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CLUB MEETING INFORMATION

Meetings

Monthly on First Thursdays

Next Meeting Date/Time
7:00 pm
Thurs, Apr 2nd, 2026

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

Hello everyone, I hope you all are doing well and have had a great month. April is here and hopefully the weather will help us to be able to get out and enjoy the outdoors with family and friends.

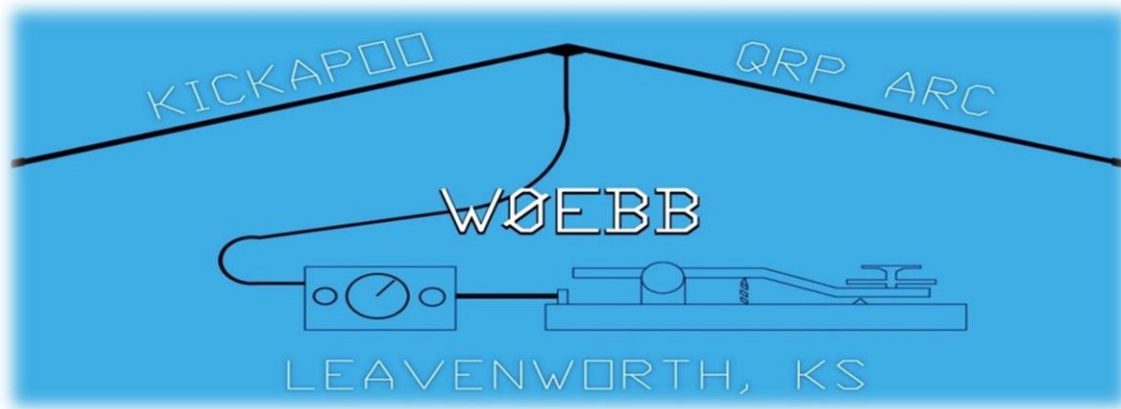
April 9th will be our next club meeting, Roxann KZ0IMO will be giving a Winlink class for us. Winlink is a valuable tool for emergency situations. There are weekly Winlink training classes that you can take on the Winlink website to learn the program, If anyone would like more information on Winlink please visit <https://winlink.org>. Also, we will be having a handheld radio rodeo. Please bring your favorite HT and the manual. We will see how good you know the functions of your radio.

Roxann KZ0IMO has announced a contest for the month of April. THE NET LOGGER Contest from April 1 to April 30th, 2026!!! First place - wins a Field Day 2026 T-shirt, Second Place- wins a Field Day Notebook, Third Place - wins a Field Day pin or patch (your choice). Please see the Group IO email for more information.

Gary W0MNA, along with a few others from our club attended the Ozark-Con in Branson Missouri. It was 2 days full of conference and build sessions. During our April meeting Gary will fill us in on all the events that went on there. Gary and Martha also activated a few summits while they were there! Great job guys!!!!

I hope everyone will join us for our next club meeting. Please stay safe out there and if there is anything that I can help you with please don't hesitate to call. Enjoy the weather and happy hamming!

73s Stephen W9WTY



From the Kickapoo QRP ARC operating desk

The 22nd “Freeze Your Keys” winter operating event is now in the history books. While the starting temperature was close to freezing, we did not have to freeze any of our keys. The temperature at the start of the event was 34 degrees with a slight breeze making the fire in the grill feel really good. At the end of the event the temperature had risen to a nice 61 degrees and was mostly sunny with no wind. Overall, a great day to hold this winter event.

The results this year were much better than last year. Here is a brief summary of our activities:

- o We had 7 stations set up and operating.
- o We operated on 10, 15, 17, 20 and 40 meters in both CW and SSB modes.
- o DX contacts were made to Canada, Italy, Austria, Croatia, Slovina, St. Kits, UK and Wales.
- o Total number of contacts logged was 73.
- o We logged at least 15 states as noted in the logs, but many contacts were not logged by state so it was more than 15 total. We even logged the DX station known as NJ0P in Oklahoma several times.

From a food standpoint I don't think it could have been any better. Phil Sass – KF0DQA provided some excellent Biscuits & Gravy to start the day. Guy Younger – KF0KOS provided both mild and hot versions of Chili for lunch, plus more Chili was added by Martha Auchard – W0ERI. Cornbread was supplied by Steve Rice – W0SER and Martha Auchard – W0ERI. Cookies were supplied by Mike Stewart – N0TU. Ed Menard – KD7QOR was having a birthday on Saturday so a friend of his brought out an Apple cake to celebrate that event.

Firewood was supplied by Phil Sass – KF0DQA, and our fire and safety items were supplied by Steve Rice – W0SER. Jeff Latz – KA0ARW came out to take pictures plus other pictures were taken by the club members throughout the day to add to recording the event. We had 15 PKARC members attend, plus 10 visitors for a total of 25 people on our sign-in sheet.

The money bands this year were 10 and 20 meters. Ed Menard – KD7QOR and Don Owen – KF0MZG were burning up the airwaves trying to make contacts into Europe on the 10-meter band. Don was using one of our club build 10-meter antennas with good success and having a good time chasing the European DX stations.

We were able to tune several of the 40, 20, 15 & 10 meter EFHW antennas built in our latest build class and they seemed to tune up very well. A number of different antennas were in use to include verticals and various versions of dipoles.

The group came together to work as a team and made this event one of the better operating events in recent years. Thanks to everyone that came out to participate, plus provide the food and great conversations throughout the day. I'm already looking forward to next year for the 23rd year for this event. Mark your calendars for February 26, 2027. I know that date is already locked in on my calendar.

I hope everyone had a good time and enjoyed the great food. If you have any ideas or comments on how we can make this event more fun and educational, please feel free to discuss them with me. We're always looking for ways to make things better and more fun.

Hope to see many of you at our next PKARC meetings and Thursday morning breakfast gatherings.
Gary Auchard - W0MNA



Secretary's

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Pilot Knob Amateur Radio Club
Meeting Minutes
March 5th, 2026



Call to Order

The meeting of the PKARC was held on March 5th, at Pilgrim Community Church. It began at 7:01 pm and was presided over by Stephen (W9WTY) President, Guy (KF0KOS) Vice President, John (KF0LNZ) Treasurer and Roxann (KZ0IMO) as Secretary.

Roll Call

Those in attendance: Gary (W0MNA), Martha (W0ERI), Victor (KD0PZV), Randy (K0AWW), Thadd (KF0PXE), Stephen (W9WTY), Bill (KF0QZE), Vic (KE0SYO), Jim (KF0VJV), Loren (KF0QAL), Roxann (KZ0IMO), Mark (KF0TXA), John (KF0LNZ), Ron (N0CALL), Loren (KB0YME), Max (K0MDP), Steve (W0SER), Tom (KF0RWS), Don (KF0QAL) and guest Michael Graveman..

Around of introductions were made.

Stephen reminded everyone about the March 19th build session and that the next meeting will be on April 9th. This meeting will have an HT Radio Rodeo so bring you HT and manual. Roxann will also present on more Winlink. The April build session to take place on the 16th.

Thadd made a motion to approve the minutes from January. Gary Seconded. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Treasurers Report

John discussed the 2026 budget. Tom motioned that we select option B. Martha seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. Vic B motioned that we support Wounded Warrior Project in memory of Ed Robarge. Tom seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. Gary motioned that we approve of the Treasurer's Report. Loren M seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Gary was given the floor and talked briefly about Freeze Your Keys since there will be a write-up done for the April Newsletter. He mentioned that two antennas from the build sessions were tuned at the event.

Martha was given the floor to talk about POTA.. She went into detail regarding the nomenclature of the "abif" format. She talked about working by UTC and then by Calendar. Different software for logging was discussed and how to get the information transferred to the POTA site. The discussion was engaging and very informative. A handout was also provided.

Roxann was given the floor. Her announcements were brief. She mentioned the March 9th JOCO ARES search and rescue drill that will take place using a vehicle. Then reminded members to send updates to Task books and take KCHEART training videos if they have not already done so. She mentioned that currently there is no request for Leavenworth County ARES to be involved with World Cup as of yet. There is discussion about manning the hospitals in shifts for one or two events. More to come on that as June gets closer.

Steve (W0SER) was given the floor next. He talked about the preamp they put on the 145.33 Repeater. There is still a need to test some more. He wanted us to consider the X50NA or the X300NA in case the cause is the antenna. Discussion took place regarding making this discission. The purchase of this item is tabled until more information is acquired.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 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** President: Keith- **KFØKBC** Vice President: Tom - **KFØRWS** Secretary/Treasurer/Trustee: **Roxann – KZØIMO**

April 6th, 2026, SHARC NET supporting the **KCHEART Monthly Test**

Team 4 (KA0DJR, KF0KOS and KD0PZV) reports to SJH

Team 1 (W0SER, KE0SYO, 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.

SHARC Net
Monday April 6th,
2026
1915-1930 Hours
147.000 (+) 151.4
Hz

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](#)

Also, if you have not yet entered your information in the new KCHEART database- Please do so using this link: <https://bit.ly/KCHEART>
Send the form confirmation to me when you receive it.

And lastly, a new KCHEART Emergency Exercise Team has been formed, and they hope to roll out quarterly exercises. I will share more when I know more.

Roxann Kosmicki -KZØIMO



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®
Roxann Kosmicki
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

On March 9th Stephen W9WTY and I participated in the Johnson County ARES Search and Rescue event. This year it was a vehicular search during the evening. We showed up to the rally point just as the briefing was being made. Within a few minutes we were assigned into teams. Each team consisted of four members: one driver, one radio operator/navigator, one observer/scribe on the left and one observer on the right. I was on the Red Team as radio operator/navigator. We utilized APRS but ended up having to fix a connection. Then used another call sign and then another. We discovered items to check in the future. Yes, you do have to turn on location services for your cell phone. Yes, you do need to pick the smallest beacon time setting.

After all that got settled, I tried to talk them out of making me Navigator. I am a turn by the tree kind of gal. Yet they kept me on and I did my best between moving my glasses to read the paper map to looking out in front to search (near sighted). The rest of the three in the vehicle were familiar with the area so despite my lack of nav skills we got along ok.

During the brief we were given two individuals (dummies) to look for, a blue truck and little white churches with stone walls. While driving you would not believe how many of these are in the neighborhood. The radio was busy as traffic went through giving addresses and names of churches for location verification (EOC Net control end was creating markers inside of Uiview for each report).

Stephen was assigned to the Pink Team and was originally only an observer but after a while he was moved to Navigation. Their team was the first to find our lost individual. Way to go!!



In the After Action Report, we touched on the APRS information listed above. Talked about the appropriate speed to search neighborhoods. How to pull over as courtesy to traffic behind you so they can pass. How hard it was to not do all the jobs in the vehicle and focus only on your own task. They showed us all the information gathered in UIView. Many individuals present had participated for several years, and this was the first vehicle search. The feedback was very positive.

Our remaining 2026 ARES Quarterly Meetings are:

May 9th, July 25th, September 5th and the October 3rd SET. On May 9th we will have a Table Top Exercise at Bernard Park at which we will focus in on two forms (ICS 214 and ICS 213). Keep in mind June 27-28 2026 is Field Day .

Here is the schedule for April 2026 Sunday night JARA/ARES net, remember it is your responsibility to get a substitute and to notify me of any changes

	5-Apr	12-Apr	19-Apr	26-Apr
JARA NC	NO NET	KA0DJR	W0SER	KF0KOS
JARA ANC		W0SER	KB0YME	W9WTY
JARA LOG		KE0SYO	KF0RWS	KZ0IMO
ARES NC		KD7QOR	KF0RWS	KD7QOR
ARES ANC		K0MDP	KE0SYO	KZ0IMO
ARES LOG		KZ0IMO	KZ0IMO	KB0YME

At the end of the month you will need to send me your volunteer hours for anything other than KCHEART, JARA and ARES nets. For example- you attend a build session or you make an item on the Taskbook list (you will need to show it to me), or you check into any other local nets (PKARC- it counts). You just need to let me know. Also, your training hours for FEMA classes (website is down again fyi), CW classes or meetings for your AEC positions all count. If you are doing EmComm Winlink you will need to CC my rocketmail email address to get credit.

*****Special Event*****

I am kicking off the 1 Year Anniversary of me being your Emergency Coordinator with a Contest.

THE NET LOGGER Contest from April 1 to April 30th, 2026!!!

Utilizing the TE0ST in Net Control Manager (unless you are the actual) you will receive **10 points** for every ICS 214 that you send to me for ARES net, JARA net or PKARC net. Receive **6 points** for capturing the Announcement (If you are the actual logger your log counts and determines the Bonus points). Receive **1 point** for each member comment captured. **3 Bonus** points for any exact matches in the comment section amongst ICS 214 forms received. Points will be tallied. Side note: paper ICS is also ok to send to me.

First place - I will buy you a Field Day 2026 T-shirt

Second Place- I will buy you a Field Day Notebook

Third Place - I will buy you a Field Day pin or patch (your choice).

Happy Contesting!!

Stay Cool, Stay Ready,

Roxann Kosmicki –

KS-LV-ARES ARRL® Emergency Coordinator

SSTV and DSSTV

Slow-scan television (SSTV) is a method for transmitting static images via radio, primarily utilized by amateur radio operators. It was developed in 1957 by Copthorne MacDonald. SSTV allows images to be sent over narrow (3 KHz) bandwidth channels, making it feasible to transmit pictures over long distances. SSTV typically takes between eight seconds to a couple of minutes to transmit a single image frame.

SSTV gained prominence during the Apollo missions, where it was used to send images from the Moon. The Apollo TV cameras transmitted images from missions such as Apollo 7, Apollo 8, and Apollo 11. The first system used in space was called Seliger-Tral-D, tested during the Vostok missions, including the historic flight of Yuri Gagarin in 1961.

The most commonly-used frequencies for SSTV are: 7.171 MHz (40M), 14.230 MHz (20M), and 145.500 MHz (2M). There are many computer-based software packages for SSTV including Chroma Pix (<http://www.barberdsp.com/>), JVComm32 (<http://www.jvcomm.de/>), MMSSTV (<http://mmhamsoft.ham-radio.ch/>), MSCAN SSTV, and Meteo (<http://www.mscaan.com/>). You can even receive SSTV on your smart phone: SDR-Control for iPhone and Robot36 or DroidSSTV for Android.

Should you enjoy RF contesting, you might try the HamSphere SSTV Contest on August 29th and 30th UTC. Work as many stations you can using SSTV mode in 24 hours using the 10M – 160M bands. You can get more information at https://hs50.hamsphere.com/viewcontest.php?contest_id=3531.

And don't forget that the International Space Station is frequently sending SSTV to commemorate important events in history. The next one is Series 31 and will include several commemorations: Cosmonauts Day—the 65th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's first flight, the 100th anniversary of the first liquid fueled rocket launch, the 45th anniversary of the first Space Shuttle flight, and the 20th anniversary of the deployment of Suitsat-1/Radioskaf. The event will happen between April 10th and 14th (times to be determined) at 437.55 MHz. Details are available at <https://www.ariss.org/upcoming-sstv-events.html>.

Digital Slow Scan Television (DSSTV), developed in the 1990's, is an innovative advancement in the field of image transmission over radio frequencies. It builds upon the traditional SSTV technology, enhancing the quality and efficiency of image sharing among amateur radio operators.

DSSTV offers higher resolution, faster transmission speed, simpler equipment configuration, and easier integration between the radio and the computer.

Software packages for DSSTV including Winskan, SSTV32 (http://webpages.charter.net/jamie_5/) and W95SSTV (<http://www.barberdsp.com/w95sstv/w95sstv.htm>)

Digital Slow Scan Television represents a significant leap forward in amateur radio image transmission. By leveraging digital technology, DSSTV enhances the clarity and efficiency of image sharing, making it an increasingly popular choice among radio operators. As technology continues to evolve, DSSTV is set to play a crucial role in the future of amateur radio communications.

It's OK by Foreign Correspondent Rick Reichert, NJØP

No article for this month

Up Coming Events You Should Have on Your Calendar

April 6th KC Heart

April 9th PKARC monthly meeting

April 16th Build Session

May 4th KC Heart

May 7th PKARC monthly meeting

May 9th ARES Quarterly Training, Table Top Exercise

ARRL [Contest](#)

19 April Rookie Roundup - [Phone](#)

6 – 7 June International [Digital](#) Contest

13 – 15 June [VHF](#)

20 June Kids [Day](#)

11 – 12 July [HF World Championship](#)

Local area public service events [calendar](#) from Larrys List

Training links

[EMCOMM-Training.org](#)

FEMA [NIMS](#) training

[ARRL](#) Training

ARRL [On The Air Live](#)

Photos

QSL cards we have received via email


KI5ZAZ 

Jason M Mullins
10394 Kelli Dr
Saint Amant, LA 70774




Confirming QSO With	Day	Month	Year	UTC Time	Band	Frequency	RST Sent	RST Rcvd	Mode
KS0LV	07	06	2025	01:40	20m	14.310 MHz	59	59	SSB

73, Thanks for the QSO. I hope to meet you further down the log.

AE4GW 

Greg Wilde
200 Anglewood Dr
Lenoir City, Tennessee 37772
United States



Confirming QSO With	Year	Month	Day	UTC Time	Band	Report	Mode
KS0LV	2025	06	07	01:39	20m	59	SSB

Yaesu FTDX-101MP, Antenna - Chameleon Emcomm III. Thanks for the QSO. 73, Greg

ITU: 8 CQ:4 Grid: EM75vt Loudon County

