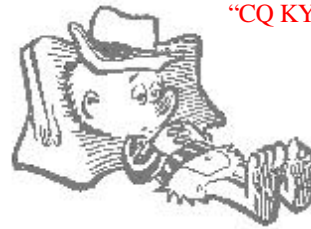
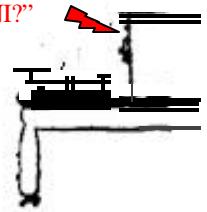




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2004 CW Nets Cookout at K4DZM's home:

From head to head, left to right..Glenn Foley, KO4OL; John Farler, K4AVX; Clayton Sparks, WA4GNP; Dave Vest, KZ4G; Joe Colson, W4ZKE; Ray Smith, WB4NZS; Bud Cook, WD4IYI; Johnny Lackey, K4FDK; Joe Miller, K4DZM; Joe Pollock, K4ULW; Bob Spurlock; WB4IEA; Lowell Lanham, WD4ARR; Norm Smith, K4YKI; and Matt Hollins, KR4WI. Not shown was Boyd Sigler, AE4LV, and Nancy Cook, WD4IYH.

All - in -all over twenty people were at the cook out, including several other XYL's - Carol Miller, Linda Vest, and Pat Farler.

A great time was had by all, and our thanks go out to Carol and Joe Miller who hosted the cookout.

**WELCOME:**

Well, it has been a long time since the last newsletter. I believe it was August-September of last year, or it maybe earlier. It seems like many things have happened to take the wind out of traffic handling, and that's about the only excuse I have for not getting out a newsletter.

Even the ARRL has quit presenting itself as the American Radio Relay League, instead it puts its best foot forward as "ARRL - The National Association for Amateur Radio." Actually, I think the board made this change some time ago, to help in public relations and make the name more meaningful. It was proposed at one time to make it AARL, "the American Amateur Radio League," but it didn't happen.

Anyhow, things change, and so must Amateur Radio. With the new emphasis on counter-terrorism, the emergency communications and ARES aspect of the hobby have come to the forefront, with traffic handling and NTS just an afterthought. In fact, the League in a bulletin or newsletter a while back, as much as said it's up to us old NTS hands to keep the tradition going, to entice new hands, yada, yada, yada....

Actually, we've been doing this and will continue.

**ABOUT QAN:**

As you know, QAN is the newsletter for the KY CW Nets. Some of the newer members of these nets may not know that "QAN" is a Kentucky (not that we have any copyright!) CW nets Q-Signal from days gone by that signifies that a station checking in would like a QSO After the Net, thus "de WB4ZDU QRU QAN K4AVX," as an example with WB4ZDU using the Q-Signal properly. **QAN** was a natural name for a KY CW Nets Newsletter, which carries news of members beyond the actual net, just like a post-net QSO.

Anyhow, a version of the newsletter has been going out

KSN REPORTS	KO4OL,	Mgr.	
MONTH	QNI	QTC	SESS
January	167	18	31
February	169	18	29
March	155	21	31
April	138	16	30
May	141	12	31
June	123	18	30
July	131	18	31
TOTALS	1024	121	213

**KY SLOW NET REPORT - KO4OL**

On behalf of all KSN members, I would like to thank Joe/k4dzm for his great hospitality for all KYN/KSN members at his house on Sunday after the Lexington hamfest. It was good to fellowship with all of the members. I hope they can generate some more activity on the nets. I would like to have some new stations to train on KSN also. If ten pm is too late for training then we could always do it on KYN also. If ten pm is too late for anyone, then give me some better times to hold it. I know we can't satisfy everyone, but if it will help the nets, then we could always change. We will lose stations if we do, but may pick up some also.

In 2003 we had a total of 2388 check ins, 335 pieces of traffic handled and 365 sessions which equals 6.5 qni per net. The lowest month was December with 144 & 13.

We had stations check in from 24 different states and 2 foreign countries. There were 84 different stations that checked in.

manager was to have a newsletter. With Glenn's help in sending KSN news, the help of everyone on the nets in providing news and photos, I believe it may help keep the nets going to some degree. Thanks to everyone for their contributions, and on these two nets we do have some of the finest operators and persons in Amateur Radio.

Email has helped in distribution, and I send it via BCC: to (hopefully) do a little to fight SPAM. If there is no interest in your receiving it, just let me know, and I'll correct the list, with no problem on this end. Recently, I have also been posting the latest copy on the web site. I wish I could get a monthly edition out consistently, but it's probably not going to happen. I do hope to do better than one a year!

#### **LEXINGTON COOKOUT:**

Joe Miller, K4DZM, and his wife Carol, hosted a great cookout after the Lexington Hamfest. The weather was great, and 20 ops and wives enjoyed the food at their new home in Lexington. Everyone had plenty of time to eat, chat, and enjoy the fellowship at the cookout. We didn't interfere with anyone else's forum time, nor they with ours. Joe is thinking about making this an annual event, which would be great.

About the only piece of business, besides trying to see if anyone knew of former members whom we might bring back to the net was a discussion of handling traffic. Little enough of it comes along these days, and we discussed trying to originate more real traffic that means something to the recipient. A good opportunity is family or military reunion reminders, or messages to friends in common organizations across the country. Holiday greetings are another good way to increase traffic. I hope all of us will try to originate more traffic of this nature in the future if NTS is to survive.

On the other end, we discussed delivery - I believe, as Joe, K4DZM, pointed out, that we should take traffic, even "Spam," as far toward its recipient as possible. This will

exercise the nets as the traffic is meant to do. Several of us have been doing this for a while. If I can't move it in a couple of days, I look up the call for an email, and deliver it that way if possible. Much of it just dead ends when there is no outlet. I don't believe we should phone it in over an extended area.

With that in mind please help move it as close to its destination as possible. Don't feel bad if you're stuck with it, it happens to all of us. You can service the non-delivery, if you wish. I believe there is a lot less of the spam traffic than there was, so some of the spam originators must have gotten the message.

I particularly appreciate the work of WD4IYL, WB4NZS, and K4DZM in going to 9RN. I don't hear 9RN very well at this end of the state in the summer, and don't help much during the qrn season. If you haven't tried 9RN, give a listen on @3640+ khz at 8:45 PM and 10:30 PM. Regional level and up traffic handling is a real hoot, more fun than working DX in my book, because you actually have to copy more than a few characters at higher speed, but I'm afraid the system may be dying.

#### **SICK BAY:**

Well, much has happened since last year about this time. Many members have gone through medical crises or procedures, and I know I will leave someone out, so let me know and I will put it in the next edition. No offense meant, but my memory isn't getting any better, either.

Joe Miller, K4DZM, had open heart surgery last summer, and had a rough week or so in the hospital. He was scheduled to move just afterwards, and Carol had to sell their home in LVL, and make many of the arrangements. He did make last year's Lex Hamfest, but not in the best of shape. It's good to see him doing well now and in the new home.

Joe Colson, W4ZKE, also had open heart surgery in February, and a pacemaker installed. Joe came through well, and came up to Hazard with Johnny, K4FDK, for field day this summer. Both he and

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#### **If it's June, it must be.....**

**FIELD DAY!** On the right, Bob Spurlock, WB4IEA, and C.W. Sparks, WA4GNP, operate the CW station at the KY Mountains ARC field day in Hazard. As in the last several years, we operated the CW station from K4FDK's RV. Other net members participating at Hazard included K4FDK, W4ZKE, KR4WI, KE4AER, and K4AVX.

Glenn Foley reports that his field day group in Madison Co. had perhaps their highest score ever. Glenn says, "I hope you all enjoyed Field Day. Our group did our best ever. The Central Ky ARS (CKARS) operated Class 6A using the call AA4NJ.

We had 962 cw qsos, 30 RTTY, 1262 phone and 1450 bonus points for a total of 7,942 points which is our best ever.

We had a great time and the CW Ops were: AA4NJ-Donnie Swope, KO4OL, NK4Z-Dave Worley, WA4CXI-Ted Hardin & WT4KY- Mark Tussey. We only ran one CW station, but that was enough and gave us time to spell each other." I guess it's time to start thinking Sweepstakes!"

Joe Miller, K4DZM, went to the Bullitt Co. Club to man the CW station. He has operated with the group for many years.



K4FDK, and K4DZM were at the Hazard Swapfest last fall.

Pat, K4BEH, in Georgia, had to have emergency surgery back in December, because of a blocked colon and digestive tract problems. He had a large stone in his gall bladder and also had it removed. He came through well and is enjoying food again.

Joe Pollock also had coronary problems during the past year, open heart surgery, as well as other illnesses, and is now recovering. It was good to see Joe at the cookout, and we hope to hear him back on KYN soon.

Bud Cook, WD4IYI, who retired not too long ago, had to have a couple of heart stints this June. He is doing well and is enjoying retirement, helping his son with a 200 acre farm and greenhouse. He looks to be in as great a shape as always.

Jan Hudelson, KF4GQN, broke her wrist early in the Summer, and within a few days was sending CW with the other hand. Her wrist has completely healed, she reported just last week and we're glad to have her back at full throttle. By the way, she sent me a tape on learning American Morse, the telegrapher's Morse of old. There's not enough room this month, but I hope to get it transcribed and into a future newsletter. You can often hear her and Linda, KC0GGN, in QSO using LL Morse on the KYN frequency.

Norm Smith, K4YKI, has a new plastic knee joint, and came through the operation well. He is well on his way to rehabilitation, and has it worked back into good shape. He has been working out on a stationary bike to get the knee in shape and keep his legs going, and promises his friends on the Sunrise Net to out hike them all at their annual reunion in September.

#### **OTHER NEWS:**

It was good to hear Burl Estep, from Cumberland, back on the air and back on the net this past year. He is tied up with honey do's during the good summer weather (when was that wx??), but we expect to hear more from him as fall comes along. He has been off for a bunch of years, now retired, has had the heart surgery, and now is working on a tower and quad for DX. He bought a new IC-746 when he got back on and was amazed at the advances since his '80's rig.

It was great to see Boyd Sigler, AE4LV, at the cookout. Boyd is one of our dependable elder statesmen on the net and still going strong, even though he's in a wheelchair. He didn't think he was going to be able to make it, but his daughter from Lexington happened to be in LVL on Sat., and brought him over to Joe's. Ray Smith, WB4ZDU, gave him a ride home afterwards.

It was good to talk over old times in Hazard with Boyd, who lived here about '48-53 or so. I think he remembers more than I do. Linda Vest, Dave's wife, also is from Hazard, so we had quite a time remembering places and people.

Joe Miller reports from a recent visit to W4OGP, that he is doing well, and planning to get an antenna up at his new QTH in Shepherdsville, and get back on the air. We sure hope to hear Sam soon.

#### **ROSTER, ETC.**

The back page of the newsletter is a combined roster that Glenn and I put together of KYN/KSN most recent checkins. Please print the page if you get the email version and keep it

handy if you get the printed version. It's good to be recognized by NCS by name, if you have been absent from a net a while, and this should help.

There is also an NCS Roster on the back page. As you can see, Glenn and Willis need some help with NCS duties on KSN. I hope some will jump in and take a night. Slowing down and using a hand key for an NCS round makes you more aware of CW sending, spacing, rhythm, etc. Get the old hand key out and join in as NCS or check in if you are awake at 10 PM.

KYN is also open on Saturday nights for NCS. Let me know if you are interested. I have been doing it when I am around the radio, but miss quite a bit. I appreciate all the help in picking up my Fri. and Sat. nights when I am gone, as well some other nights when NCS is tied up.

#### **FINALLY:**

WHEW! It has been a chore getting a newsletter together after a year. Noticed I had quite a few emails on last year's Aug-Sept. issue, so I had to print it out and take a look at the comments on CW. Also had to delete some duplications I started to put into this one.

In case you are wondering, ARRL is proposing using WinLink2000 for long haul emergency traffic. Check out Aug. & Sept. QST) This seems to be a combination of vhf packet, unattended hf digital, and the internet. The chief advantage is that the emergency agencies can use their regular email programs and connections to seamlessly communicate during emergencies, with Winlink2000 picking up the holes caused by emergency outages. Hmmm.....

The only problem I have with it is the use of unattended hf digital devices. This seems to be what is behind the push for determining subbands by bandwidth, if you have been following this seemingly innocuous discussion.

The digital devices will, understandably, be in the present CW subbands. There has been a push for years to get this kind of operation in the subbands. In my opinion, if such operation is to be allowed on a broad scale (it's already done under limited authorization, I believe) there needs to be a digital subband between CW and SSB subbands for its implementation.

I guess we are lucky to still have any subbands.....

No space this month for KYN stats. Should be able to have a 6 month report like Glenn's next time. I will put a few more pictures on the web site from the cookout - check them at <http://www.qsl.net/k4avx> and give me a couple days to get them up.

Many thanks again to Joe and Carol for hosting and providing the food and site for the CW Cookout. Coming up are the Louisville Hamfest on Sept. 11th., and the Hazard Swapfest on November 13th. I hope to see you at both.

Originate some traffic, pick up an NCS spot if you don't have one, try a new contest or mode to further ham radio, RECRUIT some new ops for the nets, and, above all, enjoy operating CW and the nets....

73, John, K4AVX, KYN mgr.

**KYN/KSN  
ROSTER AS  
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2004**

KY4A	GREG ENGLERT	PADUCAH	KY
KG4ABA	LYNN TRAYLOR	WESTPORT	KY
KA3AKC	LEW NORWOOD	EDGEWATER	MD
KB4AES	ED SASSEEN	PADUCAH	KY
K4AVX	JOHN FARLER	HAZARD	KY
KX8B	CHUCK DALLY	MENTOR	OH
K4BEH	PAT HAYNES	JASPER	GA
KG4BQQ	KYLE LUSK	ALABASTER	AL
W4BX	FRANK HENSON	BELLVILLE	IL
NQ4C	BURL ESTEP	CUMBERLAND	KY
KI8DU	ROGER MCCORMICK	MILTON	WV
AD4DX	WILLIS ASHER	ASHER	KY
K4DZM	JOE MILLER	LOUISVILLE	KY
WD9F	WOODY HESTER III	SPRINGFIELD	IL
K4FDK	JOHNNY LACKEY	FRANKFORT	KY
WA3FJF	JIM HATFIELD	OCALA	FL
WA4FOB	LARRY JAGGERS	MAGNOLIA	KY
KE4FIG	DANNY MCDONALD	CENTRAL CITY	KY
K4FUM	JERE SANDRIDGE	STONE MOUNTAIN	GA
KG4FXG	BILL CARTER	LAWRENCEVILLE	GA
KZ4G	DAVE VEST	FLATWOODS	KY
NF4G	JOYCE HODGES	MURFREESBORO	TN
KC0GGN	LINDA VOLLMAR	BLOOMSDALE	MO
KD5GM	LOUIS HOUSE	DEER PARK	TX
WA4GNP	C.W. SPARKS	EVARTS	KY
KF4GQN	JAN HUDELSON	CADIZ	KY
WB4IEA	BOB SPURLOCK	VIPER	KY
K8IG	RICH McCANE	READING	OH
WA4ILP	MARTY CRUETZ	DAYTON	KY
KG4IMI	MIKE HENDERSON	PELL CITY	AL
N4IN	DAVID SHELTON	LOUISVILLE	KY
WD4IYI	BUD COOK	PHILPOT	KY
KG4JDY	DAVID MAHLBACHER	ANCHORAGE	KY
KR4JI	LOUIE HANDBERRY	WADLEY	GA

NCS	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
KYN	K4FDK	KO40L	WB4ZDU	WA4GNP	WD4IYI	K4AVX	K4DZM - AM OPEN -PM
KSN	KO40L	KO40L	KO40L	K4AVX	AD4DX	AD4DX	AD4DX

NB4K	JOHN MYERS	BUTLER	KY
WT4KY	MARK TUSSEY	RICHMOND	KY
K8LEN	PAT O'BRIEN	PEKIN	IL
N4LQ	STEVE ELLINGER	LOUISVILLE	KY
AE4LV	BOYD SIGLER	LOUISVILLE	KY
K4MLJ	BILL WHITE	GREENVILLE	TN
KG4NBI	CHRIS	HARRIMAN	TN
WB5NKC	ARLEY GARVIN	OKLA CITY	OK
WB5NKD	PAT GARVIN	OKLA CITY	OK
W4OGP	SAM RHEA	SHEPHERDSVILLE	KY
KO4OL	GLENN FOLEY	RICHMOND	KY
N9PF	PAT FISHER	YORKTOWN	IN
AF4PX	DARRELL MORGAN	KINGSTON	GA
WA4SWF	FRED JONES	LOUISA	KY
NW4T	GERALD CROW	UTICA	KY
K9TJL	T.J. LIDDELL	CARTERVILLE	IL
K4TXJ	JIM VAUGHAN	LOUISVILLE	KY
K4ULW	JOE POLLOCK	SHEPHERDSVILLE	KY
K4UNW	GERALD WYATT	PADUCAH	KY
KU4UO	NANCY PLUNKETT	CAMDEN	ME
AE4VT	GARLAND JORDAN	LOUISVILLE	KY
N9WAT	STEVE WOLFALE	PARK RIDGE	IL
KR4WI	MATTHEW HOLLINS	JACKSON	KY
AA3WI	JOHN PAUL HOWELL	GLEN BURNIE	MD
K4WKT	CALLIE CRABB (C.C.)	LENOIR	NC
K4XXX	EDDIE LEMLEY	LONDON	KY
K4YKI	NORM SMITH	OWENTON	KY
WB4ZDU	RAY SMITH	LOUISVILLE	KY
N3ZOC	FRANK LONG	GLEN BURNIE	MD
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