

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.

June Meetings

Friday, June 14, 2013 7:30 pm

The program for this evening will be to develop our 2013 Field Day site plan. A few members went out to survey the Shawnee Mission Park tower site (no Sheriff's tower this year). Please attend this meeting and make your inputs on preferred operating locations, type and location of antennas, what you can contribute, what you like to operate, etc. **And remember, the next club meeting is on the 21st at SM Park for FD setup.**

Friday, June 28, 2013

This meeting has been cancelled. The Club meets at SM Park for FD setup on June 21, 2013 in lieu of a club meeting on the 28th.

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:

Royce Parman	KA0YQD	Jun.3
Richard Britain	NOENO	Jun.17

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 confirmed dates, scheduled to be held in the metro area in 2013.

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- Museum Ships weekend June 1-2.
- Lone Star Century Bike Ride May 26.

Contact Brian Short KC0BS.

• Look for other Public Service events on Larry's List.

Business meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Program:

- The program was a presentation on Fox Hunting Techniques by Don Warkentien W0DEW and Tom Wheeler N0GSG.

Submitted by Ted Knapp N0TEK, Secretary.

Our thanks to Mac W0LQV for his eighteen years of service as Treasurer of JCARC. Mac has been involved with the club in many ways over the years and is one of the remaining charter members of JCRAC. I was looking at some old pictures from past JCRAC FD's and Mac's military surplus ac generator is in those pic's! Thanks Mac!

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

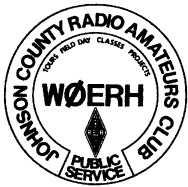
Field Day 2013 is scheduled for June 22nd and 23rd. We will be returning to the Observation Tower at the Shawnee Mission Park. A Field Day plan has been developed by several club members after an on-site survey. Setup will start Friday afternoon, 5-21-2013, as we have done the last several years. The Field Day rules allow setup starting on Friday. A few of our members will need to stay overnight Friday to provide security for the equipment. From past years experience, Friday evening has been a lot of fun with all the equipment in place and a test run has always been required/enjoyed. Please take special note that the second club meeting for the month will be at the Field Day site on June 21. The normal second monthly meeting, which would have been June 28th, has been cancelled.

The Observation Tower is a well traveled spot at Shawnee Mission Park. Each year we have had a large number of visitors. Hopefully they will provide us, again this year, with the opportunity to showcase the amateur radio service. Again talk to your neighbor, co-worker, friend, or youth group, and extend them an invitation to visit the FD site. There will a "Get On The Air" Station set up if they would like to make some contacts.

Elections were held at the last meeting May 24. At that time Mac W0LQV announced that he was going to step down as treasurer after 18 years. Mac has been a big part of getting the Club on good financial standing. Mac W0LQV we really appreciate all of your time and effort that you have put forward to support the Johnson County Amateurs Radio Club.

Bill KA2FNK, JCRAC President

Work as if it was your first day.
Forgive as soon as possible.
Love without boundaries.
Laugh without control
and never stop smiling



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 2 ga or larger 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

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.

Johnson County Radio Amateurs Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Friday, May 10, 2013. The meeting Started at 7:30 pm. Attendance: Self-introduction with name and call sign. 38 signed the check-in sheet. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes from the April 26, 2013 were read and accepted with 1 opposed vote. The Treasurer's report, as follows, was read and accepted unanimously.

Cash on Hand	\$ 400.89
Checking Account	\$ 1,186.88
Savings Account	\$ 8,616.71
Total	\$ 10,204.48
Repeater Operating Reserve	\$ 712.25
Memorial Fund	\$ 150.00

Old Business:

- Ensor Auction October 25th and 26th
- Kansas QSO Party Still working on the details.
- The \$1000 donation check has been sent off to the Salvation Army for the SATERN Communication Van.

New Business:

- Election of club officers will take place at the next meeting (May 24th).
- Due to Field Day being on June 22-23, we will have the club meeting on 3rd Friday in June (21st) instead of the 4th Friday. This meeting will take place at the Field Day site. Our regularly scheduled 2nd Friday meeting in June is unchanged. In short, for June we will be meeting on the 2nd and 3rd Friday of the month.
- Field Day 2013 A Site Plan presentation was made Jay Greenough KD0OYQ. The location of the stations as well as the Welcome Tent were discussed. A discussion was also held about the details of the meal on Saturday night. We need an accurate headcount in order to plan accordingly. After the discussion, two (2) separate motions were made. The first motion was to have the club rent the tent for the Welcome area. The cost is about \$300. This motion was seconded and the subsequent yes vote was unanimous. The second motion was to have the club pay for the catered dinner on Saturday night. The cost will depend on the headcount figures. This motion was seconded and the subsequent yes vote was unanimous.

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Reports:

- 6 m Delaware, Idaho, and heard Canada.
- 10 m SSB net 6 check-ins on May 9.
- 440 Wheat Shocker net 21 check-ins on May 8 and 17 check-ins on May 1.
- 2m Wheat Shocker 22 check-ins on May 9 and 22 check-ins on May 2.
- HF Activity Azores, Belarus, and Israel on 20m. Kazakhstan and Guam. Wales on 17m mobile.

Announcements:

- Ensor Museum tours from 1 5 pm on Saturdays and Sundays from now through June.
- Welcome to new members at the meeting.
- Bates County Hamfest in Adrian, Missouri Saturday May 11.
- Dan Reed NØZIZ became a SK.
- Rich Britain NØENO SATERN Divisional Coordinator thanked the club for its \$1000 donation to the SATERN Communication Van.
- June Jeffers Radio Room Dedication at the Salvation Army in Olathe will be Monday May 13.
- Lone Star Century Bike Ride May 26. Contact Brian Short KCOBS.
- Possible Campfire at Ensor next Saturday May 18. Details to follow.
- Look for other Public Service events on Larry's List. Business meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Program:

- The program (held during the meeting) was the site plan for Field Day 2013 at the Observation Tower at Shawnee Mission Park as well as a video presentation on Field Day 2012 by John Raydo NØIZ. Submitted by Ted Knapp NØTEK, Secretary.

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 Amateurs Club Meeting Minutes**

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Cash on Hand	\$ 464.89
Checking Account	\$ 652.95
Savings Account	<u>\$ 8,616.71</u>
Total	\$ 9,734.55
Repeater Operating Reserve	\$ 744.25
Memorial Fund	\$ 150.00

Old Business:

- Field Day 2013 Plans are coming together. Club insurance documents have been delivered to the Parks

Department. We should be receiving the Permit shortly. The planning team will have another meeting at the Park to finalize station and antenna locations. We are still in need of a radio for the CW station. Also bring your volunteer T-shirts for the clothesline.

- Ensor Auction October 25th and 26th
- Kansas QSO Party Still working on the details.
- The \$1000 donation check has been received by the Salvation Army for the SATERN Communication Van.

New Business:

- Annual Elections were held.
 - o Nominations for Secretary Ted Knapp NØTEK. Motion made to close nominations. Motion Seconded.
 - o Nominations for Treasurer Prior to nominations, Jim "Mac" McCoy WØLQV announced he would be stepping down as Treasurer. Mac has been the club's Treasurer for 18 years! Thank you Mac for your many years of dedicated service. No nominations were made for Treasurer. Bill Gery KA2FNK tabled the nomination for Treasurer and would name a search committee for Treasurer.
 - o Nominations for Vice President Ryan O'Neil KD0EWB. Motion made to close nominations. Motion Seconded.
- Nominations for President Bill Gery KA2FNK. Motion made to close nominations. Motion Seconded.
 - o A vote was taken all nominated positions (with the exception of Treasurer). The motion was seconded. Vote taken. Unanimous approval vote.

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Reports:

- 6 m Nothing.
- 10 m SSB net 6 check-ins on May 23 which included a visitor from North Carolina.
- 440 Wheat Shocker net NR.
- 2m Wheat Shocker 19 check-ins on May 23 and 20 check-ins on May 19.
- HF Activity 12m mobile to Japan (4pm). Puerto Rico and Spain on 12m. Australia on 40m CW. 10m to a guy on a cruise ship off the Pacific Coast.

Announcements:

- Dayton comments Lots of fun. About the same attendance as last year. Flea market as big as ever. Inside the venue their appeared to be more empty tables vs. last year.
- CQ World Wide WPX CW contest May 25-26
- Technician Class June 7 and 14 at the Johnson County EOC.

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Campfires at Ensor

For anyone interested I am doing campfires, usually on Saturday evenings when the weather permits, and when I feel like it or someone suggests it. The campfires are open and available to anyone interested including non-club members. There is no charge for this but a voluntary donation that goes directly to the support of Ensor is always welcome, as a "thank you" for allowing us to do this.

Here is how it works. There is very little, and sometimes almost no, advance notice. We are very dependent on the weather so I watch the weather forecast and normally will not make a final decision more than 2 or 3 days ahead of time. Sometimes the decision is made Saturday morning. Listen to the 145.29 repeater and check into the Thursday night 8 pm Wheatshocker Net. If I know at that time I will announce it on the net. If possible, I will have Larry put out an email on Larry's List Friday morning. Listen on the repeater and watch Larry's List.

What we do and when. Typically most people show up around 6:00 pm but earlier is good. Come early and tour the museum, set up a portable station, or just enjoy the day. I generally start the fire around 4:30 so we have plenty of coals to cook over by 6:00 pm. Yes, we have 3 grills that we set up for cooking. This is not a potluck. You bring your own food and drink. No alcoholic beverages are allowed. Hot dogs are very typical fare but bring bratwurst, steak, pork chops, chili, marshmallows, etc, whatever you like. You are not expected to share but most of the time people do have enough to share. All trash is expected to be removed from the site.

We come to enjoy the campfire, campfire food, and good fellowship. Many bring their wives and family. Normally we have 25 or less show up which keeps it nice and friendly. We sit around the fire and chat, I keep the fire going and stay to

the end. Some people start to leave by 9:30 but we have stayed until 11:00 pm. There is no set end time and lots of wood for burning. Sometime in the future we may make it a, one time, over night camp out.



Don W0DEW