

# KVARC Ham FAQ

## Clubs

- Kaw Valley Amateur Radio Club – [www.kvarc.org](http://www.kvarc.org)
  - Meets the first Friday of the month at Museum of the Kansas National Guard
  - Meeting starts at 730 pm but eyeball QSO starts around 6pm
- Douglas county Amateur Radio club [www.w0uk.net](http://www.w0uk.net)
  - 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm Central Time at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Building 1, Lawrence
- Osage county Amateur radio club - <http://osagecountyarc.org/>
  - Meets the Third Thursday of the month, presently at the Lamont Hill Restaurant in Vassar Ks.
- <http://www.ks0man.org/> “Manhattan Area Amateur Radio Club”
- [http://www.ku.edu/students/orgs/Amateur\\_10276.html](http://www.ku.edu/students/orgs/Amateur_10276.html) “KU Amateur Radio Club”
- <http://www.sftarc.org/> “Santa Fe Amateur Radio club in Olathe”
- <http://www.k-state.edu/ksuarc/> “Kansas State University Amateur Radio club”
- <http://www.qsl.net/emporiaars/> “Emporia Amateur Radio society”
- <http://www.jayhawkars.org/> “Jayhawk amateur Radio Society in Wyandotte County.

**Local Repeaters:**

|            |         |   |          |       |                |
|------------|---------|---|----------|-------|----------------|
| Alma       | 444.525 | + | W0KHP-1  | 162.2 | K-Link         |
| Auburn     | 146.805 | - | WV0S-1   | 162.2 | DMR            |
| Basehor    | 443.550 | + | N9GRQ-1  | 151.4 | Allstar        |
| Burlingame | 443.875 | + | N00FG-2  | 88.5  |                |
| Carbondale | 147.300 | + | KB0WTH-1 | 88.5  |                |
| Carbondale | 443.125 | + | WB0PTD-1 |       |                |
| Holton     | 146.775 | - | KS0JA    | 88.5  |                |
| Lawrence   | 146.760 | - | W0UK-1   | 88.5  |                |
| Lawrence   | 147.03  | + | KE0QNS-1 | 88.5  |                |
| Lawrence   | 444.750 |   | K0USY-3  |       | DMR            |
| Lawrence   | 442.275 |   | N1HWC-1  |       | YSF            |
| Lawrence   | 443.800 |   | K0USY-1  | 88.5  | DMR+           |
| Lawrence   | 444.900 | + | K0HAM-4  | 88.5  |                |
| Lecompton  | 444.825 | + | K0USY-4  | 88.5  | DMR            |
| Osage City | 146.925 | - | N00FG-1  | 88.5  |                |
| St Mary's  | 146.955 | - | K0HAM-2  | 88.5  |                |
| Topeka     | 52.91   | - | K0HAM-1  | 88.5  |                |
| Topeka     | 145.270 | - | W0CET-1  | 88.5  |                |
| Topeka     | 145.450 | - | W0CET-2  | 88.5  |                |
| Topeka     | 146.670 | - | WA0VRS-1 | 88.5  | ECHOLINK157350 |
| Topeka     | 224.840 | - | WA0VRS-2 | 88.5  |                |
| Topeka     | 442.025 | + | W0SIK-1  |       | D-STAR         |
| Topeka     | 442.225 | + | W0CET-3  | 88.5  | DMR            |
| Topeka     | 442.425 | + | W0CET-4  | 88.5  |                |
| Topeka     | 443.625 | + | K0USY-1  |       | DMR            |
| Topeka     | 443.925 | + | WA0VRS=3 | 88.5  |                |
| Topeka     | 444.725 | + | K0HAM-3  | 88.5  |                |
| Topeka     | 927.525 | - | N0YUR-1  | 88.5  |                |
| Topeka ??? | 444.400 | + | N0CBG    | 88.5  |                |

**Local Simplex:**

146.52/446.00 National simplex frequencies

147.440 used by KB0W0W Wednesday night(730pm) informal net and other informal conversations

144.39 APRS frequency

*Just a quick reminder of some best practices for repeater use.*

*Recently on the 145.27 repeater, it seemed that there was someone deliberately interfering with the repeater, but it turned out to be a hardware problem with the repeater itself.*

*Certainly, when it appears that someone is trying to use the repeater but has a signal or audio problem, we should definitely let that person know they are not being heard.*

*However if there is someone maliciously interfering with the repeater, it's best to not in any way acknowledge that there is interference; either at that moment, or talking with others later, as that just tends to exacerbate the problem.*

*When there is a problem with the repeater, the best thing to do is report it to the repeater owner/trustee, along with as much information as possible about what is happening: Times of day (if it's regular); transmitting music/swearing/dead key, etc.; if you can hear the interferer on reverse mode (the input frequency), and if so, if you can get a bearing on the signal. Once we found out that the repeater controller was saying "port 2 timeout", that narrowed down the possibilities and made it relatively simple to find and fix the problem.*

*Also, get some experience tracking down "rogue" transmitters an upcoming foxhunt. Then, if we do have someone interfering with a repeater in the future, you'll know how to pinpoint their location.*

## **Nets**

- ARES 1A – 145.27- on Tuesday nights at 830 pm
- KB0WOW 147.440 simplex Wild on Wednesday net 730pm on Wednesdays
- DCARC/RACES net 146.76- 8pm on Tuesdays
- Osage County 147.300 Thursdays at 800pm except 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

## **Stores**

- Associated Radio - 80<sup>th</sup> and Conser, Overland Park, Ks - 800.497.1457  
<http://www.Associatedradio.com>
- Derby Radio Shack - 707 North Baltimore in Derby, Kansas (also known as K-15 or Southwest Blvd north of Derby) - 316-788-4225 –<http://www.hamradiocenter.biz>
- Ham Radio Outlet – <http://www.hamradio.com>
- MFJ Enterprises - <http://www.mfjenterprises.com>

## Websites

- [www.kvarc.org](http://www.kvarc.org) Kaw Valley Amateur Radio Club home page
- [www.k0ham.com](http://www.k0ham.com) KOHAM home page
- [www.ksrepeater.com](http://www.ksrepeater.com) Kansas Repeater Coordinator Home page
- [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) ARRL national home page
- [www.ac6v.com](http://www.ac6v.com) site run by a ham with incredible links for all sorts of info
- [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com) web page with info on call signs, ham tests online etc
- [www.aprs.fi](http://www.aprs.fi) APRS mapping of APRS stations
- [www.echolink.org](http://www.echolink.org) Echolink home page
- [www.eham.net](http://www.eham.net) Ham web site forums and for sale items
- [www.Hamuniverse.com](http://www.Hamuniverse.com) web page with Ham info
- [www.kchamlink.org](http://www.kchamlink.org) KC hams website for beginners

## Events during the year

- Field Day 4th full weekend in June
- WOW Swap n Shop
- Miscellaneous Bike/foot/motorcycle events
- Derby Radio Shack Annual Sidewalk Sale – weekend before field day
- Skywarn special event in December first Friday thru Saturday (UTC)
- KVARC Spring and Fall Foxhunt
- KVARC Banquet January club meeting – held at a local restaurant

## Test Sessions

- Every month but alternating between Topeka and Carbondale – please call or email Paul Mills to register (and to make sure he is holding the test that week) at [ham.class@kvarc.org](mailto:ham.class@kvarc.org)
  - Topeka – Even numbered months – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 2pm –ARRL \$15
  - Carbondale – Odd numbered months – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Carbondale City Hall 7pm –W5YI \$14
- Last day of any KVARC sponsored class session starts – cost same as above
- Sign up at [wpmills.com](http://wpmills.com)

## Reflectors

- Larry's list (good source for items for sale and special events) - To subscribe or unsubscribe via the World Wide Web, visit [groups.io](https://groups.io) search for Larry's list
- Also other Larry's list info at [www.larryslist.info](http://www.larryslist.info)

## Other

If there is something that needs correcting or needs additional information on this Faq, please email Doug at [wd0dbs@arrl.net](mailto:wd0dbs@arrl.net)

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