



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.

March Meetings

Friday, Mar. 8, 2013 7:30 pm
The program for this evening will be on solar power, presented by John Fasbinder KD0WQM.

Friday, Mar. 22, 2013 7:30 pm
The program for this evening will be a Show and Tell. This is an opportunity to show off any projects you are working on, or any other items of interest.

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:

Mike Fairleigh	KC0KBC	Mar.4
Kale Gentry	WG0H	Mar.10
Eddy Paul	KY0F	Mar.10
Mike McCoy	N0MCG	Mar.16
Cal Goodman	KI0FZ	Mar.17
Harry Wilson	KA0JLN	Mar.26

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.

This space is available.
Please submit for publication.
A plea from the Editor...

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

With the two snow storms hitting the area in February, I hope everyone's antennas have come through unscathed. The last snow on February 26 really loaded the trees down, especially on the north sides. We should be grateful that there was not any wind as I'm sure the power outages would have been more widespread. I measured a snow depth of 18 inches in my backyard on February 27.

We will see if March comes in like a lion. At least the first week of March looks to be active across the U.S. The longer period of daylight each day in March is one thing I look forward to. It is not too bad going to work in the dark, but coming home in the evening with it being dark wears on you. Having some daylight into the evening really is a pick-me-up.

The Jo. Co. Parks and Rec. Department called and informed John Hochscheid W0BBQ that the Observation Tower at Shawnee Mission Park is available for Field Day again this year. So please pass the word as we will be returning to Shawnee Mission Park.

We have started planning for this year's Field Day, and as always, JCRAC Field Day is a group effort.

Bill KA2FNK, President



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

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.

Something New

After working a rare DXpedition (like TX5K currently at Clipperton Island), the next worry is "Am I in the log?". Just to make sure, many will work a duplicate contact. This takes up time and keeps others from making their contact. Within the last couple of years some on-line logs have become available, usually with data a day or so behind.

Now the latest: Via www.DXA2.org, real time contacts are being shown for TX5K with a delay of less than three minutes. Also current bands in operation, maps, and other data. Very, very helpful. Go to <http://tx5k.org> and click on the "Watch It in Real Time with DXA" button. The wonders of technology!

John KØIZ

The Battle of the Hams

John KØIZ sent this URL and it is an old news article, but interesting reading and still germane to our hobby. If the DX bug bites, you may be a "gonner". New hams may never have witnessed the thrill of chasing DX, or making distant, contacts and this is only a glimpse into that world, but a well written one so "Thanks" to KØIZ for the URL.

<http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/vault/article/magazine/MAG1002473/1/index.htm>

NØTO, Editor

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption!



Johnson County Radio Amateurs Club Minutes

Meeting Date: Friday, February 8, 2013. The meeting started at 7:30 pm.

Attendance: Self-introduction with name and call sign. 27 signed the check-in sheet. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Minutes from the January 25, 2013 were read and accepted with one opposed vote.

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

Cash on Hand	\$ 405.43
Checking Account	\$ 1,262.51
Savings Account	\$ 8,214.90
Total	\$ 9,882.84
Repeater Operating Reserve	\$ 603.25
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 back on the wall at Associated Radio.
- The Club is planning a campout and Radio Merit Badge class with the Boy Scouts. Details to follow.

New Business:

- Herb Fiddick NZ0F was appointed State Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) Officer. Congratulations Herb!
- Lynn Anderson, an editor with *The Best Times*, a newspaper catering to older adults in Johnson County, Kansas was recognized by ARRL with the Bill Leonard W2SKE, Professional Media Award. Her article "[Johnson County Hams: Cruising the Air](#)"

[Waves for Fun and Service](#)" featured radio amateurs with the Johnson County Radio Amateurs Club (JCRAC) and their passion for Amateur Radio. JCRAC members told the nominating committee that they were "all impressed with the accuracy of the information presented in the article. It is clear that Ms Anderson did a thorough review and let the hams in the article help her with the facts. She cared!" This award is a national level award that is given each year to honor up to three professional journalists whose outstanding coverage best reflects the enjoyment, importance and public service value the Amateur Radio Service

- During the New Business portion of the meeting, Brian Short KC0BS gave a short presentation on the current equipment plans for the new SATERN Communication's Van.

Reports:

- 6 m No Report.
- 10 m SSB net 3 check-ins on February 7.
- 440 Wheat Shocker net 11 check-ins on February 6.
- 2m Wheat Shocker 20 check-ins on February 7 and 14 check-ins on January 31.
- HF Activity Argentina on 10m. DX in Uganda starting on February 7.

Announcements:

- Johnson County ARES meeting February 11 SAR Drill walk through and Bring a Friend night.
- Technician Class - February 9 and 16 at the Central Jackson County Fire Training Center. 56 people are currently signed up.

Business meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Program:

- None.
- Submitted by Ted Knapp N0TEK, Secretary.
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Johnson County Radio Amateurs Club Minutes

Meeting Date: Friday February 22, 2013. The meeting was canceled due to inclement weather. Ted Knapp NØTEK, Secretary.

Robotic Snow Plow

This is yet another interesting short article from YouTube on the efforts of an experimenter to make something that has a useful purpose. I noticed the vehicle seemed to veer a bit off to one side and then realized, from using my yard tractor with a front-mounted blade, that vectored force from the angled blade was what was making the robot veer to the side when he was pushing snow with the angled blade. "Been there and experienced that" with both dirt and fine crushed rock. This looks to be a well-engineered robot and a set of tire chains on the front wheels would probably have solved most of the side-drift. I wonder what it cost?

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=tPg1ZMiC9pA

Dick NØTO, Editor

Degree of Difficulty

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the engine of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop.

The surgeon was there, waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his bike.

The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey, Doc, can I ask you a question?"

The surgeon a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, fix 'em, put 'em back in, and when I finish, it works just like

new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic...

"Try doing it with the engine running."

The Indispensable Man

Some day when you're feeling important,
Some day when your ego's in bloom,
Some day when you think that you
Are the best and qualified in the room.
Some day when you think that your absence
Would leave an unfillable hole,
Just try this simple example
And see how it humbles your soul.
Take a bucket and fill it with water.
Plunge your hand in it up to your wrist..
Pull it out and the hole that's remaining
Is a measure of "How much you'll be missed!"
You may splash all you like as you enter,
You may stir up the water galore.
But stop and you'll find in a minute
That it looks the same as before.
The moral of this quaint example,
Is just do the best job that you can:
Be proud of yourself - but remember
"THERE IS NO INDISPENSABLE MAN!"
by Anonymous

This space is available. Submit and it will be considered for publication, please!
Ye Editor