



Max KØMDP at the top of his Field

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CLUB MEETING INFORMATION

Meetings

Monthly on First Thursdays

Next Meeting Date/Time
6:00 pm

Friday, December 5, 2025

Build & Learn Sessions

Most Months on Third Thursdays

Next Session Date/Time
6:00 pm or 7:00 pm

Check the club [calendar](#)

Location

Pilgrim Community Church

[500 Arch Street](#)
[Leavenworth, KS 66048](#)

Club Breakfast

Every Thursday

7:30 am

at

[The Depot 1887](#)

781 Shawnee Street
Leavenworth, KS 66048



The depot
est. 1887

From the President's Desk

Happy Holiday's, I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving weekend. I am getting my Christmas shopping done early this year, even for myself.... I won't share with you until after the holiday what it is. HI HI

Many of our members enjoyed the outing at Weston Bend State Park on Saturday Nov 15th, thanks to Stephen for the group invitation, the weather was perfect, I am sure we will do that again, possibly before Freeze Your Keys in February. There is a Winter Field Day that will be held on January 24-25th, you can learn more about it @ [2026-rules-v3.pdf](#) .

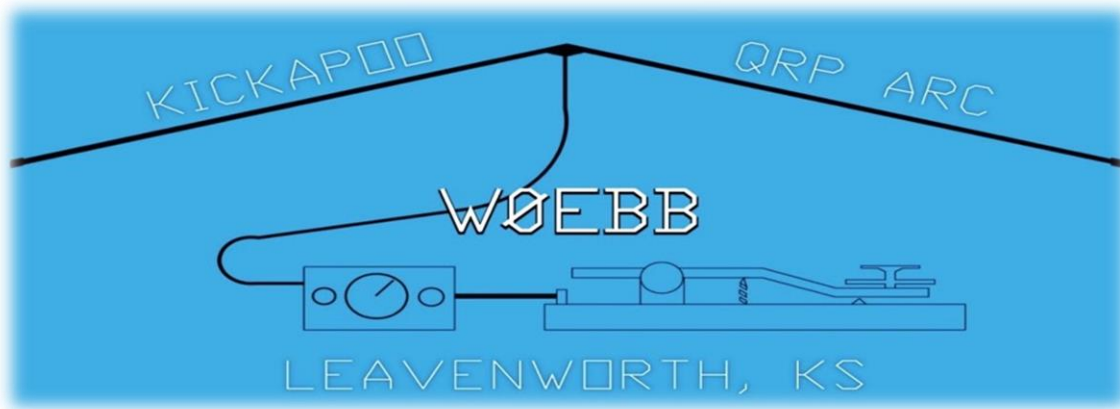
Another radio event that can be enjoyed by Tech's to Extra's is Winter Heat [HamActive - WINTERHEAT INFO](#) . This is for the entire month of January on VHF/UHF simplex, all from the comfort of your QTH.

I hope most of you have planned to attend the Christmas Party on December 5th, we will have lots of great food, prizes, and a video look back on our happenings, along with the presentation of our Ham of the Year and Buffalo Chip awards. We have two new "General Licensed" members, congratulations to Loren KFØQAL and Jim KFØVJV on their success.

I want to thank each of you for your support the last two years as I have enjoyed serving as club president. We have grown as a club and learned together on many facets of this hobby. There is so much more to experience, and I look forward to participating in the club with our new leadership team; Stephen W9WTY - President, Guy KFØKOS - Vice President, John KFØLNZ - Treasure, and Roxann, KZØIMO our trusty Secretary.

73
Steve WØSER

P.S. Check out the Star in the west, thanks Max!



From the Kickapoo QRP ARC operating desk

The month of November allowed us to get out to the great state of Arkansas and do some SOTA activations on six summits. The weather was excellent for the whole trip making the outdoor operating experience just that much more fun.

The first summit we activated was called Mount Nebo, W5A/MA-004 and is near Dardnell in Yell county. If that sounds familiar, it's where Kim Darby was supposed to be from in the Movie True Grit with John Wayne. This is a drive up summit with a lot of sharp switchbacks limiting the size of an RV that can be taken up there. On this summit we made 45 contacts in less than an hour. Most were on 15 meters and we were using a new antenna called the Spooltenna. It performed well on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters and doesn't require an antenna tuner. Great antenna and we ended up using it on most all of our summits.

The next summit we operated on was called Magazine Mountain, W5A/MA-001. This is a half mile hike up but a beautiful area to hike in and is also the highest point in the state of Arkansas. We made only 10 contacts on this summit which was more than needed to get the activation, but because of so many visitors we shut down and started telling the people about what we were doing. They all seemed to find it interesting.

The next day we activated a summit called Health Lookout, W5A/OZ-003. This is another drive-up type summit. Again we used the Spooltenna and made 36 contacts with most of them being on 15 meters. We had some power line noise on the summit but were able to still make a good number of contacts.

The next summit we activated was called Yates Benchmark, W5A/OZ-001 and is another drive-up summit. On this summit you literally pull off to the side of the road about 50 feet and set up along the tree line. The Spooltenna was put to use again with 48 contacts being made here. The summit was somewhat noisy at times due to the traffic on the highway but we still did well.

The next day we headed north towards Branson Missouri where we would spend the next two days at Silver Dollar City. On the way we picked up two summits in Arkansas that we missed due to rain in April while attending Ozarkcon. The first summit was called Mount Kilgore, W5A/BR-001 and is a drive-up. We made only 6 contacts on this summit as the line noise was a solid S9 on every band. We managed to get the needed contacts and shut down to head towards our last summit for this trip.

The last summit we activated was Boat Mountain, W5A/BR-002 and is also a drive-up but the road up is rough and a high clearance 4X4 vehicle is recommended. On this summit we used the Spooltenna and made 30 contacts. The most noticeable thing about this summit was that the old Fire Tower was no longer there. It had been removed which was sad as I always liked seeing it. In total, this trip saw us make 175 total contacts time two as Martha was making contacts also. We worked DX stations in Canada, Slovina, Belgium, France, Spain, and the Canary Islands, plus 37 states. Not bad overall and a lot of fun.

We spent the next two days at Silver Dollar City enjoying all of the Christmas lights and music which has been an annual trip at this time of year for us now for a long time. The last day of the trip was spent at the Nixa Missouri hamfest. We met up with Steve – W0SER and Guy KF0KOS there and had a good time overall while picking up a few items along the way.

Hope to see you all at our annual Christmas Dinner on December 5th and our weekly breakfast gatherings at the Depot restaurant.

Gary Auchard - W0MNA



Secretary's Page

Pilot Knob Amateur Radio Club
Meeting Minutes
November 6th, 2025



Call to Order

The meeting of the PKARC was held on November 6th, at Pilgrim Community Church. It began at 7:00 pm and was presided over by Steve (W0SER) President, Keith (KF0KBC), Martha (W0ERI) Treasurer and Roxann (KZ0IMO) as Secretary.

Roll Call

Those in attendance: Randy (K0AWW), Victor (KD0PZV), Keith (KF0KBC), Stephen (W9WTY), Vic (KE0SYO), Roxann (KZ0IMO), Loren (KB0YME), John (KF0LNZ), Ron (N0CALL), Ed M (KD7QOR), Max (K0MDP), Steve (W0SER), Phil (KF0DQA), Guy (KF0KOS), Tom (KF0RWS), Bruce (WB0QFU), Thadd (KF0PXE), Mark (KF0TXA) and Jim and Bill as guests.

Around of introductions were made.

Vic made a motion to approve October 2025 Minutes. Guy seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Roxann read the Treasurers report. Keith moved to approve. Randy seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. A reminder was given about end of year bills. Roxann mentioned dues are \$25.

There was discussion about the upcoming Christmas Dinner which is December 5th. The church basement will be open at 3 pm for set up with dinner starting after 6pm. Please let us know if you plan to attend by Thanksgiving. This will allow planners to plan for door prizes. Roxann will send out an email with a link to the sign-up genius for the event. Please bring a recipe card with your dish so anyone with allergies can be aware.

Roxann talked briefly about the ARES/JARA schedule and reminded folks that it is their responsibility to let her know if they can not make their assignment. The schedule is in a post inside of the ARES groups.io.

Steve then asked for discussion regarding the Wednesday night net. We miss Steve WA0SRS. He did a fabulous job over many years and now we need to make plans on how to continue the net. It was mentioned that that the main objective is to make it a social opportunity as well as promoting the club activities like breakfast, build session, VE exams, Presidents comments and other general information. Tom (KF0RWS) volunteered to log the net for the rest of the year to include thru March of 2026. Keith (KF0KBC) will be Net Control for the rest of November with Stephen (W9WTY) as NC for December. The plan is to have NC rotate on a monthly basis starting in January 2026

A reminder was given regarding the Buffalo Chip Net on January 1st New Years Net starting at 0001. It will likely be on 147.00 or 145.33 repeater. More to follow.

Roxann passed out ballots. Collected. Roxann and Keith tallied. Results are Stephen (W9WTY) as President, Guy (KF0KOS) as Vice President, John (KF0LNZ) as Treasurer and Roxann (KZ0IMO) as secretary. The bylaw motion was passed – the club officers will now serve a term of two years starting January 2026.

Ed was given the floor to provide some updates about the upcoming Veterans Day parade. PKARC has approximately 10 amateur radio volunteers to support Leavenworth County in monitoring the parade route. Due to the government shut down there will not be a fly over component nor any troop participation. After the Sunday night ARES net Ed will give any last minute updates and answer any questions.

Then there was some substantial discussion about the Ham of the Year award. Tom (KF0RWS) made a motion "I move that we create a microphone memorial to honor Steve Stalker to be used to give to the designated Ham of the Year with the honorary microphone to be engraved in his memory." Vic (KE0SYO) seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next, Ed M was given the floor to discuss the upcoming Veterans Day parade on November 11, 2025. The general over view was given as well as a request to contact Ed M if you wish to participate.

Adjournment

Keith motioned for Adjournment and Tom seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxann Kosmicki, KZ0IMO

Secretary



Saint John Hospital Amateur Radio Club (SHARC)

SHARC provides an identity and rallying point for Radio Amateurs participating in activities at Saint John Hospital and supporting Providence Medical Center. The Amateur Radio portion of the Saint John Hospital Command Center is called the **SHARC Tank**. Club Call: **KFØLOG** Trustee: **Roxann – KZØIMO**

December 1st, 2025 SHARC NET supporting the KCHEART Monthly Test

Team 4 (KA0DJR, W0LYQ and Sub KF0RWS)) reports to SJH

Team 1 (W0SER, KE0SYO and W9WTY) reports to PMC

*Bring Laptop to PMC

All others report your availability to respond via 147.000 (+) 151.4 Hz FM to KFØLOG between 7:15 pm and 7:30 pm.

The **Kansas City Hospital Emergency Amateur Radio Team (KCHEART)** is the regional coordinating body for all hospital-based Amateur Radio stations used in auxiliary communications support to their host hospital. KCHEART forms a valuable voice and slow-speed data network between medical facilities.

Here is a gentle reminder that if you still need to finish some KCHEART training videos please use this link: [2023 Training Program - ARES® - Leavenworth Co - Kansas](#)

Lastly, I want to take this moment right before Thanksgiving to say that I am thankful for the talent and dedication in our group. We, together operate on an awesome frequency!

Roxann Kosmicki -KZØIMO

SHARC Net

Monday October 6th
1915-1930 Hours
147.000 (+) 151.4 Hz



Reportable Hours

Exercises
Training
Public Service
Community Service
Emergencies
Weather
Meetings
Unclassified Events

<https://forms.gle/UowzGAE3RVFLm3tD7>

Leavenworth County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES®)

Emergency Coordinator: Roxann Kosmicki -KZ0IMO, AUXC

Website: <https://KS-LV-ARES.signaleer.us>

Groups.io: <https://groups.io/g/KS-LV-ARES>

ARES Credentialing

If you're new to ARES and need to start your credentials quest, here is a streamlined way to attain what you need.

1. **Download** the updated Amateur Radio Operator Credentialing Requirements and Resource Typing document revised on 01/17/25 from KS-LV-ARES.signaleer.us. Link is in the New Credentialing Requirements article (main page).

2. **Complete** the requirements for Radio Operator - Level IV. Courses are free and online at FEMA's Independent Study Program at <https://training.fema.gov/is/>.

3. **Submit** form and supporting documents according to instructions downloaded in Step 1. On the form, where it says, "MECC Agency including contact person name and email" use the following according to group you are affiliating with:

Leavenworth County ARES®
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sobelizard@rocketmail.com

Leavenworth Co. Emergency Mgmt
Zach Phillips, Master Deputy
zphillips@lvsheriff.org

KCHEART
Matt May, Director
mmay@wycokck.org

SHARC/St John Hosp
Roxann Kosmicki
sobelizard@rocketmail.com

4. **Record** your achievements on your KS-LV-ARES Task Book. Task book is available upon request from Roxann-KZ0IMO. The Task Book will show the requirements you still need to complete for credentialing at the next level up.

NOTE: This section is reprinted from the February 2025 Newsletter. This information is also available on KS-LV-ARES.signaleer.us



Kansas Section
District 4
Zone C



Roxann Kosmicki
KS-LV-ARES Emergency
Coordinator

Ed Menard KD7QOR did a fantastic job organizing the November 11th Veteran's Day Parade.



Guy Younger KF0KOS took some great pictures. We saw Mark KF0TXA. We had Rover 1- Ed KD7QOR, with Dick KA0DJR and Roxann KZ0IMO as Net Control. Persons in the field were Steve W0SER (not pictured), Keith KF0KBC, Loren KE0YME, Tom KF0RWS, Stephen W9WTY, and Vic KE0SYO. I had an engaging time with all involved and heard some positive feedback as well as items to improve upon.

That night (based on a Goes X-Ray Flux reading of X1.8, X1.2 and X5.1 which sent a solar storm that launched from region 4274) we knew we would see some aurora down to midlatitudes.



Max K0MDP captured this picture on 11112025.



Roxann KZ0IMO captured this picture on 11122025 at 0100

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and I hope you have marked your calendar for the 2026 year of ARES Quarterly Meetings:

January 10th 2026, May 9th, July 25th, September 5th and the October 3rd SET.

Be on the look out for information about the KCHEART meeting in January 2026.

On May 9th we will have a Table Top Exercise that we will focus in on two forms (ICS 214 and ICS 213).

Please also note that groups.io now has the SHARC 2026 schedule and teams- go check it out.

Wednesday Night PKARC Net Log on 147.000 with 151.4 Tone
 *NC ** Logger *** ANC

5 November	12 November	19 November	25 November
W0SER Steve *	KF0KBC Keith *	KF0KBC Keith *	Happy Thanksgiving, no net
KB0YME Loren	KF0RWS Tom**	KF0RWS Tom**	
KA0ARW Jeff	W9WTY Stephen ***	AA0MV Steven	
KF0PXE Thadd	K0AWW Randy	KB0YME Loren	
KD7QOR Ed	KG0HG Joe	K0MDP Max	
KE0WLM Ty	W0SER Steve	KB0YUV Clifford	
KF0RWS Tom	AA0MV Steven	KA0ARW Jeff	
KF0KBC Keith	KB0YME Loren	KE0SYO Vic	
KF0KOS Guy	KD7QOR Ed	KF0LNZ John	
KE0SYO Voc	KF0KOS	KF0QAL Loren	
KD0PZV Vic	KF0DQA Phil	KF0KOS Guy	
K0MDP Max	K0MDP Max	KE0QAW Stven	
KD0YZC Gyluss	KF0LNZ John	KF0VGY Sharon	
W9WTY Stephen	KZ0IMO Roxann	NR0R Mark	
NR0R Mark	KD0PZV Vic		
	KF0QAL Loren		
	KE0SYO Vic		
	NR0R Mark		
	KA0ARW Jeff		

Up Coming Events You Should Have on Your Calendar

December 5th PKARC Christmas Party

January 1st Buffalo Chip net

January 8th PKARC monthly meeting

January 15th Monthly build session

[ARRL Contesting](#)