

FEEDBACK



JOHNSON COUNTY RADIO AMATEURS CLUB, Inc.

The Johnson County Radio Amateurs Club normally meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays, 7:30 PM at the Overland Park Christian Church at 75th and Conser streets, west of the Fire Station.

February Meetings

Friday, Feb. 8, 2013 7:30 pm
The program for this evening will be plans for the new SATERN communication vehicle, by Brian Short KC0BS & Rich Britain N0ENO.

Friday, Feb. 22, 2013 7:30 pm
The program for this evening will be an update on Amateur digital modes such as RMS express, PSK, etc.

Happy Birthday

When you get a chance, say "Happy Birthday" to the following club member(s). If your birthday is not listed here, it was not listed in www.qrz.com, but, you can email us the month and day and we will add it to the list:

Drew Cresswell	W0DLJ	Feb.5
Steve Werts	N0SW	Feb.19
Tom Wheeler	N0GSG	Feb.22

JCRAC Dues Choices

Remember, you have an option now on JCRAC dues; pay \$40 for TWO YEARS, as compared to the regular rate of \$24 per year, and, your grandchild under the age of 18 qualifies as a member of the family for membership purposes.

Amateur License Testing

When?
Third Saturday of each month, at 9:00 am.
Where?
Johnson County Public Library
Blue Valley Branch, 9000 West 151st St.
Overland Park, KS
(Just west of Antioch on north side of 151st St.)
Fee? \$14
Pre-registration is NOT required.
Walk-ins are welcome!
For more information contact
Jim Lee, N0KCB 913-745-5121 or
e-mail: JimLee@kc.rr.com
Commercial RadioTests are also available.

Public Service Events List

Larry Staples W0AIB compiles, and makes available by e-mail, a list of the public service activities/events in the metro Kansas City area. Please let W0AIB know of any ham-type public service events, with dates that are confirmed, scheduled to be held in the metro area in 2013.

Chauncey Storm KB0VPO contact the Editor.

"A 21st Century Guide to Putting Digital Media and Political News in Perspective"

1. Facebook is used by the people - well over 600 million people - who unite and start revolutions, especially in the Middle East, when they aren't busy cyberstalking their exes or posting photos from their most recent vacation.
2. Wikileaks is used by the people who want to topple governments but certainly prefer to put power in the hands of dissidents, journalists, mathematicians, and start-up company technologists.
3. Huffington Post is used by a lot of people who support government (when a Democrat is in the White House) and enjoy using this site so they do not have to pay for newspapers.
4. Google is used by people who seek instant gratification for anything they desire - from world peace to Justin Bieber - and believe that the Google ranking system is the closest they get to seeing democracy in action.

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<http://www.w0erh.org/>

The recent donation that the Club received shows that all the efforts that the Amateur Radio Operators perform to support public safety does not always go unnoticed. Thanks to all of the JCRAC members that support these public service activities with their time and equipment.

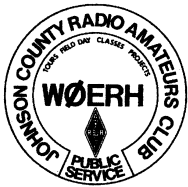
Having said that, please read Larry's List and select at least one, and preferably more, of the listed public service events that you can support. These events help us as hams be prepared in the time of need by placing you in a role that will not be that much different than in a real event. It is a great training opportunity to really get to know and understand your own equipment. These events bring you in contact with a great group of people that are willing to share their experiences.

When you see Herb Fiddick NZ0F congratulate him on his new role as Kansas State RACES Officer. Herb will be working to improve the RACES program across the state of Kansas. It was the RACES program in New Jersey that helped me with getting started with Amateur Radio Service. Herb, we know you will do a great job.

Thanks to John Hochscheid W0BBQ for making the FD site reservations, and we are off to a good start for Field Day 2013. We will be at Heritage Park this year. More details in the future.
Bill KA2FNK, President

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5. Wikipedia is used by people who want to learn about the world and governments, but not too much, so they are happy that the information is summarized for them in one place on one page.
 6. Twitter is used by people who want to learn about the world in 140 characters or less, except if the tweet is sent by or about Charlie Sheen or Lady Gaga.
 7. Craigslist is used by people who just want to change their own world by finding a new apartment or a used car without buying a newspaper for its classifieds.

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QCWA

Come enjoy lunch with other hams. QCWA Mid-Continent Chapter 35 meets each Thursday at 11:00 am for lunch at Waid's, 103rd and State Line in KC, MO. Waid's is located just east of State Line and north of 103rd Street. You don't have to belong to QCWA to attend the luncheons...just drop in and enjoy the company of other hams. Mid-Continent Chapter 35 serves the Metro KC area in both Kansas and Missouri. Ron Wood KØBRO is President and JCRAC club member George Yantis KØGY is Chapter 35 Secretary and Treasurer. Starting in January 2013 QCWA publications will be on-line only as one means of reducing costs. More information on QCWA and Mid-Continent Chapter events can be found at

<http://www.qcwa.org/>

For Sale and Wanted

FOR SALE:

Name badges with your name, call letters, and QTH; top quality, engraved in a wide range of colors. For sale, 4" diameter multi-colored embroidered patches, with the WØERH call sign, for sale at \$3.00 ea. This will give the club a small profit on each patch. Contact Jim McCoy WØLQV at 913-648-4406 or w0lqv@arrl.net

WANTED: 4-post open style rack cabinet. Also looking for 15 to 20ft of 2ga insulated stranded wire or welding cable.

John KØIZ, 816-587-8204.

Ensor Museum

If you can visit the Ensor Park and Museum, just 5 minutes South of central Olathe but haven't, do it now and see a most interesting and original flashback to the mid-1900's. Our motto "SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT" is true. A site map, Ensor GPS coordinates, and much more can be seen on the website at www.w9bsp-w9ua.org/

Larry Woodworth WØHXS, Ensor Park and Museum Manager

The Newspaper

An easy guide to keeping political news in perspective, as gleaned from the Internet:

1. **The Wall Street Journal** is read by the people who run the country.
2. **The Washington Post** is read by people who think they run the country.
3. **The New York Times** is read by people who think they should run the country, and who are very good at crossword puzzles.
4. **USA Today** is read by people who think they ought to run the country but don't really understand The New York Times. They do, however, like their statistics shown in pie charts.
5. **The Los Angeles Times** is read by people who wouldn't mind running the country, if they could find the time - and if they didn't have to leave Southern California to do it.
6. **The Boston Globe** is read by people whose parents used to run the country and did a poor job of it, thank you very much.
7. **The New York Daily News** is read by people who aren't too sure who's running the country and don't really care as long as they can get a seat on the train.
8. **The New York Post** is read by people who don't care who is running the country as long as they do something really scandalous, preferably while intoxicated.
9. **The Miami Herald** is read by people who run another country, but need the baseball scores.
10. **The San Francisco Chronicle** is read by people who aren't sure if there is a country or that anyone is running it; but if so, they oppose all that they stand for. There are occasional exceptions if the leaders are handicapped, minority, feminist, atheist dwarfs who also happen to be illegal aliens from any other country or galaxy, provided of course, that they are not Republicans.
11. **The National Enquirer** is read by people trapped in line at the grocery store.
12. **The Seattle Times** is read by people who have recently caught a fish and need something to wrap it in.



Johnson County Radio Amateurs Club

Meeting Date: Friday January 11, 2013. The meeting started at 7:30 pm.

Attendance: Self-introduction with name and call sign. 23 signed the check-in sheet. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no Minutes from the December 14, 2012 as it was the annual Christmas Party. However, I did still receive 1 opposed vote. The Treasurer's report, as follows, was read and accepted unanimously.

Cash on Hand	\$ 350.53
Checking Account	\$ 1,054.48
Savings Account	<u>\$ 8,214.90</u>
Total	\$ 9,619.91
Repeater Operating Reserve	\$ 557.25
Memorial Fund	\$ 150.00

Old Business:

- Field Day 2013 will be at Heritage Park, Shelter #4 in Olathe Kansas (161st Street and Lackman Rd). The dates of Field Day are June 22nd and June 23rd. We currently have the shelter reserved from 3:30 PM on Friday June 21 to 1:30 PM Sunday June 23rd.
- The Club will reach out to the Boy Scouts in order to set up a Radio Merit Badge class in conjunction with Field Day this year.

New Business:

- The Johnson County Radio Amateur Club received a donation from the Kansas City Metro Bike Club (KCMBC) in the amount of \$2,000!! The following is an excerpt from the KCMBC's January 2013 Newsletter " The Board continues to fund advocacy organizations at the National, State and Local levels. The one exception is the donation to the Ham Radio operators. They provide communication services for our rides and are critical to the event's success. With their help, we are able to stay up-to-date on situations anywhere on the course. The club will send a Thank You to the Bike Club.
- The dates of the Ensor Auction for 2013 will be October 25 and 26.
- Dick Carter N0TO will be adding June Jeffers

KB0WEQ and Ernest M. (Max) Melton W0ZI to the Silent Key Plaque.

Reports:

- 6 m No Report.
- 10 m SSB net 2 check-ins on January 10.
- 440 Wheat Shocker net 14 check-ins on January 9 and 13 check-ins on January 2.
- 2m Wheat Shocker 19 check-ins on January 10 and 8 check-ins on January 3.
- HF Activity W9BSP Marshal Ensor 1KW Transmitter Special Event on January 5.

Announcements:

- LaCygne Hamfest - February 2, 2013.
- March of Dimes Event - April 28, 2013. See Ryan O'Neil KD0EWB
- KC HamLink. See Herb Fiddick NZ0F for details.
- Santa Fe Trail Amateur Radio Club Kansas Day radio celebration is Saturday, January 26th at the Mahaffie House in Olathe from 9 am 3pm.
- Johnson County ARES meeting - January 14.
- Technician Class - February 9 and 16 at the Central Jackson County Fire Training Center. Business meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Program:

- The program was a planning session for this year's Club programs.
Submitted by Ted Knapp N0TEK, Secretary.

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8. Fandango is used by people who seek an immediate escape from the reality of world crises in the latest blockbuster Hollywood movie and fear their movie may be sold out when they want to see it.

9. Groupon is used by the people who just want to exercise their economic freedom by getting deep discounts ... while watching video clips on YouTube.

10. OpenTable is used by people who care about the state of the world but care more about the financial markets because they eat at restaurants more frequently when we have a bull market.

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Johnson County Radio Amateurs Club

Meeting Date: Friday January 25, 2013. The meeting started at 7:30 pm

Attendance: Self-introduction with name and call sign. 31 signed the check-in sheet. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes from January 11, 2013 were read and accepted with 1 opposed vote.

The Treasurer's report, as follows, was read and accepted unanimously.

Cash on Hand	\$ 332.43
Checking Account	\$ 1,238.51
Savings Account	\$ 8,214.90
Total	\$ 9,785.84
Repeater Operating Reserve	\$ 585.25
Memorial Fund	\$ 150.00

Old Business:

- Field Day 2013 will be at Heritage Park, Shelter #4 in Olathe Kansas (161st Street and Lackman Rd). The dates of Field Day are June 22nd and June 23rd.
- The dates of the Ensor Auction for 2013 will be October 25 and 26.
- Dick Carter N0TO reports that the Silent Key Plaque is at the engravers. Both June Jeffers KB0WEQ and Ernest M. (Max) Melton W0ZI are being added to the plaque.
- A Thank You letter is ready to send out to the Kansas City Metro Bike Club for their \$2,000 donation to the Johnson County Radio Amateur Club.
- The Club will reach out to the Boy Scouts in order to set up a Radio Merit Badge class in conjunction with Field Day this year.

New Business:

- None.

Reports:

- 6 m No Report.
- 10 m SSB net No Report.

- 440 Wheat Shocker net No Report.
- 2m Wheat Shocker 13 check-ins on January 24 and 21 check-ins on January 17.
- HF Activity A report of hearing the North Pole on 20m. A successful check-in net on Marshal Ensor's 1KW Transmitter. Check ins included Bob Heil K9EID.

Announcements:

- The Club received a list of events that need Ham Radio support this year.
- LaCygne Hamfest - February 2, 2013.
- Technician Class - February 9 and 16 at the Central Jackson County Fire Training Center.

Business meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Program:

- The program was a double feature event on "A Close Encounter with Lightning" by Cal Lewandowski KC0CL, and "Grounding Your Ham Station" by Bill Brinker WA0CBW

Submitted by Ted Knapp N0TEK, Secretary.

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"Each of these web sites has, in some way, either affected journalism today or changed the newspaper's traditional business model. If anything characterizes the newspaper industry, it is change. As this industry evolves, the next serious sources of perspective on political news will hopefully include newspaper web sites."

As quoted from Eric Gertler of Huffington Post Media on 03/28/2011.

Wheatshocker Net

The weekly Wheatshocker Net is on Thursday evenings, 8 pm on 145.29 (-). There is usually a 'meeting-after-the-net' on or about 28.475 MHz usb. The Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) net is also called on 145.29 (-) at 7:00 pm local, on Tuesday.