

NET ACTIVITY:  
KEN: MONDAY 3.972.5 0030Z  
KDN: TUESDAY 3.587 0130Z  
KYN CW: DAILY 3.537 0200Z  
STATEWIDE DMR: "8 PM  
Thursday ET TG 3121  
STATEWIDE FUSION NET: 8 PM  
ET Saturday rm 40806  
STATEWIDE DSTAR: 7 PM ET  
THURSDAY REF 56B

SM: w4nho@arrl.net  
SEC: sec@kyham.net  
STM: kc4bqk@arrl.net  
ACC: vacant  
TS: n9ky@arrl.net  
OOC: gary.k7ek@gmail.com  
PIO: w0qi@icloud.com  
KYHAM: admin@kyham.net

## KENTUCKY SECTION NEWS

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HAPPENING OF THE MONTH  
DEC 2018



Figure 1 From Skip: N2EIZ : May your Christmas wish come true / Remember the reason for the season!

### A DX'ER'S CHRISTMAS - READ FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

*Tw*as the night before Christmas,  
and all through the house  
The "Harmonics" were sleeping,  
and so was the spouse;

The antennas were hung  
from the chimney with care  
in hopes that some signals  
would come through the air;

*The receivers were nestled  
all neat in a row, With filters and tuners  
all ready to go;  
With a strong cup of coffee,  
sitting at my right hand,  
I had just settled in to some radio band,  
When out of my headphones  
there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from my desk  
to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window  
I flew like a flash,  
To determine the cause of this odd static  
crash.  
The Moon on the breast  
of the new -fallen snow,  
Gave my antenna wires an unusual glow;  
When what to my wondering  
eyes should appear,  
But a weird little sleigh  
and eight tiny reindeer.  
With a strange little driver,  
who looked like a "Hippie,"  
I thought for a moment  
my brain had gone dippy.  
More rapid than eagles  
his coursers they came,  
And he wheezed, and he cursed, as he  
called them by name: "Now Ten-Tec! Now  
Icom!  
Now Yaesu and Philips!*

*On Grundig! On Sony!  
On Kenwood and Collins!  
Watch out for the porch!  
Watch out for the wall!  
Stay out of the way,  
and don't let me fall!"  
As dry leaves that before  
the wild hurricane ride,  
When they met with an obstacle,  
they kicked it aside.  
So up to the house -top  
the coursers they flew,  
And got tangled in wire;  
the old Hippie did too.  
And then, in a twinkling  
I heard through the ceiling, a great deal of  
cursing,  
and swearing, and squealing.  
As I shook my head,  
and hollered out "Stop!"  
Down the chimney the bearded one  
fell with a plop.  
He was dressed all in denim,  
from his headphones to tail,  
His clothes smelled like sweatsocks,  
and his breath like cheap ale;  
The stump of a stogie  
he held tight in his teeth.  
And the rancid smoke circled  
his head like a wreath;*

*He had a fat face  
and a great big beer -belly,  
That shook when he burped,  
like a bowlful of jelly.  
He spoke not a word  
but went straight to his work,  
Opened up my receiver,  
and tuned with a jerk.  
Then sticking a finger  
inside of his nose,  
And giving a burp,  
up the chimney he rose. The receiver it  
squealed,  
and gave out a whistle,  
And the stations I heard that night,  
would fill an epistle.  
And I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out  
of sight,  
“Happy DX, Old Man,  
next time, leave on a light!”*

*From: Nashua FrenDX Journal 1987*

**CLUB OF THE MONTH  
KY MOUNTAINS ARC  
BY JOHNNIE BRASHER**



Figure 3 Cookout



Figure 2 Hazard Weather Spotting Class

The Kentucky Mountains Amateur Radio Club was formed back in 1975. The Club has around 25 members from several Eastern Kentucky Counties. The Club meets at 6:00 pm the first Monday of each month at the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center. Meeting usually lasts close to an hour and ARRL testing is offered at 7:00 after the meeting by prior appointment. The club's call sign is KY4MT which is used both club owned repeaters. 146.670 has been around since the beginning and recently a 444.825 DMR repeater was added. The club is ARRL affiliated and a SERA member. There are various activities

throughout the year which includes two Family Cookouts, a Family Christmas Dinner, Field Day, and a Hamfest in October. All members are trained weather spotters. A Facebook page and website are maintained.



Figure 4 Mike N8TTR, John K4AVX

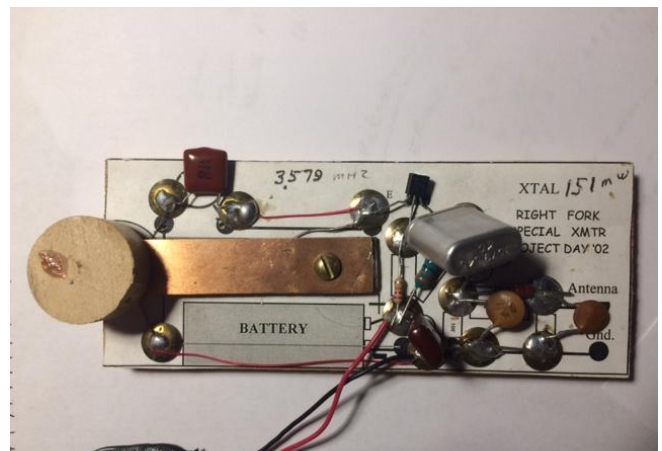


Figure 5 Mousetrap xmtr: ok where is the cheese?

Longtime active member, [Wilson Wells/N4ZQT](#), became a silent key August 11, 2018. All members of the Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society, Inc., pass along our deepest sympathy to Wilson's widow Betty and his family. We cannot stress how we all will miss his help with our Club administration and his wise council. Included here is Wilson's obituary as it was published in our local newspaper, Herald-Leader, and by the Amateur Radio journal "QST."

WELLS Wilson L., Jr., 93, passed away August 11, 2018, surrounded by members of his family. He was an RN, Red Cross volunteer, ham radio enthusiast (N4ZQT), American Legionnaire, and Veterans Affairs volunteer. He was retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

As a Bluegrass Red Cross volunteer for decades Wilson worked in disaster recovery from fires, floods, tornadoes, and hurricanes in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Texas, West Virginia, and the Virgin Islands and Guam. He enjoyed the people he met while living under tarps and sharing meals, providing critical health care, food, shelter, and other support to families in crisis. Wilson's parents, Wilson, Sr., and Lois Wells, sister and cousins spent summers at their Minnesota lake place fishing, swimming, clearing land, building cabins, and tapping maple trees to make syrup.

Throughout his lifetime, as his career took him to many towns across the country, he returned to the family cabin as do his family, now six generations. Wilson will be missed by his family: wife, Betty, her children, Joan and Michael; his children, Mary, Stephen, and Tommy; their spouses, children, and grandchildren; and many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends in Kentucky, Minnesota, and England.

Wilson was buried at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, a memorial gathering will be held next summer

\* Note: I worked with Wilson on several Red Cross disaster and he was here in Owensboro during the 2000 Tornado . Wilson was also involved with Army MARS and briefly with AF MARS.

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## ARES Connect

A brief time out, yes ARES Connect is still a work in progress. Let's do our part. Make sure you have registered your county with ARES Connect and that your current members, weekly nets have been placed in your county. Also, make sure that "Kentucky" appears on your log-in page.

Contact Jack Prindle AB4WS [ab4ws@arrl.net](mailto:ab4ws@arrl.net), Ron Goodpaster AG4TY Here is the link: [ARES Connect](#)

We can only control what we do. Lets make sure KY has done their part when the League concludes getting all of the data entered into their website.



## AFFILIATED CLUBS

Don't forget to provide the League with your current contact information for 2019.

## First FT8 Roundup is a Huge Hit

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12/13/2018

The first FT8 Roundup over the December 1 – 2 weekend **attracted** some 1,300 logs from those taking advantage of the ever-more-popular digital protocol. This, despite its having been announced on fairly short notice and with other contests such as the ARRL 160-Meter Contest under way on the same weekend. More than 400 logs were from US radio amateurs in the 48 contiguous states, plus the District of Columbia. Overall, some 131,200 contacts were recorded. Participants from 91 countries submitted logs, testifying to the fact that FT8 is not just an US phenomenon.

“The FT8 Roundup was the last shakedown for the *WSJT-X 2.0-rc5* beta software,” said well-known RTTY contesting enthusiast and expert Don Hill, AA5AU, an FT8 Roundup cosponsor with Ed Muns, W0YK. “It performed with no major complications.” The general availability release of *WSJT-X 2.0* is now out, and it’s not backward compatible with *WSJT-X 1.9* or earlier versions. Developer Joe Taylor, K1JT, has urged users to upgrade by January 1 to what now is new world standard. Muns, who’s *NCJ* “Digital Contesting” contributing editor, said FT8 Roundup participation compared favorably with that for the ARRL RTTY Roundup, which has averaged around 1,700 logs in recent years.

“Don and I expected the contest to be popular,” Muns said, “but the participation far exceeded our expectations. I think it bodes well for future FT8 contesting. Don and I are pretty bullish about continuing the FT8 Roundup on the first full weekend of December each year.” Nonetheless, Muns said he doesn’t believe FT8 will “really take off” and displace RTTY until the contact rate can be significantly increased through parallel QSO techniques.

Hill agreed on the event’s popularity. “I have to say it was a huge success,” he said. “Ed and I never dreamed it would be this popular. It didn’t make sense to continue the Ten-Meter RTTY Contest during this part of the sunspot cycle. Replacing it with an all-FT8 HF contest was the logical choice.” Hill and Muns also co-sponsor the Ten-Meter RTTY Contest.

Hill told ARRL that final results of the inaugural FT8 Roundup should be out in a few days. “After the New Year, we hope to have downloadable online certificates available to all participants. We will definitely do it again next year,” he said.

The 2019 **ARRL RTTY Roundup** will permit the use of FT8.

From ARRL Letter 12/13/18

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## Upcoming ARRL Section, State, and Division Conventions

- January 5 -- [New York City-Long Island Section Convention](#), Brookville, New York
- January 12 -- [Georgia ARES Convention](#), Forsyth, Georgia
- January 18 - 19 -- [Southern Florida Section Convention](#), Fort Myers, Florida
- January 18 - 19 -- [North Texas Section Convention](#), Forest Hill, Texas
- January 20 - 26 -- [Quartzfest Convention](#), Quartzsite, Arizona
- January 25 - 26 -- [Mississippi State Convention](#), Jackson, Mississippi
- February 2 -- [South Carolina State Convention](#), North Charleston, South Carolina
- February 2 -- [Roanoke Division Convention](#), Richmond, Virginia
- February 8 - 10 -- [Southeastern Division Convention](#), Orlando, Florida
- February 15 - 16 -- [Southwestern Division Convention](#), Yuma, Arizona
- February 16 -- [LCARC Winter-Fest](#), Hoxie, Arkansas
- February 22 - 23 -- [TECHCON Conference](#), Tampa, Florida
- February 23 -- [New Mexico TechFest](#), Albuquerque, New Mexico
- February 23 -- [Vermont State Convention](#), S. Burlington, Vermont
- March 2           Cave City Hamfest, Cave City KY

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## Just Ahead in Radiosport

- December 14 -- UN DIGI Contest (digital)
- December 14 -- Russian 160-Meter Contest (CW, phone)
- December 15 -- Feld Hell Sprint
- December 15 -- OK DX RTTY Contest
- December 15 - 16 -- Croatian CW Contest
- December 16 -- ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW
- December 17 -- Run for the Bacon QRP Contest (CW)
- December 19 -- NAQCC CW Sprint

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### NOVEMBER 2018 ARES

JURISDICTION	CALLSIGN	MEMBERS	NETS	MAN/HRS	COMMUNITY	MANHRS
DAVISS CO	AAR4RL	31	15	49.52	PARADE	47
MCCRACKEN	KD4GCY	14	6	55		
HENDERSON	KKY4PB	8	4	20.5		
BUTLER	KN4MAA	1	4	5	2	6.5
LOGAN	AA4VO	5	4			
SIMPSON	KE4SZK	5	4	10		
WARREN	KK4AVI	3	0	4		
HARDIN	N8MYN	28	13	7		55
HENRY	NG00	9	13	93		
SHELBY	NG00	23	13	125.92		
ANDERSON	KA8D	10	5	65.16		
FAYETTE	KE6IVK	22	4	5		
WOODFORD	KC4WZO	9	4	16		
CAMPBELL	KC4KEZ	4	4	8		
KENTON	WOQI	32	10	50		
GREENUP	KC4EAB	8	0	40		
MASON	KY4OD	19	1	18		
KNOX	KM4VHI	3	3	14.3		
MADISON	KO4OL	20	8	168		
PULASKI	AC4DM	40	21	40		125
ROCKCASTLE	KY4RWD	4	1	36		

NTS NETS NOV 2018

NM

NET

CKIN

MIN

MH

Wilderness Trail Emergency Net	KO4OL	4	57	80	76.0
Kentucky Emergency Net (KEN)	W8QAS	4	120	26760	53520.0
Kentucky CW Net	W4NHO	24	50	211	175.8

PUBLIC SERVICE /SAR

NETS

MSG

APPT

Glenn Foley	KO4OL	40	40	30	110
Ray Smith	WB4ZDU	8			8