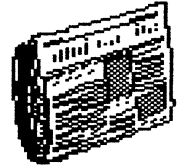


FEEDBACK



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.

January Meetings

Friday, Jan. 11, 2013 7:30 pm

The program for this evening will be planning for this years Club programs. Bring your ideas and areas of interest to add to the discussion.

Friday, Jan. 25, 2013 7:30 pm

This program will be a double feature event on "A Close Encounter with Lightning" by Cal KC0CL, and "Grounding Your Ham Station" by Bill WA0CBW. This program should be of special interest to anyone who has a Ham radio station set up in their home. Don't miss this special presentation.

"Electrifying!" stated one critic, another stated that "It will make your hair stand on end!".

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 (we don't publish the year!) and we will add it to the list:

Larry Staples	W0AIB	Jan.19
Jim Lasseter	N0QMB	Jan.21
Roger McClenny	W0MNR	Jan.28
George McCarville	WB0CNK	Jan.30

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.

Favorite URLs

From time to time I glean an interesting URL from my email, and after I have used it for a while it either gets deleted from my Bookmarks List, or rises toward the top of the list. The following URL's are among the present top favorites:

<http://hint.fm/wind/>

This helps understand where the weather is coming from, and if you hover the cursor over a spot on the map it shows the lat/long and windspeed for that location.

<http://www.kcpl.com/storm/pwhelp.html>

This site helps locate power outages and sometimes lists a possible cause of the outage. Example: Saturday's outages in the KC Metro area were evidentially caused by very strong winds up in the St. Joe area earlier that morning.

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

A new year is here, 2013. I held off doing a major project in the Ham Shack in case the Mayan Calendar was correct and all would end on December 21. Since that forecast was in error, I guess I will have to get to work in the shack and bring it up to date.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season. As normal, the first JCRAC meeting of the year will be a planning meeting. Please bring your ideas for Club activities and programs to the January 11 meeting. This is a good way to share your experiences and learn more about the ever expanding hobby of Amateur Radio.

We will also need to pick a spot for 2013 Field Day. There have been several good locations suggested. The Parks Department opens up reservations at the start of the year. So, we will need to select a location and get our reservation in early.

It was great to see the snow cover over New Years Day. There is nothing like the feel to the early morning air the after a fresh snowfall. Sounds seems to carry differently as well. There is no sound like the crunch of snow under foot. My dad called snow "poor man's fertilizer" and I'm hoping for some much needed moisture.

Also with the new year will be the multitude of public service events being listed in Larry's List. Preparing for severe weather is not far behind. Listen to net announcements and of course watch Larry's List for information concerning training locations and times. Fortunately 2012 was a quiet year in the Kansas City area. For 2013 ? It is better to "be prepared".

Bill KA2FNK, President

Club Dues Due

December used to be the time to renew club membership in JCRAC for everyone. However renewal of memberships now occur in every month of the year, so look at your membership card or the address label on the FEEDBACK to find your membership expiration date.



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: Open frame type rack cabinet, suitable to attach to wall. Also small outdoor lockable cabinet for some small equipment. 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

Favorite URLs cont'd from Pg 1

<http://www.accuweather.com/en/us/kansas/weather-radar>

Of the many radar and weather sites available, I find this site to be of the most interest.

<http://katzfey.net/travel/jottraffic35auto.html>

The traffic cameras are an easy way to see what road conditions are like for the metro area. I did watch the snow showers develop and move into the area last week. I was working on something else on the computer, but would check the traffic-cam tab every few minutes and noticed snow starting to build up on the cooler stuff like grass and road signs.

<http://www.intellicast.com/storm/severe/lightning.aspx>

The location of far-off lightning strikes was of interest to some ham friends who had survived the Ruskin Heights tornado of 1957 and they had undertaken a study of "sferics" to see if that phenomenon could help locate tornados.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radio_atmospheric

Their sferics measuring equipment originally used sensors made from two Hula Hoops/tm/ wound with many turns of fine magnet wire to make loop antennas that were supported vertically at right angles to each other. See below for more on Don Witte WA0UXP and his sferics work related to lightning and storms.

http://stem2.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=51&Itemid=9

Did You Know?

On average a state is awarded one electoral vote for every 545,828 people. However, Wyoming has three electoral votes and only 506,529 citizens. As a result each of Wyoming's three votes corresponds to only 168,843 people. These people have 3.23 times as much clout in the Electoral College as an average American. People in Texas however have only 0.83 times as much clout as the average American!

Strawberries are the only fruits whose seeds grow on the outside.
