it's what kick-started me into this nutty hobby of ours... and having that good ol' WOLF book in my hands again, I spent an hour, hiding from the wife in my my ham shack, reading EVERY page again, and remembering the ABSOLUTE JOY of being able to BUILD a radio that really worked, used NO batteries, drew NO power from the mains, and was ALL MINE, that quite frankly - aimed me at my life's career path.

Thanks Dad, Thanks Uncle Bill, Thanks Mom (who always ran into the wires and screamed "*That Radio Junk will NEVER make you a penny!*"...

...and Thanks - Boy Scouts of America - "*I, Tommie Dailey, promise to DO MY BEST to BE SQUARE, and to OBEY the Law of the Pack*".

Have YOU built one?

73 - dit dah, dit dah dit

◆ Of course. Dad had a surplus mine detector (no, really) in his shack. That, from inside its wooden case, donated the earphones. I had scrounged a spring from one of those new ballpoint pens for a cat's whisker. I wound the coil on a piece of round wood I found behind a store on Johnson Drive. Must have been a carpet roll. Dad was, by education, a petroleum geologist. All geologists have extensive rock collections. It's genetic; I had my choice of glean crystals so naturally chose biggest one. It was half the size of my shoe. Oh, the wire was from a wooden spool of varnished transformer wire, no bigger than a coarse hair. I mounted it all on a board, hooked one end by a long wire to the finger stop on the phone dial, and the other end to a wire bedspring that lived under the eaves in the attic.

There was one design flaw. It was so loud that it could be heard on the first floor, though my room was on the second. I had to muffle it or hear a lot of complaints.

Bruce Younger
South Texas 'til Spring
Sent from my 'Droid Incredible

Have you had enough of snow?

YET!





I just listened to the WX report and it is snowing at Lawrence right now moving this way and expecting 6 inches on top of my 6 in my front yard. The vy best 2 U and URS! Orlan dit dit

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