



JUNE NEWSLETTER
2018

KCARC Meeting
Monday, June 11, 2018, 7 PM
Cobb Rec Center
2302 State St.

WEEKLY NET TIME
Thursday, 8 PM on 146.76 repeater
(146.2 Hz tone)
Club Website:
<http://kc5olo.org/>

2018 Officers:

Steve Ayers, KE5ES, President,
Mike Roche, KF5ZQB, Vice President,
Kathryn Wilson, KG5THK, Secretary,
Peg Richard, KA4UPA Treasurer

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Hello again from KE5ES, Steve. A lot has been going on since the last newsletter. The club had a play day at SeaBee Park. Due to work I was unable to attend but I hope that everyone had a great time. It is June. This means Field Day for many Amateur Radio operators.

Since I have only been a Ham as of 2014 I have limited experience with Field Day. What I have noticed that there are groups that show up for Field Day. You have the Work Horses, The Observers, The Eaters, and The Interested. The Work Horses arrive early to set up and operate hardcore. The Observers show up to watch all of the activity and give advice on how they would do it. The Eaters show up right before dinner and leave right after dinner. The Interested arrive and putter around each station trying to understand what is going on.

I have to work this year but I will ask one thing of the participants. Represent the club in the best way you can and be receptive to visitors who are interested in the Hobby. When I am operating I tend to get into a zone where everything around me doesn't matter. Field Day can be a competition. I remember my dad telling me when the competition quits being fun it is time to stop, take a breath, and reevaluate the competition.

See you at the meeting and God bless you and your's.

Steven Ayers

KE5ES

KCARC President

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Time for Field Day. At the meeting Monday an announcement will be made on the location. We like to start a list of operators for the weekend. We will be having several stations in operation and the modes will depend on the operators available. If you will be available please let me know. Everyone needs to come out and have fun.

73 sk KF5ZQB, Mike, VP

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Pegged by Peg ...

Reminder that 2018 dues are payable at \$20.00 per family, all living at one address, or \$15.00 per individual for the year.

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UpcomingHamfests:

06/08/2018 | West Gulf Division Convention (Ham-Com 2018)

Location: Plano, TX

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Ham-Com, Inc.

Website: <http://www.hamcom.org>

07/27/2018 | Oklahoma Section Convention (Ham Holiday 2018)

Location: Oklahoma City, OK

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Central Oklahoma Radio Amateurs

Website: <http://www.hamholiday.org>

08/02/2018 | YLRL 2018 Convention

Location: Oklahoma City, OK

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Young Ladies Radio League

Website: <http://ylrlconvention.org>

08/03/2018 | Texas State Convention (Austin Summerfest 2018)

Location: Austin, TX

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Austin ARC & Texas VHF-FM Society

Website:

<http://www.austinsummerfest.org09/01/2018>
| [Alamogordo ARC's 34th Annual Hamfest](#)

09/01/2018 | Alamogordo ARC's 34th Annual Hamfest

Location: Alamogordo, NM

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Alamogordo Amateur Radio Club

Website:

<http://www.qsl.net/k5lrw/hamfest.htm>

09/21/2018 | Rocky Mountain Division Convention (Duke City Hamfest)

Location: Albuquerque, NM
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: New Mexico Hamvention, Inc.
Website: <http://dukecityhamfest.org>

10/19/2018 | New Mexico State Convention (Socorro Hamfest)

Location: Socorro, NM
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Socorro ARA, Tech ARA, & City of Socorro
Website: <http://socorroara.org/hamfest.html>

10/26/2018 | Texoma Hamarama

Location: Ardmore, OK
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Texoma Hamarama, Inc. (Local ARCs)
Website: <http://www.texomahamarama.org>

11/03/2018 | Enid Hamfest

Location: Enid, OK
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Enid Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.enidarc.org/ENIDHAMFEST>

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CONTESTS:

<http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

June 2018

9-11 [June VHF](#)
16 [Kids Day](#)
23-24 [Field Day](#)

July 2018

14-15 [IARU HF World Championship](#)

August 2018

4-5 [222 MHz and Up Distance Contest](#)
18-19 [10 GHz & Up - Round 1](#)
19 [Rookie Roundup - RTTY](#)

September 2018

8-10 [September VHF](#)
15-16 [10 GHz & Up - Round 2](#)
29-30 [EME - 2.3 GHz & Up](#)

October 2018

15-19 [School Club Roundup](#)
27-28 [EME - 50 to 1296 Mhz](#)

November 2018

3-5 [Nov. Sweepstakes - CW](#)
17-19 [Nov. Sweepstakes - Phone](#)
24-25 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)
11/30-12/2 [160 Meter](#)

December 2018

11/30-12/2 [160 Meter](#)
8-9 [10 Meter](#)
16 [Rookie Roundup-CW](#)

For a more extensive Ham Radio Contest Calendar, check this website:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

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EXAM SESSION

09/01/2018

Sponsor: Key City ARC
Date: September 1, 2018 (Saturday)
Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Peggy Richard
(325) 672-8889
Email: ka4upa@suddenlink.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Berry Lane Baptist Church
1515 Lakeside Drive
Abilene TX 79602-4123

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SPOTLIGHT ON – WD2AGQ (from QRZ.com)

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QSL INFO: I don't usually QSL but will if you need it. I especially like to follow up a QSO with an email where possible.

BIO:

Early Years: Started out in electronics when my parents gave me a Radio Shack 100 in 1 kit. Later my father's friend gave me some books and a VTVM.

I went through high school during which time participating in a vocational course of basic and advanced electronics which led into working as apprentice in a few radio/TV shops thanks to my vocational

teacher Doc. (N2DTE).

Also, during that time I tested for my Novice ticket going through code and theory testing to the General ticket and have been General since mid 70's. I also was encouraged by Doc. to work towards the Radio Telephone License for which I secured the Second Class Radiotelephone Operator License.

I would also like to credit Charlie KB2RK (SK) and Louise KC2AU (SK) (I do not have her original call) for mentoring me toward this great Ham Radio hobby. Another influence were those in the Fulton Amateur Radio Club W2CXV.

Still working in radio/TV I started a shop of my own which was also during the CB boon. Working with the CB folks provided two things: financial gain and second, furthering my taste for ham radio in contrast with my disgust of CB folk types. I especially hated their desire for placing greater interest and finances in CB equipment ahead of their own family responsibilities.

Time went on with other employment with Radio Shack repair division i.e.. 8-track, Cassette, Phonograph players and the big cabinet modular stereo equipment along with Scanner and CB repairs.

Mid Years: I then left Radio Shack for a position at Oswego State College as an "Electronics Technician". This was my first opportunity to learn and work on commercial equipment as well as pick up land mobile. My primary responsibilities were that of fire alarm and security alarm repairs and installations. Instrumentation, commercial electrical and land mobile were secondary.

Marriage and family came into being during the employment at Oswego. We have a happy and large family of 8 children over the years. So far, I am the only one in the family who has an interest in ham radio.

Present: I am now retired after 35 years employed at Oswego State including a few years after school.

I am presently enjoying ham radio, homebrew and kit forms of electronics. I

am of using SMT components for ham radio projects, also in development board work right now before old age sets in and then will not be able to work in such detail.

I am trying to pass the lost art of basic and discrete electronics study on to homeschoolers through a local co-op twice a year for 8 weekly sessions each. A few who are especially into robotics and the "Make" society are interested in learning. I have yet to have any students desire to pick-up ham radio even though I use this opportunity to advertise it.

Ham Radio Operating:

Modes: by preference (1) CW, (2) PSK (3) RTTY (4) Phone [if I really have to.]

Bands: Opr. 160-10m and just started using WARC 30m QRP.

Activity: Mostly Rag-chew and prefer electronic technical discussions. (No contesting nor DX here). Enjoy antenna construction and experimentation here in countryside. I also QRP kits and Electronic Bread boarding, and always on the lookout for technical discussion with anyone who does the same.

Here is my latest QRP and QRPp Setup (portable on the left and the most recent configuration):



Above: All is mounted with sticky back velcro on a Teflon cutting board easily moved from indoors to outdoors although not the same mode as of a go box:

Other Interests:

Electronics: Restoration of vintage equipment, bread boarding, Electronic repairs of all sorts.

Teaching: Youth need guidance and experience in all areas of life. I am teaching electronics, basic thru RF concepts and soldering skills via local home schooling cooperative extensions. Some students have experience in development board but lack the foundations of electronics and digital. Others are pretty much from the ground up.

May we meet one day on HF. My [THANK YOU](#) extended ahead of time for a QSO. I really like to wrap a QSO with an email where it is listed your QRZ pages.

God Bless

73

Keith / WD2AGQ

CW or Bust