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## FROM THE ASCRA PRESIDENT

The sunspot doldrums are upon us and there seems to be a lack of check-ins to the ASCRA Nets. Please make the effort to check-in to one of the Nets. Speaking of which, there has been some discussion between some of the Directors about the status of the 40M net. It was scheduled an hour after the 20M Net. With the coverage of 40M it should be earlier in the day. The daytime coverage would be out to a few hundred miles. This should give the many close-in ASCRA Members a better chance to check into an ASCRA Net. Notice I didn't say what time it would be. For obvious reasons it would be in the afternoon (after Church). If you are in the target area and desire to make your desires known about this then contact me or any Director. The other question about this would be should it move time with DST as the 20M Net does? I am new to this position – President – and would appreciate hearing from each and every one of you. As Executive Director (ED), I did many things some of which are invisible to the general Membership. They include: an advertisement in the IN SERVICE, the upgrade of the 30 year old radio at w0shq, setting up a communications link for all Directors via a Yahoo Group, and the operation of w0c special event stations.

One that is visible is the paid advertisement in the IN SERVICE publication. When I became the ED, ASCRA was in poor financial situation. I saw an opportunity to help defray the biggest annual expense for ASCRA by 'selling' an advertisement in this publication. It does not cover the entire cost.

Speaking of which, we have an inventory of donated equipment. Some of which is in very poor condition but some in very usable condition. If you have a need for a specific piece of equipment again contact me or the Executive Director - Doug Shaw wa0emx. We have all sorts of equipment, so just ask. It may surprise you what we have. As a matter of fact one piece of donated equipment was used for a trade-in for the TEN-TEC Jupiter that is now at w0shq in the Auditorium.

On the Yahoo Group website are many documents and photos for ASCRA. Since it is on the internet it can be accessed from anywhere by any of the Directors. This allows someone such as the Editor of this publication to use a picture for it.

The last two years as ED I procured the special event Callsign of w0c for operation during the period around the April 6 anniversary date. Both years we had over 200 contacts. Unfortunately most of those were not ASCRA Members.

If ASCRA is of value to you, please make a contribution. It does not need to be cash. It can be a seldom used rig or other equipment. What do YOU want ASCRA to be?? Let us know.

Robin Cross, WØFEN  
ASCRA President  
ASCRA Board Member

## ExecDirector's SKYWAVES *Emergency Preparedness Revisited*

In the May 2009 issue I proposed Emergency Preparedness as a primary focus for growing interest in ASCRA and Amateur Radio in general. This focus is responsible for the DRAMATIC and successful growth in recruiting new hams in the Kansas City metro area. I recommend that our members re-read that column and ask yourselves what you can do in your locations to instill an interest in ham radio among others in your congregations, mission centers, and the communities in which you live. Youth groups are a good place to start, but hundreds of adults of all ages have responded in large numbers in the KC area over the past few years. Local governments are sponsoring Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training which include both ham and non-ham citizens. These courses can be good recruiting grounds for Amateur Radio since it is now included in national (FEMA), regional, state and local emergency planning.

The member governmental jurisdiction and local volunteer support organizations, including those affiliated with the Mid-America Regional Council, have sponsored many Amateur Radio Licensing Classes taught by local Amateur Radio clubs, followed by testing provided by Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) licensing teams. If you have questions or need information on the planning, training and testing model that is proving so successful here, I will be happy to provide contacts to help you implement similar efforts in your localities.

As we magnify the stewardship of time and talent as disciples of Christ, let us all assume responsibility for growing our most worthwhile avocation to the benefit the greater communities surrounding those Communities of Christ in which we find ourselves.

Doug Shaw  
WAØEMX, ExDir

## ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Our mailing list is getting shorter because some of our readers have opted to receive this newsletter electronically. I can send it to you as an attachment to an e-mail message or you can download it from the ASCRA website. This saves both printing and mailing costs and helps us balance the budget. Any additional readers who are willing to change to an electronic version, please send me an e-mail message at [frtroeh@onmbb.com](mailto:frtroeh@onmbb.com).

Fred Troeh NØELM

## **SILENT KEY**

### **Bob Farnham KGØII**

I greatly regret to report the passing of our dear and true friend, Bob Farnham KGØII, in Lamoni, Iowa, Saturday, August 22, 2009, after a long battle with brain cancer. He passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family.

Bob, a past president of ASCRA, was a long-time, active and contributing member of our Association, currently serving on the ASCRA Board of Directors. He will be greatly missed by all of us, as well as by his family, and by the students and faculty of Graceland University where he served as Assistant Professor of Computer Science. Only last Fall he returned to the GU campus to resume teaching after completing coursework for a PhD at Iowa State University. He was looking forward eagerly to beginning his research when the experimental regimen from Duke University, which had been initially promising, failed to arrest the disease.

Following cremation, visitation and memorial services were held at the Community of Christ church in Lamoni, Iowa, August 26 & 27. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery in Lamoni. A wonderful recollection of a remarkable life shared by the family in his memorial service follows:

Robert Walter "Bob" Farnham, age 51 of Lamoni, Iowa, son of Milo and LaVerne (Lingard) Farnham, was born May 30, 1958 in Iowa City, Iowa and died August 22, 2009 at his home in Lamoni. He faced his eight year cancer battle with energy, courage, and a deep appreciation for the community in which he lived.

Bob spent the majority of his childhood in Independence, Missouri and graduated from Truman High School in 1976. Bob's passion for learning began at Graceland College following high school. After two years he transferred to the University of Missouri at Rolla where he completed his Bachelor's degree in Computer Science (1980). Bob also earned a Master's degree in Computer Science from the University of Missouri at Rolla (1984), a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Business Administration from Graceland College (1993), a Master's degree in Technology Integration from Graceland University (2005), and a Master's degree in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology from Iowa State University while simultaneously completing courses for his doctorate (2009).

Bob began working for Hewlett Packard in Santa Clara, California in 1980 but moved back to Lamoni in 1985 to begin his 24 year career at Graceland. Bob was employed as the Director of Information Technology (1985-1998) and the Director of Collaborative Faculty Development and Instruction in Distance Education (1998-2000) before joining and serving as a faculty member teaching computer science for 9 years. In the spring of 2009 Bob was bestowed the honor of the rank of Professor Emeritus.

Bob married Lynda Susan Heath on August 4, 1979 in Mitchell, Ontario, Canada. They had three children: Adam Robert, Corinne Michelle, and Erin Ashley. Bob was a very supportive husband and father. He was enthusiastic regarding the interests his family pursued and showed his support by attending each of his children's activities/events. His booming bass voice could easily be recognized as the "loudest cheerer" at ballgames and he enjoyed calling friends and family to sing "Happy Birthday". As an Eagle Scout, Bob had a passion for outdoor activities. Many memorable moments were spent with



Bob Farnham KGØII

family camping in National Parks throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Bob's other interests included the Libertarian Party, HAM radio, photography, and firearms. Bob was a founding member of the Iowa Research and Education network (IREN), a member of an ICN task force, a member of the State of Iowa Libraries On-Line (SILO) Advisory Board and an invited member of a five person National Science foundation grant review team in Washington D.C. Bob was baptized into the R.L.D.S. church as a boy and served faithfully in the Lamoni Community of Christ Church as an Elder.

Bob was preceded in death by his mother. Surviving are his wife of 30 years, Lynda Farnham (KBØUBT) of Lamoni; son Adam Farnham (KCØLLP) and wife Sami of Indianola, Iowa; daughter Corinne Fonseca and husband Brian (KCØTSN) of Kansas City, Missouri; daughter Erin Everett and husband Jake of Naperville, Illinois; twin granddaughters Kiera and Briana Fonseca and a grandson to be born in September. He is also survived by his father Milo Farnham (WBØUVI) and wife Paula of Independence, Missouri; brother Mark Farnham of Joplin, Missouri; sister Rachel Horn and husband William of Sibley, Missouri and sister Jill Etter and husband Mark of Independence, Missouri; other relatives and many friends.

Memorial funds may be given to:

- Graceland University Science and Math division
- Maggie Leonard Family (for her continued fight with a brain tumor)
- Outreach International

Please keep Lynda and her family in your hearts and prayers. Condolences may be sent to the family c/o

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Rest well faithful friend and servant minister.

by Doug Shaw  
WAØEMX

## A SPECIAL VISIT WITH BOB FARNHAM

As many of you have for the past eight years, I set aside special time to include Bob, Lynda and family in my prayers, especially after learning they had begun hospice care. In mid May it was brought to my meditations to visit Bob and offer to perform that abluion Christ insisted on doing for his disciples following their last supper together as related in John 13.

Experience has taught me not to ignore such promptings, so I researched the meaning and practice of foot washing in Christ's time and as understood now from various perspectives. After a week's study, I called Lynda and asked if Bob would be interested in having me come to Lamoni to follow through with the Spirit's leading. Without hesitation she responded in the affirmative and arranged for me to visit after Bob fulfilled his great desire to escort his youngest daughter, Erin, in his wheel chair in a back yard wedding at their home. Thus I made my way from Kansas City to Lamoni on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

When I arrived I learned that Bob was unaware of the special purpose of my visit. After relating the insistent promptings I had felt, we spoke of the incident described in John 13, recalling that Peter at first adamantly refused to submit to his Master performing such a menial task, usually relegated to slaves or the lowliest of servants. By washing their feet in a completely unexpected context (AFTER the meal, not as an act of welcome upon their arrival) Jesus got their undivided attention.

He instructed them that there was spiritual significance to this act. While they did not comprehend his meaning until later, by demonstration, as He laid aside his garments to assume a servant role, so also would he lay aside his divine prerogatives to serve lost humanity on Golgotha. Instead of everyone washing their own feet as normally done when there was no servant to do so, Christ took their filthiness onto himself, just as he would for all our sinfulness on the Cross.

Jesus also emphasized a duality in his act of foot washing. A concomitant act of ACCEPTANCE is required of the disciple to receive the grace of God represented by the sacrifice of Christ. Unless Peter and the others were willing to accept Christ washing their feet, symbolic of washing away their moral filth, they could have not have fellowship with him. So it is for us.

I then asked if Bob was willing to accept this symbolic ritual, to which he replied in his weakened voice, firmly and confidently with great faith, "I accept." Lynda prepared a bowl of warm water, a cloth and a towel, and we proceeded. Following the abluion, I asked if he would like administration, to which he also replied affirmatively. After the anointing, there followed a true gift of prayer about which I can recall very little detail other than a sublime presence of the Holy Spirit. The words given were not from nor for me but for Bob and Lynda. I was greatly humbled and privileged to be part of such a blessed moment.

While the ultimate outcome might not be what we all have hoped for, a few days later Lynda sent an Email that included, "Bob and I would be glad to have you share your testimony with others. Bob has been doing much better since your visit. He's eating better and feeling better all around... We were both blessed that day." As was I.

Doug Shaw  
WAØEMX

## 20-M and 40-M NET CHECK-INS

Sept 25, 2009

These are the check ins on the 20 M and 40 M nets since May 17, 2009.

Propagation has slightly improved over the last few months. Check ins are requested by several strong stations that check in so we gather the data after to get it right each Sunday. If we missed your call sign please try again as conditions seem to be improving.

Our best combined efforts are the lists below.

Ernie Miles WB2UJL

### 20 M net

NØAIX Larry Reagan KØDRA Dooug Allen  
WØDZX Dave Atkins NØELM Fred Troeh  
WØFEN Robin Cross WAØIBS Andy Ferrar  
KMØS Mike Thayer

WB2UJL Ernie Miles

W4CYF James Bishop KA4RUR Frederick Carslick  
KA4VSH Donald Anderson

KF5ATY Ronald Holcomb N5ECP Jeffery Salmons  
kE5GXJ Vancil Nast N5JNX Joseph Richard  
K5JWL Jack Lester K5LDW Michael Shelby  
KB5LKE William Smith W5QPT Ellis Thatcher  
KM5RY Jimmie Stutzman KE5SBP Christopher Hood  
AD5VJ Robert Autry AC5Y Alexander Bell  
KE5YJS Morris Vessier

N6BX Richard Lexington W6LMJ Terry Redding  
KI6PFU Don Brown

KL7IXI Michael Fletcher K7RNV Robert Sramek

K8QA Mike Oiler KC8TWJ Charles Dybala

### 40 M net

WØDZX Dave Atkins KØDRA Doug Allen  
WAØEMX Doug Shaw WØFEN Robin Cross  
KBØR Larry Gaalaas

KB1RRR Stephen Paradis

KC2FCB Thomas Mueller KB2IAU Chris Wells  
N2SJ Club Station WB2UJL Ernie Miles  
KA2VBU George Klecak

N3FQ Lawrence Fleming

W4DRJ John Sherwood KI4FQV Martin Fleming  
KT4KP William Hancock KI4NUU Frank Custureri  
W4TED William Brown

KE5QJX Michael Brazda W5QPT Ellis Thatcher  
KC5VZP Albert Rodriguez

W6LMJ Terry Redding

KD8KGP Adolfo Barreto

WA9DX Valentine Dzurny WA9ZPM Michael Kiley

## QST DE WAØEMX

### *2009 HERALD Articles that Feature ASCRA*

A news release regarding the 2009 WØC Special Event QSO Party held April 2-8 commemorating the 36th anniversary of ASCRA was published on page 39 in the *Snapshots & Snippets* section of the March 2009 *HERALD*. Although no names were given, a photo of six ASCRA directors attending the April 2008 Board meeting was included. (The others attended via conference bridge.) The WØC activity report is scheduled to be published in the next issue.

A two page article, *Ham Radio Saints "In Service" along the Disciples Path*, appeared in the NEWS section of the April 2009 *HERALD*, pp. 34-45. The article included photos of Warren Moulton, VK3LX, at his station in New Waverly, Victoria, Australia, and Carolyn Wells, KDØCJW, operating the Centerpoint Medical Center Emergency Operations Center (EOC) station. This article can be viewed, in color, online at <http://www.cofchrist.org/news/2009/apr/ASCRA.asp>. The article also includes numerous website, ASCRA net schedules, and E-mail contact references. Printed copies could be a good ASCRA and ham radio recruiting tool to share with others.

### *Centerpoint Medical Center Call Sign Changed to WØCPT*

In the April 2009 *HERALD* article and on page 3 of the February 2009 issue of *IN SERVICE* Carolyn Wells KDØCJW was pictured operating Centerpoint Medical Center's EOC and club station KDØBUA. Shortly after publication the EOC station call sign changed to WØCPT. In July Carolyn moved to a Trauma Program manager position at the Liberty, MO, hospital. In August, ASCRA Executive Director, Doug Shaw, met with the new (non-ham) Centerpoint trauma program manager to educate him about Amateur Radio, EOC Amateur Radio equipment, and encourage him to seek his own ham license. More follow-up is planned.

### *2010 World Conference ASCRA Meeting, April 10-17*

ASCRA will hold its General Membership Meeting on the opening Saturday of the 2010 World Conference, April 10th. Location is not yet determined. Suggestions for program content are welcome. Let us know if you think you will attend. Also let me know if you would like to operate WØSHQ at the HQ campus while you are attending the conference. Be sure to bring a copy of your license to post in the radio shack on the sixth floor of the Auditorium, SE corner.

Dave Atkins WØDZX has suggested that attendees bring excess radio, electronics (and computer?) related items to the meeting for a silent auction to benefit ASCRA. Let us know if this interests you. If you are likely to bring items please indicate type, quantity and your estimate of value. We will consider holding the auction only if there is sufficient interest and quantity of items to make the effort worthwhile.

Donated radios and other equipment are either loaned to ASCRA members who can use them or loaned to new hams. Items that are not used by ASCRA members are considered as excess inventory and are advertised for sale or sold at hamfests.

### *Tax Deductible Donations & Funding Needs*

Donations "in kind" are acknowledged by ASCRA any time and can be used as tax deductions. Cash donations are also welcome. Funding is needed to expand WØSHQ operations to include 24/7 Internet access as a remote base station in addition to increasing the antenna farm and implementing dedicated 24/7 EchoLink node at the Auditorium once the pilot development and shakedown is finished off-site.

### *RARC-KØGQ Technology Net*

The Raytown (MO) Amateur Radio Club sponsors a weekly Technology Net on Fridays at 8 PM CT, accessible on the KØGQ (145.17 no PL tone) two meter repeater and via the KØGQ-R Echolink node (403841) or the \*MISSOURI\* conference node (452514). A list of the last 10 sessions can be seen on <http://k0gq.com/technet.htm>.

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## ANNUAL CORPORATE REGISTRATION

The 2009 annual registration of ASCRA as a non-profit corporation was completed with the Missouri Secretary of State on August 28th. The online process records principal agent, business (World Church HQ) address, officers and directors. Using the online process saves ASCRA \$5 of a \$15 fee plus postage and time. Once informed by the ASCRA Secretary, the Church legal department then downloads a copy of the completed report for their records. To view this and past registration reports, members may go to [www.sos.mo.gov](http://www.sos.mo.gov) and select the "Print Annual Report for Filing" under the Featured Items box. Enter the association name in the search field returned, then select on the charter number. When the Business Name History page appears, select the Filed Documents link which returns a list of past registrations which can be viewed as PDF or in your browser.

Doug Shaw, Secretary

## TIME FOR A NEW EDITOR

This issue completes my sixth year as editor of this newsletter, and it is time to find my successor. I have enjoyed my tenure and am proud of the fruit of my efforts but I need to move on for personal reasons. I am grateful for the cooperation I have received, especially from all those who have written articles, notices, and other items for publication in the newsletter.

Could you be the next editor, or can you suggest someone? If so, please contact Executive Director Doug Shaw by either e-mail at [doug\\_nancy@comcast.net](mailto:doug_nancy@comcast.net) or by postal mail at:

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Raytown, Missouri 64133-2965

The principal duties of the editor are to assemble, print, and distribute this newsletter four times a year. I use MS Word for this purpose and will be glad to help you get started. The expenses of doing so are reimbursed by the ASCRA treasurer.

Fred Troeh NØELM, editor

## ASCRA BOARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

It is time to submit nominations for election to the ASCRA Board of Directors, for the 2010-2012 class. A maximum of six (6) nominations may be submitted by each member **to be received no later than Saturday, October 17, 2009**. Please remind any other members you may contact about the nomination deadline.

The following directors are serving for the 2009-2011 term and are not eligible for nomination at this time.

Barbara Redding, W5HKY, West Palm Beach, FL  
Chuck Palmer, NØONN, Independence, MO (Treas)  
Doug Shaw, WAØEMX, Raytown, MO (ExDir & Sec'y)  
Ernie Miles, WB2UJL, Durham, NC  
Bob Farnham, KGØII, Lamoni, IA (Silent Key)  
Robin Cross, WØFEN, Kansas City, MO (Pres)

All other licensed ASCRA members are eligible for nomination, including the following six directors whose terms expire in the Spring of 2010.

David Gates, N5LCL, Newcastle, OK  
Fred Troeh, NØELM, Maricopa, AZ  
Terry Redding, W6LMJ, West Palm Beach, FL  
Tom Thatcher, W2TFT, Shawano, WI  
Jim Fish, K7NCG, Woodinville, WA  
Larry Ragan, NØAIX, Gladstone, MO

**Please verify that your nominees are willing to serve before you submit their names in nomination.** Service as a director may entail travel to Independence, Missouri, or attendance by conference call, for at least one annual directors' meeting. It is also very helpful if all nominees have E-mail capability, but should not be considered a requirement for nomination or serving.

**Only one nomination is required to place a willing nominee on the ballot.** Each ASCRA member submitting nominations should clearly identify who is making the nomination, using a separate piece of paper or a separate E-mail.

### Submit nominations by postal mail to:

Doug Shaw, WAØEMX  
ASCRA Secretary  
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**Or:** P.O. Box 73

Independence, MO 64051

**Or by E-mail to [wa0emx@arrl.net](mailto:wa0emx@arrl.net).**

Since ASCRA asks no dues of its members it is dependent on your donations to cover even minimal operating expenses, particularly the increased cost of preparing and mailing our *In Service* newsletter. Please consider sending a donation by postal mail even if submitting nominations by E-mail. Any questions about the nomination process may be directed to the ASCRA Secretary.

Doug Shaw, ASCRA Secretary, 816.358-6856

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