

FEEDBACK

MAY 2020

FIELD DAY 2020

Hams are famous for being able to cope with all sorts of unusual situations. Even so, I hope that the COVID-19 virus hasn't caused too many problems for our membership. Or, if it has brought difficulties, that our members are finding opportunities for innovation and creativity, and not disabling impediments. Even so, I look forward to having things return to normal. And they will.



But, we can't count on that happening before Field Day. Let's say that Field Day 2020 presents some interesting opportunities to be innovative and creative. At a recent board meeting, your Club's board spent a great deal of time working through some ways we could operate our Field Day stations, safely, in a time of social distancing. Everything is, of course, subject to change, but based upon the information we have right now, here are the plans.

Let's start with Plan A. We assume that Johnson County Parks and Recreation will continue to let us use the Hutton Farm site at Shawnee Mission Park. We don't think we can have the Get On The Air station, testing, a public tent or a dinner on Saturday. We are going to have to schedule people to operate the different stations. We are thinking we need to keep the number as small as possible, perhaps no more than four people at any one time. Each station will have to keep a log of who is present at what time. We will have to work with each station team lead to develop a plan for running the station.

Plan B relies heavily on our station team leads, too. It may be that we have to run operations for our home stations.

The situation keeps changing and we as we get more information, we have to revise our plans and get the word out.

But that's what hams do.

– *Bill Gery* – *WA2FNK*

MAY MEETINGS

May 8 -- Zoom meeting - biographies of members.

May 26 – TBA, depending upon how and where we meet.

The Johnson County Radio Amateurs Club normally meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 7:00 PM at the Overland Park Christian Church (north entrance), 7600 West 75th Street (75th and Conser), west of the Fire Station.

Much of the membership travels to the Pizza Shoppe at 8915 Santa Fe Drive for pizza buffet and an informal continuation/criticism/clarification of the topics raised at the meeting ... or anything else.

Leave the church, turn right (west) on 75th. Turn left (south) on Antioch. Turn right (west) on Santa Fe. Pizza Shoppe is just past the Sonic on your left.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Virtual breakfast club net have been really fun and successful. Thanks especially to Ray Ehrlichman, KØRSE, and Herb Fiddick, NZØF. This net has been a great way to keep in touch.

A special "thank you" goes to thanks to Tom Wheeler, NØGSG, for scheduling and managing the Club zoom meetings. As with the virtual breakfast net this has proven to be an excellent way to keep in touch during this time of isolation. You can join the fun at 9:00 am on weekdays. Monday, Wednesday and Friday meetings convene on the 145.20 repeater. Tuesdays and Thursday happen in the Kansas City room on the Fusion repeater.

A special feature of the on-line meeting is that Keith and Barb have been able to join.

I do, however, look forward to when we will be able to convene an annex meeting at the Pizza Shoppe.

– Bill Gery – WA2FNK

WW1USA

Joe Krout, reports that, rather than have people gather at the Liberty Memorial, the Santa Fe Trail Amateur Radio Club will be hosting stations for the May 8th WW1USA operating event in Edgerton, KS. They report they have openings for operators to come out to the "Sawyer KØDDS Antenna Ranch" at 207 E. 6th Street, in Edgerton. They ask that people sign up at <https://goo.gl/maps/YrFq8B5AiXDJm24H6>.

Johnson County Radio Amateurs Club - April 10, 2020

Meeting Date: Friday April 10, 2020. The meeting Started at 7:00 PM.

Attendance: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this Meeting took place online using Zoom Video Conferencing. 33 were present.

The Minutes from the March 27, 2020 meeting were read and accepted unanimously.

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

Cash on Hand	\$ 90.00	Repeater Operating Reserve	\$ 1,597.83
Checking Account	\$ 570.21	Memorial Fund	\$ 310.00
Savings Account	\$ 13,311.62	Active Members	149
PayPal Account	\$ 146.08		
Total	\$ 14,117.91		

Old Business:

- Repeater Update – All are working well. The new Yaesu DR-2X FM/Fusion Repeater should be arriving any day.
- Ensor Museum Volunteers – Typically the Club provides volunteers for the Ensor Museum during the months of May and September. Bill Gery, KA2FNK is reaching out to Larry Woodworth on the status of Museum during May.
- Field Day 2020 – This year's Field day will be June 27 – 28. However, concerns around COVID-19 may impact Field Day. More will be communicated as we get closer to the end of June.

New Business:

- The last meeting in May will be the annual election of Club Officers.

Reports:

- 6 m – NR.
- 10 m SSB Roundtable – 6 participated (including 1 from Texas) on April 9.
- 40m SSB Roundtable – 5 participated on April 8.
- Fusion Digital 440 net – 24 Check-ins on April 8.
- 2m Wheat Shocker net – 21 Check-ins on April 9.
- HF Activity – NR.

Announcements:

- Everything Canceled.
- Breakfast Club meeting not in person but on the 145.29 MHz Repeater at 9:00 am Monday thru Friday.
- WWIUSA May 9-10 Canceled However a few will conduct the event from home.
- See Larry's List for upcoming Events.

Business meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Program:

- The Program for this evening was a Show and Tell session.

Johnson County Radio Amateurs Club - April 24, 2020

Meeting Date: Friday April 24, 2020. The meeting Started at 7:00 PM.

Attendance: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this Meeting took place online using Zoom Video Conferencing. 31 were present.

The Minutes from the April 10, 2020 meeting were read and accepted unanimously.

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

Cash on Hand	\$ 90.00	Repeater Operating Reserve	\$ 1,605.83
Checking Account	\$ 533.34	Memorial Fund	\$ 310.00
Savings Account	\$ 13,311.62	Active Members	152
PayPal Account	\$ 61.54		
Total	\$ 13,996.50		

Old Business:

- Repeater Update – All are working well. The new Yaesu DR-2X FM/Fusion Repeater has arrived.
- Ensor Museum Volunteers – The museum will be closed for the month of May.
- Field Day 2020 – This year's Field Day will be June 27 – 28. Concerns around COVID-19 will probably impact Field Day. Bill Gery, KA2FNK will set up a meeting with the Station Captains to formulate plans "A, B, C, and D".

New Business:

- The last meeting in May will be the annual election of Club Officers.

Reports:

- 6 m – NR.
- 10 m SSB Roundtable – 8 participated on April 23 and 6 participated on April 16.
- 40m SSB Roundtable – 2 participated on April 22 and 5 participated on April 15.
- Fusion Digital 440 net – 26 Check-ins on April 22 and 21 participated on April 15.
- 2m Wheat Shocker net – 24 Check-ins on April 23 and 19 participated on April 16.
- HF Activity – Portugal 20m CW.
- Breakfast Club net that takes place Monday thru Friday averages over 20 check-ins.

Announcements:

- Everything Canceled.
- John Raydo, K0IZ reported that "Contest University" which usually takes place at Dayton and costs about \$100 will be offered up through the Zoom video platform, and all sessions will be free. Go to ARRL's website for more information to register.
- WW1USA May 9-10 Canceled However a few will conduct the event from home.
- See Larry's List for upcoming Events.

Business meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Program:

- The Program for this evening was a Show and Tell presentation about Bill Gery's KA2FNK shack redesign.