

# *Harc Herald*

A Monthly Newsletter of the Heart of America Radio Club  
Published in Kansas City, Missouri  
July 2019

## Travels with Craig

The July Heart of America Radio club meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 16 at the American Red Cross office at 6601 Winchester, Kansas City, MO 64133 at 7:00 p.m. Please try to attend the meeting if you can.

The program for the meeting will be pictures and descriptions of travel through the Smoky Mountains. The program arises from a family trip taken by Craig Schley, KAØFSP, who will make the presentation.

There is more than one way to the location. Here is one of the routes. From Sixty-third Street, turn south on Winchester Avenue at the traffic signal. Drive up a long hill for three blocks. You will pass the Spectrum office on the right. The next building on the right is 6601 Winchester Avenue. Parking space surrounds the building, but park in front.

The front door of the building will be locked at the time of the meeting. Before the meeting you will be greeted at the door. If you arrive after 7 o'clock, call for WØRR on 146.940 MHz. simplex, because reaching the 94 repeater using an HT from inside the building is difficult. You might also use 94 simplex to obtain talk-in directions if you are close by.

### Minutes of the Meeting June 18, 2019

The June meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Dennis, NØUYN.

Introductions were made by name and call sign for the 10 attendees.

#### Secretary

The minutes of the May meeting were published and read. Approved as read.

*Continued next column*

#### Minutes continued

#### Treasurer

The treasurer's report from Larry KAØYJE showed the following balance of \$1052.95 for April.

Report approved as read.

#### Old business:

Mike, KØUAA reported on the June 9th – KCCC Duathlon @ Shawnee Mission Park.

Craig, KAØFSP, Discussed issues with using Hodge Park for FD. Recommended using the EOC. Will require some antenna work. Craig will be at the EOC on FD Saturday at 10 am.

#### New Business:

Larry, KAØYJE discussed the bank now going to charge us a \$12 per month fee. Larry to meet with the bank to see what options there might be for the account.

Mike, KØUAA circulated a sign-up sheet for the SM Triathlon Open Options at Shawnee Mission Park on July 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 AM.

#### Evening Program

None

The meeting was closed by the president, Dennis NØUYN at 1949.

Respectfully submitted June 18, 2019  
by Richard, WØKRF

## A Sad Note

Two former HARC members have passed away. Larry Wilson, KØRWL and Don Reed, KØIFO are Silent Keys. Wilson had been a club officer and Reed was a frequent technical program presenter at our meetings.

# Open Options Shawnee Mission Duathlon and Triathlon

The 35th Open Options Shawnee Mission Duathlon and Triathlon was conducted on Sunday, July 7 at Shawnee Mission Park. Hams attending supported more than 540 duathletes and triathletes. There were no emergencies reported on the net. There were some challenges that the hams were able to overcome. This year there were changes to the triathlon. There was a longer as well as a shorter triathlon distance. That meant that there were four different swim distances, four different bike distances and four different run distances to monitor.

HARC members supporting the were: Mike Bellinger, KØUAA; Dennis Crawford, NØUYN; Craig Schley, KAØFSP and John Lyon, NØTXO. Other public service minded hams who helped were: Bill Steinborn, KEØLML; Brent Hower, WØBOH; Brian Whitlock, KBØZWA; Joel Meddings, KØJEM and Jean Cooper, KRØM.

## Kids Triathlon

Heart of America Radio Club members with two-meter handhelds are needed to support operational communications for a youth triathlon on Saturday, August 24. The event will be held inside Kill Creek Park near Olathe. The Johnson County Park and Recreation District hosts the JCPRD U Kids Triathlon.

There are three triathlons; one for ages 11-14, another shorter triathlon for ages 6-10 and yet shorter distances for kids age 5 and under. For more information see <https://www.jcprd.com/180/JCPRD-U-Kids-Triathlon>.

There will be a signup sheet at the July HARC meeting or you may call Mike Bellinger, KØUAA to volunteer at 816-363-1118.

# HARC Field Day 2019

This year the Heart of America Radio Club operated the 2019 ARRL Field Day from the Kansas City, Missouri Emergency Operation Center. Earlier plans had the operation out of the city's amateur radio trailer to be located at Hodge Park. However the cost of temporary sanitary facilities proved to exceed our budgeted Field Day funds. So it was decided to operate from the EOC where indoor plumbing was already in existence.

Craig Schley, KAØFSP, our Field Day captain and host at the EOC faced challenge after challenge trying to get all three of our HF stations up and operating and then keeping them operating. Could we obtain 100 bonus points for every time Schley exclaimed, "Everything's broke?"

Recall there was a lightening storm that caused the cancellation of some Field Day operations and truncated many others in the area. The threat of severe and flooding weather brought the EOC to an activated state. So there was all sorts of activity going on Saturday evening. We were eating a dinner that night of Subway sandwiches when the Emergency Manager walk in the room and said the EOC was being activated. Later that evening, after the activation was concluded and the EOC had only a few hams left operating, Schley declared himself exhausted and announced the Field Day operations at the EOC suspended so we could all go home and get some rest.

We had a similar situation last year while operating at the Red Cross with the air conditioning not working. We decided to leave the radios and return to operating in the morning.

The next morning we were able to establish three HF stations operating at once.

Our stations made 231 contacts on the bands 40 through 10 meters. We made 2 phone contacts, 134 CW contacts and 95 digital contacts. These contacts produced 460 QSO points. The power multiplier of two produced 920 claimed points. To that score bonus points of 850 were added resulting in a claimed score of 1770 points.

At the July club meeting we will recap and discuss these results. Please attend.

# Larry's List of August 2019 Ham Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 6 pm Kansas City DX Club	30	31	1 11 am QCWA Lunch  7 pm Pilot Knob Amateur Radio Club	2	3  7:30 am Sante Fe Amateur Radio Club  8 am South Side Amateur Radio Club Breakfast  Johnson County Fair Parade
4  Sunflower to Roses	5	6  7 pm Ararat Shrine Radio Club	7	8  11 am QCWA Lunch  6:30 Shawnee Mission Radio Control Club	9  7 pm Johnson County Radio Amateurs Club	10  7 am Santa Fe Trail ARC Breakfast  8 am South Side ARC Breakfast  9 am W5YI Testing - Independence  2 pm Kansas City Area Blind Association Radio Club
11	12	13  7:30 pm Blue Springs Amateur Radio Club	14  12:10 pm Crown Amateur Radio Association	15  11 am QCWA Lunch  7:30 pm Jayhawk ARS	16	17  7 am Santa Fe Trail ARC Breakfast  8 am South Side ARC Breakfast  9 am VE Testing - Johnson County
18	19	20  7 pm VE Testing Raytown ARC  6 pm SouthSide ARC  7 pm Heart of America Radio Club	21	22  11 am QCWA Lunch  7:30 pm Raytown Amateur Radio Club	23  7 pm Johnson County Radio Amateurs Club	24  7 am Santa Fe Trail ARC Breakfast  8 am South Side ARC Breakfast  9 am W5YI Testing - Blue Springs  JCPRD U Kids Triathlon
25  Summer Breeze Bike Ride	26  6 pm Kansas City DX Club	27	28	29  11 am QCWA Lunch	30	31  7:30 am Sante Fe Amateur Radio Club  8 am South Side ARC Breakfast  9 am Plate County Amateur Radio Group

The ***Harc Herald*** is the official organ of the Heart of America Radio Club, Inc., of Kansas City, MO. Permission to reprint any article appearing in this newsletter is given providing appropriate credit is given to the ***Harc Herald*** and the article's author.

This ***Harc Herald*** was duplicated for mailing courtesy of the Emergency Services Department of the American Red Cross.

In order for members to receive this newsletter before the meeting, articles for this newsletter must be received by 8 a.m. one week before club meetings. The editor can be reached by telephone at 816-363-1118. Call that number if you wish to submit an article by electronic means.

**Post Office Address for HARC  
(Other than for newsletter articles) is:  
c/o Larry Widener, 8316 Summit St. 64114**

**HARC Net Schedule**

The HARC net meets every Thursday at 9:00 p.m. on the 146.34/146.94 MHz. repeater. 88.5 Hz. access tone required

If you have received a complimentary copy of this newsletter or saw it posted, we invite your membership. Annual dues of \$12.00 include the cost of this newsletter. New members may join by paying dues prorated from the date of joining to end of year.

**Club meetings are normally held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Cross building in Kansas City, MO.** The address is 6601 Winchester 64133. There is parking in the front of the building. Visitors are welcome. You must be accompanied into the meeting.

**The next meeting will be July 16.**

**HARC website:** <http://www.harc-mo.net>

**Ham events calendar:** <http://www.larryslist.info/events-listing.html>

**HARC Officers:**

President: Dennis Crawford, NØUYN  
Vice President: Craig Martin, KYØØ  
Treasurer: Larry Widener, KAØYJE  
Secretary: Richard Fretwell, WØKRF  
Director: Craig Schley, KAØFSP



**FIRST CLASS POSTAGE**

**Harc Herald  
Editor, Mike Bellinger  
224 East 74th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64114-1420**