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CLUB MEETING INFORMATION

Meetings
Monthly on First Thursdays

Next Meeting Date/Time
7:00 pm
Thurs, November 5th, 2026

Build & Learn Sessions
Most Months on Third Thursdays

Next Session Date/Time
6:00 pm or 7:00 pm
Check the club calendar

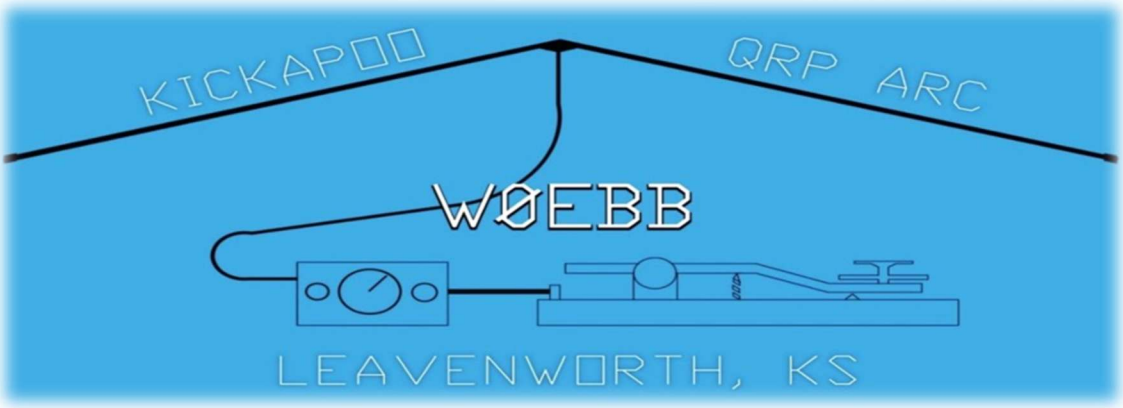
Location
Pilgrim Community Church
500 Arch Street
Leavenworth, KS 66048

Club Breakfast
Every Thursday
7:30 am
at
The Depot 1887
781 Shawnee Street
Leavenworth, KS 66048

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From the President's Desk

Greetings,
It's been a busy month for PKARC members. This includes but is not limited to the annual SET exercise in Bernard Park, POTA activations, SOTA chasing, the annual Ensor Museum auction, tower maintenance at St Johns Hospital, and preparations for the annual Veterans Day parade and club Christmas party.
The annual Veteran's day parade is a highlight for the club as we provide support to the parade officials by establishing an auxiliary radio network with operators positioned at key points along the parade route in order to enable awareness and coordinate parade activities. This year Ed (KD7QOR) and Vic (KE0SYO) are working with parade officials to provide support.
The annual Christmas party will be held on Friday 4 December at the federal prison training center. The overwhelming turnout of club members and family over the past few years caused the leadership to seek out a larger venue for the Christmas party. This year the main entrees are BBQ provided by the club augmented by side dishes provided by the club attendees. There is no cost to attend the Christmas party but you must respond to the invitation email so that the committee can order the correct amount of BBQ. If you are bringing family member, please let the committee know within your response especially kid's names and ages – the committee tries to have small take aways for everyone.
Over the past two months several of the club members have experimented with new Meshtastic hardware and interfaces. The relatively new technology promises to be quite fun as part of the amateur radio hobby. I am looking forward to our November meeting where we will share what we have learned.
Additionally, its time to identify who among us enjoyed an exceptional amateur radio year and nominate that person for "Ham of the Year". There are no hard and fast criteria for this award other than be active in club activities and members in pursuit of the hobby.
In closing, it is the holiday season. We all need to take some time to reflect on the year. I hope to see you at the November club meeting on 5 November. Seasons Greetings!
73
W9WTY



From the Kickapoo QRP ARC operating desk

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The month of October found us spending most of the month doing local activities and no chances of getting out to do any SOTA activations. The month of November will not be that way as we have a few days early in the month to head down to Arkansas and do a number of our favorite summits. I'll report on that activity next month.

Several of our PKARC member managed to find their way over to the Spark-Con hamfest in Sedalia Missouri on October 9th and 10th. This has become one of the main hamfests in Missouri and this year was well attended. The location is easy to find and the building it is held in is part of the Missouri State Fair Grounds.

The main floor of the auditorium was full of swap tables and a several commercial vendors selling needed items to the hams. The swap tables were well spaced out between the aisles making it not feel crowded by any means. There was a good amount of used items on the swap tables and from my perspective well worth taking a serious look at.

There were a number of seminars of which I attended two. Joe Eisenberg gave a very interesting talk about spy numbers and pirate radio stations. Seems there are more spys still out there on the airwaves than you might think and easy to find if you know where to go look. The same falls true for the Pirate stations.

The other seminar I attended concerned operating using QRP power levels. This was an interesting talk and covered many of the techniques of operating in that mode, plus the various events that draw a lot of QRP operators. The various types of QRP radios were discussed and there is no lack of those type of radios on the market. Good discussion amongst the group of attendees and well attended seminar.

The other event that took up a day of ham radio fun was the annual Ensor Museum Auction. This event is held at the Ensor farmhouse just south of Olatha which has been made into a museum. This year the weather was excellent and the tables were full of items to be auctioned off. I personally brought home a couple of items as did several of our PKARC members that attended the auction. I always look forward to this auction as like any auction you never know what will show up and the prices seems to be very low overall.

Guy – KF0KOS has a new antenna in the air. He now has a Mosley TA-33 tri-band beam on a 39 foot tower. The installation took some time between pouring the concrete base, assembling the tower, pulling it up onto the side of the house where the mount was located, then using a rented hoist to do the final antenna install on the tower. It looks great and should work well for him for many years.

Don't forget we have a build session on November 19th where we will be assembling a voltage monitoring device. We have 8 kits available at $20 each so show up with your soldering equipment and be ready to have some building fun.

See you at the November 5th PKARC meeting and our weekly breakfast gatherings at the Depot restaurant.

Gary Auchard - W0MNA

Secretary's Page

Pilot Knob Amateur Radio Club
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the PKARC was held on October 1st, at Pilgrim Community Church. It began at 7:00 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: Thadd (KF0PXE), Stephen (W9WTY), Vic (KE0SYO), Roxann (KZ0IMO), John (KF0LNZ), Ron (N0CALL), Max (K0MDP), Guy (KF0KOS), Mark (KF0TXA), Ashley (KF0TKM), Stephen (KF0TKN) Martha (W0ERI), Gary (W0MNA), Jim (W0MLT), Emily (AF0GV), Phil (KF0DQA), Mike (KE0GEX), Keith (KF0KBC), Steve (W0SER), Loren K (,.

Stephen initiated the round of introductions of the membership after which he announced that next month they plan to talk more about Meshtastic.

Treasurers Report

John passed out the Treasurers Report and then discussed the Financials for September.

Guy made a motion to approve the Treasures Report as presented. Thadd Seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Stephen then discussed getting a new club banner in time for the Veteran's Day Parade. Some discussions took place. Then Guy made a motion to get a new banner with RACES and MARS removed, addition of the club logo and paid for out of the club's general funds. Vic seconded. No further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Gary was then given the floor to discuss the Silent Auction Items in the back. Ground rules were reviewed and he answered any questions.

Secretary Report

Thadd made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the September QRZ. Vic seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

New Business – Guy brought forward a discussion to get a reimbursement for the pizza that was purchased for the Fred Harvey special event. The cost was $90.00. Martha made a motion to approve the reimbursement of the pizza out of the club's general fund. Thadd seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Next Guy started some discussion about the upcoming Christmas Dinner. Stephen said he got approval to utilize the Federal Facility at his work. He spoke about the location and answered questions. Martha talked about another location as well. Some discussions took place. Then a poll was taken to see how we wanted to get food (catered, potluck or hybrid) and what kind of meat. The result was a Hybrid BBQ. Keith mentioned that the club covers the cost of the meat and that the location would be the Federal Facility. Stephen seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Guy attempted to show his Shack. Had computer problems. Will try again next month.

Mark then handed out some information about Meshtastic and reviewed some settings with the group. He mentioned that Alex was doing some research as well. There is still some follow up needed on the Meshtastic Node.

Next Steve talked about the upcoming build session. He has 7 kits for the power strips $25.00 ea. Two weeks from tonight at 6pm at the church they will begin the project.

Keith made a motion to extend the Silent Auction for another 5 minutes. Ashely seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Lastly, Roxann mentioned Ham of the Year. Stephen appointed Guy and Roxann as the HOY Committee. Plan is to have nominations in by November 6th.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Roxann Kosmicki, KZ0IMO



SHARC Net
First Monday of the month
1915-1930 Hours
147.000 (+) 151.4 Hz

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**

November 2nd, 2026, SHARC NET supporting the **KCHEART Monthly Test**

*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.

Welcome to FALL. As we start to think about 2027, I just wanted to put a little teaser out there to see if there were any teams that would like to give it a go to operate as Net Control for the KCHEART net. They typically take sign ups at our annual meeting in January. So, I encourage you to talk as a team and let me know, or even better come to the meeting and sign up.

Kind Regards,

Roxann Kosmicki -KZ0IMO

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
zjphillips@leavenworthcounty.gov

KCHEART
Matt May, Director
Kc4wcg@gmail.com

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

Leavenworth Co. Kansas

Roxann Kosmicki
KS-LV-ARES Emergency Coordinator

Hi ARES Members!

It is finally November!!

October started off with our Simulated Exercise Test on October 3rd. Max did a great job writing up and executing his first exercise. Several of us met at Bernard Park at 9am to Frantically Find Freddie the Fox.
Three direction finding teams were established from members present: Phil, Tom, Vic, Thadd, Guy, Ed with Tammy as an observer. Roxann was the Net Control Operator. Teams utilized handheld radios, direction finding antenna and filled out ICS 214's. Max covered a few different methods of how to find the fox and then the teams put it to the test.


Max giving the team assignments. with Ed and Guy in the background.


Max showing us the the fox at EndEx.


Vic and Tom listening to Max.

October 18th was a scheduled tower climb and equipment maintenance at Saint John Hospital. I was so disappointed that I was sick and was unable to attend. I want to thank Steve R and the tower crew for getting things accomplished. Guy took the following pictures:


Here we have Max our seasoned climber with Stephen on his first climb. They swapped out an antenna and put up a Meshtastic node.


In this picture is the tower crew from left to right: Guy, Max, Steve, Thadd, Tom and Gary. Not pictured is Stephen. I am guessing that he is the camera man.

On October 23rd I received an email from a HAM in another club asking if I was going to be on the Kansas Sideband HF net SET exercise on 3920kHz at 6:30pm on October 24&25. They were also going to exercise on 7253.5 kHz at 2pm on Sunday. The net control for this event was the Kansas Section Manager Ron Cowan-KB0DTI. I quickly reached out to Ed, and we set ourselves up to attempt to check in and send in the requested exercise information when the day and time came. I got on the air on Sunday at the 6:30pm time slot and Ed took the 2:00pm time slot. Ed was

only able to tell that conversations were taking place, but it was unreadable. When my time came up, I heard two stations minimally until Wyandotte County checked in and they were loud and clear. After that the signal was unreadable once more. Thank you, Ed, for helping me with this at the last moment.

Now we find ourselves on Halloween Day. I was asked to be a controller/evaluator for an exercise taking place for Shawnee CERT. They set up an exercise looking for some lost scouts. It was a good learning experience. After the exercise finished, they had a few individuals who needed some AuxC task books signed. So, since I had brought my gear, I had them demonstrate how to set up the 17/30 trap and get on the air.



Here is Clay the Exercise Communications Leader (ComL) checking the cache radios back in.



Here is Sandy and Clay working together to put up the 17/30 trap antenna for their Auxiliary Communications (AuxC) Task book.

After I finished that I drove home for a 3-hour reprieve before joining Randy, Vic H, Rob, Pat and Rachel out on Goblin Patrol for Leavenworth County Office of Emergency Management from about 6:30 to 10:30pm. I am glad it was a fairly quiet night. I slept deep and would have been late to Sunday happenings but lucked out because of Daylight Savings time. Whew.

Now we look forward to the Veteran's Day Parade on November 11th. Ed recently sent out an email first draft of the operations plan. If you are interested in helping please reach out to Ed M or Vic H.

Next… I remind you 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 Task book 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, 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.

Please use this link to send me volunteer hours:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0kJOkv6b_oGmWpfZRwSw8ZDbDWDMXXXjC74jK-O7SMuPDPQ/viewform?usp=preview

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Lastly, please check the November Net roster below. If you are available to fill in a slot, please let me know. Thank you!

Stay Warm, Stay Ready,
Roxann Kosmicki – KZ0IMO
KS-LV-ARES ARRL® Emergency Coordinator

NET CHECK-INS

Sign up link for PKARC positions

JARA 6 4 Oct	11-Oct	18-Oct	25-Oct
* KE0SYO	* KF0PXE	* W0SER	* KF0KBC
**KF0RWS	** KF0RWS	** KF0RWS	** KF0RWS
*** W9WTY	*** W9WTY	*** W9WTY	*** W9WTY
W0MNA	W0MNA	W0MNA	NJ0P
NJ0P	KOAVN	W0MLT	W0MLT
KF0PXE	NJ0P	KE0SYO	NB 1T
NB 1T	KF0KBC	KF0KBC	KE0SYO
W0MLT	KE0SYO	KZ0IMO	KZ0IMO
W0SER	W0MLT	KF0KOS	
KF0DQA	KF0KOS		
	W0SER		

ARES 4 Oct	11-Oct	18-Oct	25-Oct
* KE0SYO	* KF0RWS	* KF0KOS	* KF0RWS
** KF0RWS	** KE0SYO	** KF0RWS	** KE0SYO
*** W9WTY	*** W9WTY	*** W9WTY	*** W9WTY
KZ0IMO	NJ0P	W0SER	KF0KBC
KD7QOR	KF0PXE	KF0KBC	NB 1T
NJ0P	KD7QOR	KZ0IMO	KD7QOR
KF0KOS	KF0KBC	KE0SYO	KD0PZV
NB 1T	KF0KOS		KZ0IMO
	W0SER		

PKARC 7 Oct	14-Oct	21-Oct	28-Oct
* W0SER	* W0SER	* W0SER	* W0SER
** KF0PXE	** KF0RWS	** KD7QOR	** KF0PXE
*** W9WTY	*** W9WTY	*** KZ0IMO	*** KF0KOS
KG0HG	KF0QAL	KF0KBC	KF0RWS
KB0YUV	KF0KOS	KE0SYO	W9WTY
KA0ARW	KD7QOR	KA0ARW	KE0WLM
KE0SYO	NB 1T	N6OAN	KE0SYO
KF0RWS	W0MLT	KG0HG	KFOKBC
W0MLT	KF0JNW	W0MLT	W0MLT
KC0QIG	N6OAN	NB 1T	KA0ARW
N6OAN	KE0WLM	KC0QIG	N6OAN
KF0DQA	W0SMF	KF0DQA	KF0DQA
NB 1T			KG0HG
KF0QAL			KD7QOR
KE0WLM			
KF0KOS			

5-Oct	
SJH 19573	PMC 19576
K0MDP LOG	KZ0IMO
KD7QOR NC	
KF0PXE ANC	
KA0DJR	
NB 1T	

* NC **ANC *** Logger

Upcoming Net positions

	1-Nov	8-Nov	15-Nov	22-Nov
JARA NC	KE0SYO		KF0KBC	
JARA ANC				
JARA LOG				
	1-Nov	8-Nov	15-Nov	22-Nov
ARES NC	KZ0IMO	KZ0IMO	KF0KBC	
ARES ANC				
ARES LOG			KZ0IMO	KZ0IMO

	4-Nov	11-Nov	18-Nov	25-Nov
PKARC NC	W9WTY	W9WTY	W9WTY	W9WTY
PKARC ANC				
PKARC LOG			KF0KBC	

Digital Mode Memo

Packet Radio: The Foundation of Digital Amateur Radio

For decades, packet radio has served as the bedrock of digital communications in the amateur radio service. While newer, faster modes like VARA and PACTOR have captured headlines, packet radio remains a fundamental tool for local networking, emergency communications, and the gateway to the broader world of digital data.

A Legacy of Connectivity: Packet radio emerged in the late 1970s and early 1980s, adapting the X.25 protocol used in commercial data networks for amateur use. The breakthrough was the creation of the Terminal Node Controller (TNC), a device that handled the complex task of breaking data into "packets," adding error checking, and managing the link-layer protocols.

In its heyday, packet radio created a sprawling web of "digipeaters" (digital repeaters) and bulletins boards (BBS). An operator could send a message from their home station, have it bounced across several digipeaters, and land on a remote node—often without any internet connection. This early infrastructure paved the way for the Winlink system and established the concept of store-and-forward messaging in the hobby.

Packet in the Modern Era: While the "gold rush" of packet BBSs has faded, the mode remains highly relevant today, particularly in the VHF/UHF bands. Its primary modern utility lies in its simplicity and standardization.

One of the most enduring uses of packet is the Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS). While APRS often uses a simplified version of the packet protocol (AX.25), it relies on the same core concepts to broadcast real-time GPS positions, weather data, and short text messages. For emergency communications (EmComm) groups, local packet networks provide a reliable way to move structured data and status reports across a city or county without relying on the fragile cellular grid.

Moreover, packet remains a primary entry point for those learning digital modes. Because it operates at predictable speeds (typically 1200 baud), it is an excellent way to learn about TNCs, audio interfacing, and the logic of data networking.

The Future of the Mode: The future of packet radio is not about raw speed, but about integration and efficiency. We are seeing a shift from expensive, standalone hardware TNCs to software-based controllers (such as Direwolf), which allow a standard PC to act as a node. This lowers the barrier to entry and makes it easier to integrate packet networks with modern IP-based systems.

Looking ahead, we can expect packet to continue evolving as a "last mile" solution. While satellite internet and LTE dominate the landscape, packet remains a low-power, resilient alternative. Integration with the Internet of Things (IoT) may see a resurgence in packet, where low-bandwidth sensors can report data across a local digipeater network to a central hub.

Packet radio taught us how to treat the airwaves as a data pipe. Whether you are running a vintage hardware TNC or a modern software node, packet continues to prove that reliability and standardization are often more valuable than sheer speed.

Hobby, Habit, or Way of Life?

I've been around the bands long enough to see a few cycles of solar activity, a couple of equipment generations, and more than my share of operators come and go. Somewhere along the way I started noticing that not everyone who holds a ticket relates to this radio business the same way. We all started somewhere near the same place—curiosity, a license exam, that first QSO that made the hair on the back of the neck stand up—but we don't all end up in the same place. Over the years I've come to sort us, roughly, into three camps: the hobbyists, the habit-formers, and the lifestyle crowd. None of them is "better." They're just different temperatures of the same fire.

The Hobbyist

These are the operators who treat amateur radio the way a sensible man treats a fishing rod or a set of golf clubs. It's something they enjoy when the weather's right and the schedule allows. They may keep a decent station, show up for Field Day, work a contest or two when the spirit moves them, and swap a few cards. When life gets busy—work, family, travel—the radio goes quiet for weeks or months without much guilt. The hobby sits in its proper place: a welcome diversion, not the center of gravity.

There's nothing wrong with this. Some of the most pleasant QSOs I've had were with people who only fire up the rig a few times a year. They still remember why they got into it. They just don't let it rearrange the furniture.

The Habit

Then there are the fellows for whom radio has become a regular part of the day, the way some men read the paper or walk the dog. They check into the same nets. They keep a daily or near-daily schedule with a handful of friends. The shack is tidy, the log is current, and the equipment is maintained. Missing a session feels slightly off, the way missing coffee would.

This is a solid, sustainable way to stay in the game. The habit keeps the skills sharp and the friendships warm without demanding that everything else orbit around it. A good many of us live here for decades. It's comfortable. It works.

The Lifestyle

And then there are the ones for whom the callsign is not an activity but an identity. The station is not a room in the house; the house is arranged around the station. Vacations are planned with propagation in mind. Social circles lean heavily toward other hams. Conversations at dinner drift naturally toward antennas, digital modes, or the latest DX expedition. When they move, the first question is not about schools or property taxes but about the HOA and the view toward the horizon. Their callsign appears on the license plate, the mailbox, sometimes the shirt.

These operators don't "do" radio. They live it. The rest of life is fitted in around operating, contesting, public service, mentoring, or whatever particular corner of the hobby has claimed them. It can look extreme from the outside. From the inside it simply feels natural.

The Overlap and the Drift

Of course the lines are not sharp. A hobbyist can slip into a habit during a good solar cycle and slide back when the kids start college. A lifestyle operator may ease off after a health scare or a big move and settle into a quieter rhythm. I've known men who spent thirty years deep in the lifestyle and then, almost overnight, became contented hobbyists again. Life happens.

What matters is recognizing where you actually are, not where you think you ought to be. There's no prize for intensity. The bands have room for the fellow who only turns the radio on when the aurora is dancing and for the one whose shack light is on before the coffee finishes brewing. Both can make solid contacts. Both can help a new licensee. Both can enjoy the strange, quiet satisfaction of talking to a stranger across an ocean with nothing but wire and electrons between them.

I've lived in all three places at different times. Right now I'm somewhere between habit and lifestyle, depending on the week and the sunspots. I no longer feel the need to apologize for whichever one it is. The important thing is still the same as it was the day I passed my first exam: the signal gets out, someone answers, and for a few minutes the world is a little smaller and a little more interesting.

73, and keep the light on when you can.
-- B.N. Elmer



Loose Wires: November 2026

Contributed by Rick Reichert, NJØP, Foreign Correspondent, Tahlequah, OK

WinLink and EmComm. WinLink (winlink.org), an excellent global radio email platform, is well-suited for Amateur Radio emergency response. Winlink Express is their free application that provides a robust and highly configurable user interface for WinLink. Sending unformatted emails is easy, but its strengths are the embedded forms that can be used as templates for formatted, agency-specific messages. Winlink users in ARES or participating in Incident Command System (ICS) style events have fillable forms at the ready. Both the application and form templates are automatically updated by Winlink.

EmComm (emcomm-training.org) is a volunteer-operated group that fosters and enhances radio communications by assisting Amateur Radio Operators who train for Emergency Communications. EmComm conducts weekly Winlink exercises, due Thursdays, giving us opportunities to stay proficient with Winlink. Once an assignment is completed, the EmComm group evaluates how you did and provides feedback within a day or two.

KS-LV-ARES had regular participants in the weekly exercises, but participation has dropped off in the last year. I started back up a few months ago with the exercises (sign up at emcomm-training.groups.io) and saw that I had gotten rusty. It didn't take long to get back up to speed. Need help with Winlink? Feel free to contact me. My Oklahoma contact info is in the club directory.

First Guest Operator. After the last edition of Loose Wires was put to bed, but still in September, Vic Henke KEØSYO and his wife Linda stopped by for an overnight on their way home from Texas. During their previous visit, the radio room was still being built. This year, the radio room was fully complete, and Vic became the first guest operator.



Rick (left) gives Vic a short orientation

After a short orientation, he started tuning through the 15 Meter band, working stations



Vic begins his world sweep of QSOs

and getting 59 reports from Italy, Germany, Belgium and other stations in Europe. He even busted a pile up. A slight twist of a wrist on the rotator, and he started working Central and South America. He certainly seemed to enjoy himself and quipped, "This is too easy."



Rick and Vic in front of the Ham Shack

It's always a great time when we get together and this was no exception. Who will be the *next* guest operator?

73 de Rick, NJØP

Up Coming Events You Should Have on Your Calendar

Ham Radio Work All Stations 250 celebration (all year long)

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17 Oct	Ensor Museum and Auction, 9-2pm
18 Oct/1:30pm	Tower maintenance day
18/19 Oct	Illinois QSO Party
11 Nov	Veterans Day Parade
4 Dec	Annual PKARC Christmas Dinner, more to follow

ARRL Contest
Additional Contest links: WA7BNM and Contesting.com.
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

Please visit https://pkarc.groups.io/g/main/album?id=312250 for recent submissions.