

“KAR” **K**ansas **A**mateur **R**adio “KAR”

November 2009 issue



Hi gang, our sun spots must be the lowest ever. The bands are stretching out earlier than what we expect. Tonight the Kansas stations begin to fade at about 6 PM. Our CW net on 3547 kHz at 7 PM was gone. You can hear east coast stations. I suspect this will extend into April. Ron has moved our nets up to earlier times. For details see his SM column below.

November the 11th is Veterans Day and the next day I will be 78 years old and on the 26 it will be turkey day and in about 45 days it will be Christmas.

In the December QST you will find Chuck KØBOG from Gt Bend, Ks working at ARRL photo on page 61. You will find Chuck in the “Letters to the ed Column” a lot. Starting on page 67 you will find all the “Field Day” results. I see in the 1A category, South Heartland Amateur Radio Contest Society, W0ICT [Club] of Wichita is in 3rd place. On page 80 in the VHF QSO Party I see Larry NØLL listed. I See him and Rick WØRT listed on page 91 of the 432 MHz Standings.

There has been a rash of discussion going on over the FCC’s remarks on hams working for an emergency agency and participating as a volunteer at the same time. I think it should be sorted out by now and you can read the particulars a little further into the newsletter.

◆ Here is a game of killing flies that will improve your hand and eye coordination and it is fun.

http://majman.net/fly_loader.html

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

ARRL KS SECTION MANAGER - Ron KBØDTI



Well, it's that time again, getting dark early, leaves off the trees and the evening section nets moving up. This is the 4th year in a row that propagation has been poor at the evening and dawn net times. Each year we have made the switch to 5:30 for the Sideband Net earlier in the month. This allows us to conduct the network and handle messages. The Weather Net follows immediately after the Sideband net concludes. The phone net at 6:45AM is also affected by this propagation, or lack thereof. All of these nets are held on (or about) 3.920 MHz. I understand that some of you may not be home from work by 5:30. I would expect to resume the "normal" time at the end of February. We're all oping some sunspots will stick their heads out soon.

Last month was the scout Jamboree On The Air (J.O.T.A) I participated with the group that works with Camp Kanza West of Hutchinson. I've been told there were other groups across Kansas working with the scouts last month as well. It's very enjoyable and rewarding to explain a little about ham radio to the kids and put them on the air. Let me know about your groups 2009 J.O.T.A and what worked for you.

Skywarn Recognition Day is next month. This event was born in Goodland and I guess you'd call it a national Special Event. NWS offices across the country will have hams there, on the air for you to make contact with. The event begins Friday nite December 4th at 6PM Kansas time. Operation times may vary and are determined by the local group.

Get on the air and have fun this fall !

Here are the dates when we moved the SSB net up. We thought it was getting earlier each year.

2009	Nov 4	
2008	Nov 7	March 2nd
2007	Nov 13	February ?
2006	Nov 30	February

I have prepared a bulletin for HQ to send out for this year. You should see it in the morning.

Because of poor band conditions the Side Band Net has moved to 5:30PM Kansas time effective Nov 4. Frequency is still 3920. This is a temporary change but based on last year it will most likely last until March.

The Weather Net follows immediately when the SSB net wraps up.

As soon as things improve we'll go back to the regular time.

ARRL Kansas Section
Section Manager: Ron D. Cowan, KBØDTI
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You will find Ron on the Ks Weather Net (as NCS some times) on 3920 kHz at 6:00 PM and on the Ks Sideband Net at 6:30 PM and on the QKS CW net at 7 & 10 PM on 3574 kHz.

ARRL KS SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR - Bob KØBXF



Nov 3 2009

from the desk of KØBXF

Follows report of ARES activity Kansas Section for the month of September 2009:

517 total members registered 17 EC Zones reporting: 84 net sessions for the month, 574 Check ins to the nets and 17 messages handled,

Missing reports from 6 of 7 EC in DIST 1, 3 of 7 EC in DIST 2, 3 of 6 EC DIST 3, 5 of 9 EC DIST 4, 2 of 9 EC in DIST 5 and 5 of 7 EC in DIST 6. Should be able to double our output effort if we could have all EC Zone reporting.

A lot of discussion floating around causing a lot of misconceptions about certain types of ham operation.

Everyone should keep abreast of what is going on and what is about to take place. Your hobby just might be in jeopardy.

All you old timers, how about supporting the QCWA net, Saturdays 7:30 AM right after the KWN on 3920.

73 for now

Bob Summers KØBXF ARRL SEC KS

PS: OFFICIALLY from this day forward until further notice
Robt Haneke WGOQ is coordinating ARES activities in District 6
as well as District 5

Please make any additional notifications as you see fit.

You can find Bob on the Kansas Sideband Net on 3920 kHz at 6:30 pm most evenings.



KANSAS RACES OFFICER - Joseph WDØDMV



Myron WØPBV said he would call the net for the next few months. I will be listening. Thanks All Joseph WDØDMV

Well after reading this, I am off the air as the RACES Officer until I retire in about 6 months, since I work for the State of Kansas.. Then I become legal. Is not that something.....Yet read HR 2160. They want complete cooperation with Government agencies, hospitals, etc. employees and Amateur Radio. It is double talk. The Feds say work together and the FCC says Ok but don't talk on the radio if you work there on duty or OFF, same Dept. or Not !!

I guess I will announce that there will be a net on the first Thursday of next month, not RACES, and explain that there will be no more RACES Nets unless someone else calls them and I can not check in legally. Just listen....for the next 6 or more months. Interesting

Net meets every month on the first Thursday at 7:00 pm 3940 KHz
All stations are welcome.

**Joseph can be found on the Kansas Sideband Net on 3920 kHz most evenings at 6:30 PM.
73, Joseph WDØDMV - State RACES Officer wd0dmv@arrl.net**

AROUND THE SECTION:

PUBLIC NOTICE

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AMATEUR SERVICE COMMUNICATIONS DURING GOVERNMENT DISASTER DRILLS

Transmissions by amateur stations participating in government disaster drills must comply with all applicable amateur service rules. While the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communications service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications, is one of the underlying principles of the amateur service,¹ the amateur service is not an emergency radio service. Rather, it is a voluntary, non-commercial communication service authorized for the purpose of self-training, intercommunication and technical investigations carried out by licensed persons interested in radio technique solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest.² State and local government public safety agencies occasionally conduct emergency preparedness or disaster drills that include amateur operations. Some entities, such as hospitals, emergency operations centers, and police, fire, and emergency medical service stations, have expressed interest in having their employees who are amateur station operators participate in these

drills by transmitting messages on the entity's behalf. The Commission's Rules, however, specifically prohibit amateur stations from transmitting communications "in which the station licensee or control operator has a pecuniary interest, *including communications on behalf of an employer.*"³ Given the public interest in facilitating government-sponsored emergency preparedness and disaster drills, we take this opportunity to provide a clear process for requesting a waiver, and the information that we require in order to consider granting such a request.⁴ Waiver requests should be submitted to the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau by the government entity conducting the drill, and must provide the following information: (1) when and where the drill will take place; (2) identification of the amateur licensees expected to transmit amateur communications on behalf of their employers; (3) identification of the employers on whose behalf they will be transmitting; and (4) a brief description of the drill. We emphasize that the filing of a waiver request does not excuse compliance with the rules while that request is pending. The waiver must be requested prior to the drill, and employees may not transmit amateur communications on their employer's behalf unless the waiver request has been granted. In an actual emergency, the Commission's Rules provide that an amateur station may use any means of radiocommunication at its disposal to provide essential communication needs in connection ¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 97.1(a). See also Recommendations of the Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks, *Order*, EB Docket No. 06-119; WC Docket No. 06-63, 22 FCC Rcd 10541, 10576 ¶ 111 (2007) (noting that the amateur radio community played an important role in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and other disasters).

² See 47 C.F.R. § 97.3(a)(4).

³ See 47 C.F.R. § 97.113(a)(3) (emphasis added).

⁴ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.925.2

with the immediate safety of human life and the immediate protection of property when normal communication systems are not available.⁵ In those circumstances, rule waiver is not necessary. For further information regarding matters discussed in this *Public Notice*, contact William T. Cross of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Mobility Division, at (202) 418-0680,

William.Cross@fcc.gov.

By the Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau; Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau; and Chief, Enforcement Bureau. -FCC- ⁵ See 47 C.F.R. § 97.403. See also Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's Rules Governing the Amateur Radio Services, *Report and Order*, WT Docket No. 04-140, 21 FCC 11643, 11667 ¶ 52 (2006) (clarifying that amateur radio operators who are emergency personnel may use their amateur radio stations while in paid duty status, but not addressing the prohibition against transmitting messages on behalf of an employer).

SE read all of this article and the attachments.

<http://n5fdl.com/davids-blog/2009/9/22/97113-petition-first-draft-is-here.html>

◆ Dear List Members:

Many thanks to Don, W0DEW, for sending this along. I am sure that this discussion will continue, and I am reasonably sure that we have not heard the end of this. Will Homeland Security get involved in these discussions?

Larry, W0AIB

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Larry, I don't know if you seen this from the November issue of the on line CQ magazine so I thought I would copy it and send it to you. Certainly related to recent posts on your list.

Don, W0DEW

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Ham Ceases EmComm Activity

Jeffery Casselberry, W0WLS, who posted on an Internet website that he had assisted in an emergency communications drill at work, was contacted about his action by FCC A ham radio rules enforcer Laura Smith.

Last July, he volunteered to take part in a state-sanctioned communication drill that was backed by the Missouri Hospital Association. According to Casselberry, this drill took place during business hours while he was on the clock. He explained that he had built the amateur station for the hospital and with it the facility was better than most in communicating locally and to the state capital. W0WLS went on to say that he was so thrilled about the drills success he made what he terms the mistake of posting his excitement on the QRZ website. Someone who read it decided to cut and paste his comments to the FCC. As a result, W0WLS says he received an informal email from the FCC's Smith, which requested a response. Casselberry says that he responded to Smith and explained in detail the events of his alleged violation. Smith responded with the following e-mail, which reads as follows and we quote:

"Jeff: Again, just so we are clear, Section 97.113 (a)(3) of the Commission's rules specifically states that "no amateur station shall transmit: communications in which the station licensee or control operator has a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer. This means that if you are an employee of the hospital you may not operate the amateur equipment on their behalf even after hours or while you are on a break. The operation of the amateur equipment must be conducted strictly by volunteers." -- end quote.

Casselberry went on to say he does not want to become a poster child for some emergency communications cause on QRZ.com. He told his employer that he is done with this type of radio activity and will take no further part in its emergency communications program. W0WLS ends by noting that he is a hobbyist and doesn't need this sort of turmoil in his life. As such, he will make no further comments on this issue. (Amateur Radio Newslines.)

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Again, many thanks to Don, W0DEW. Do others have any comments on this situation?

Larry, W0AIB

LarrysList mailing list
LarrysList@list.k0jpr.net

QKS - THE ARRL KS CW TFC NET OF THE NTS

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

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Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

◆ Lynn and Judy were doing some carpenter work on a Habitat for Humanity House. Lynn was nailing down house siding, would reach into her nail pouch, pull out a nail and either toss it over her shoulder or nail it in.

Judy, figuring this was worth looking into, asked, 'Why are you throwing those nails away?' Lynn explained, 'When I pull a nail out of my pouch, about half of them have the head on the wrong end and I throw them away.'

Judy got completely upset and yelled, 'You moron! Those nails aren't defective! They're for the other side of the house!'

◆ **Many years ago in Scotland , a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen**

Only...Ladies Forbidden'.. and thus, the word GOLF entered into the English language.

◆ Blonde on the Internet:

During a recent password audit, it was found that a blonde was using the following password:
MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonaldGoofy

When asked why such a big password, she said she was told that it had to be at least 8 haracters long.....

**DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD
TO GAIN A MINUTE
YOU NEED YOUR HEAD
YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT**
Burma Shave

**DROVE TOO LONG
DRIVER SNOOZING
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT
IS NOT AMUSING**
Burma Shave

SILENT KEYS:

Be sure to report any Silent Keys to out Section Manager Ron KBØDTI so he can report them to ARRL for publication in the QST. Kb0dti@arrl.org

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

----- Original Message -----

From: [Reed & Carol Richardson](#)

To: w0oyh@arrl.net

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 9:47 PM

Subject: would like to get on KAR mailingV//ksarrl.org

Thanks Orlan. Reed w0wvi.

◆----- Original Message -----

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

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

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 3:38 PM

Subject: [LarrysList] Learn about sunspots

Tom Lussen, WA4ILH, <Thomas.J.Lussen@noaa.gov>, sends us these interesting web sites.

<http://www.spaceweather.com/>

http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2009/03sep_sunspots.htm

◆ Here is a very interesting video - If you like 'Space' articles!

<http://www.flixxy.com/hubble-ultra-deep-field-3d.htm>

◆ George Yantis, K0GY, <k0gy@swbell.net>, sent this link to a fine story about Ensor in the current Sun Newspaper:

<<http://sunpublications.com/200910213033/news/museum-honors-local-ham-radio-pioneers.html>

<snip> from "Larry's List"

◆ Hi Orlan,

It may be premature news about the sunspots, but the bands were really hopping during the CQWW DX contest this weekend. <http://spaceweather.com/>

Always lots to see in the skies if you know what's going on. More down to earth here, our leaves are about 50% done, they look beautiful. We went to get some apples at a local orchard and had a great Sunday afternoon drive.

73,

Chuck, KØBOG **Hi Chuck, Great for DXing but bad for our traffic nets when all you can here are 1s & 2s & no Ks.**

I agree DX certainly does not help your local work. That is amazing reception on 75 and 160.

I'm only good for short stints on CW, hi.

I received the KAR Boy Scout special, I don't remember a video.

The last KAR was great, it was good to see the write up on Dave WØFCL and the coverage of KC3OL, what a transmitter, brings back memories of the broadcasting days!

Chuck

Tom's Key-Strokes - WØEAJ Denver, Co. Displaced Kansas neighbor



I wrote this up last year, and the PM of KEZW used it again today as the "thought for the day"... "Grandma pretends she doesn't know who it is on Halloween!" I thought you all might enjoy this bit of Americana, from MY childhood - no Snopes required..... it's all true.

Tom

A short story written for KEZW radio - Denver...

A Halloween story for the listeners:

Waaay back in 1951, the family had just moved to a newer (bigger) farm, North of a little farm-town called Rossville, Kansas that June. Now, it was Halloween, and being an only-child, I had no playmates out there, other than when I was in school, 5 miles away.

Halloween night came, and I was very disappointed, as there WEREN'T any other houses around, to go trick-or-treating. My Mom must have seen my grumbling, sullen face... so she got a small quilt, placed it about my shoulders, walked me around to the FRONT of the house (nobody on a farm ever seems to use the FRONT door), and rang the (mechanical) doorbell. My Grandmother answered the door, and feigned extreme surprise at the

strangely appearing urchin on her porch - where upon I was given a handfull of left-over Christmas candy (the "squiggly" stuff that's HARD as a rock).

At the time, it didn't seem like much of a trick-or-treating experience, but..... Mama told me *"You'll NEVER forget THIS Halloween"*

Many years have come and gone since then; the farm was sold last year (tore my heart out). The new folks ripped the house down and planted a "ready-made" one in it's place; other than the out-buildings, it's all gone now, but...

Mama was right - of ALL the Halloweens, that's the one I remember.

Tom

◆ The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:

Shortcut to: <http://www.wb0ejj.net/>

I was (am) a charter member...

Tom

◆ The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:

Shortcut to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBGldf0VjQ4&feature=related>

Note: To protect against computer viruses, e-mail programs may prevent sending or receiving certain types of file attachments. Check your e-mail security settings to determine how attachments are handled.

◆ This one's a different perspective on how it all began - pretty interesting, especially considering that they've actually discovered wet-cell batteries in what was ancient Persia and Babylonia, for the purpose of electroplating.

www.clarkmasts.net.au/developement%20of%20radio/history%20of%20radio%20-%20page%201.htm

TC

◆ Of course, Heindrich Hertz is mentioned, but they clearly omitted Heidrich Cycle... inventor of the megacycle & kilocycle... which Mike Farad and Millie Amp rode across the Wheatstone bridge, across the flowing current in order to have a picnic on the magnetic field. Of course, rumor has it that they got a little "randy", and got into reversing polarity and such things, but I won't go into that.

<http://www.clarkmasts.net.au/developement%20of%20radio/history%20of%20radio%20-%20page%201.htm>

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◆ Back when I was 14 years old, I was riding my bike down a street in my new neighborhood, and spotted a big BEAM antenna - I knocked on the door and asked "Is the HAM of the house home?" It turned out to be Carl Bruns - KØGOZ (SK), and smiling, he led me down into the cool basement of his house on Lowell St. in Overland Park, to behold his

