



FEEDBACK



JOHNSON COUNTY RADIO AMATEURS CLUB, Inc.

The Johnson County Radio Amateurs Club normally meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays, 7:30 PM at the Overland Park Christian Church at 75th and Conser streets, west of the Fire Station.

December 2013

President's Corner

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of the Feedback Editor. This month's Feedback is dedicated to Dick Carter, NØTO. Dick was the Feedback editor for close to ten years. His time and efforts that he put in to the Feedback each month cannot be over looked.

Dick's passing is a great lost the Amateur Radio community. His and Kay's unselfishness efforts on the behalf of Amateur radio cannot be fully recounted in a few words. Please read all the testimonials in this Feedback issue.

Dick was a big supporter of Public Service events. He was either the organizer, net control or just a worker. One way we can honor Dick's memory is volunteer for these public service event, especially the ones he held dear.

Bill Gery KA2FNK, President JCRAC

**Dick Carter, NØTO (sk)
November 17, 2013**





The following testimonials were posted on Larry's List:

Larry, I have started several times this week to write down my feelings for Dick but each time I get chocked up and can't say the things I feel. I hope he knows how much I love him and I will tell him in person when I get to heaven. Dick was my Elmer you know and he was also my first radio contact.

Don Post

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Thanks, Larry, for getting all the info you have gotten out about Dick and the memorial service. He was always a friendly ham to talk to (both on the radio and off), really knew radio and electronics well, and was really willing to help out. When I was riding my bike in an event he was volunteering at, I ended up at the end of the pack near the end. Up came Dick behind me. I had the radio on, and talked to him for a moment.

Also he helped out on some of the rides I organized hams on. He was always willing to spend lots of extra time when others would leave. He was always a great ham to have around.

Thanks,

John Blessing, N0YRL

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When I first met Dick Carter I thought he was a bossy know it all. Later I learned he was a kind and caring man with a generous spirit. Dick was a masterful problem solver who was seldom stumped for an approach to a problem. He was a steady hand on the helm. I will miss him.

Mike Bellinger, K0UAA

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It goes like this:

Dick to St. Peter:
St Peter asks, "What?"
"Permission to contact GOD direct."
"Permission granted"
GOD de N0TO:
"N0TO, welcome aboard!"

Chet Hallberg KØTCB
Mary Jo Hallberg KØTGU
913 649 2752

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Like many of you, I have been remembering Dick Carter, N0TO, formerly WB0IZY.

This was a very remarkable ham and person. He represented the best in amateur radio, always willing to help any ham, new or experienced. He and Kay were always assisting at ham supported public service events. As you will read later in this series of tribute messages for Dick, he and Kay were very involved with the MS Society and its walks and rides.

They were at all the March of Dimes events I coordinated for 33 years, and I know they continued after I decided to retire. I am sure that Steve, WD0DPB, could say same for the American Diabetes Association, Tour deCure and Wheel to Weston events. I could depend on them to do whatever was needed on over 20 years of the CROP Walk. The members of the Johnson County Radio Amateurs Society can attest to Dick's involvement as editor of the "FEEDBACK."

We all will miss him!

73,
Larry, W0AIB

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So sorry to hear the news of Dick's passing. While I didn't know him personally exceptionally well, I will always remember him as being my very first contact on my new radio after I passed my Ham exam, and the inspiration he shared with me that day about HAM radio will be forever a part of my life. His work with Feedback was the first thing I looked forward to reading each month. He was always involved with special events, and he will always be remembered as a true fixture of HAM radio here in KC. Dick will certainly be missed.

Steven Madigan, KDØMSU/AT,
Licensed 28 September 2010

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Dick always has a warm hand shake and a smile, invited me to participate in events and is a gracious net control operator! He will be missed!

Jay Greenough, KD0OYQ

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I think that we can all agree that when the good lord created Dick Carter the man, husband, brother, leader, problem solver, volunteer, Elmer, Net Control Operator, route operator, HAM extraordinary, etc. they broke the mold!!

I first "officially" met Dick in June of 2001 when I did the MS 50 Miles in 3 Days Challenge Walk. Dick and Kay on the route all three days providing not only radio communication support also cold water and wet towels as it was very hot for the first of June.

That evening after surviving the first 20 miles I talked with Dick at dinner and discovered that we had actually met years before through some mutual friends as we were both involved with sports car racing in a "earlier life time".... and I had also worked with Kay several times at watering station for the Hospital Hill Run at Saint Luke's Hospital where I work and Kay was the HAM operator at the station for the run!... That night started our years and years of friendship...

Our paths crossed again that September at the MS150 Bike Ride where I was helping as SAG. At the time I was not HAM and was very frustrated not having good communications. I vowed not to work the event the following year without my HAM license!!!.....and of course thanks to Dick I got my license!!

In the spring Dick and Duane Haverty taught a class for anyone wanting to become a HAM at the MS Society office. They both did a great job teaching and making it easy to learn and understand.

The week of the test however, I had a horrible week at work, had new glasses that weren't exactly right so reading clearly was often a challenge etc. The night of the test I stopped to tell Dick that I wasn't ready for the test and wouldn't be taking it. Dick sat down with me with his calming, problem solving voice and nature and encouraged my to go ahead and take the test..... which I did....and I passed!!!! ONLY because Dick's calming, gentle, positive attitude did I even attempt to take test that night.....and I thank him every day for this...

A week after passing and getting my call, Dick met me at Associated Radio and helped me pick out my first HT and magnet mount antenna. Since that day he has guided me through several other radio purchases.....and a TRUE lifesaver when it came to learning how to program them!!!

As others have already written, any event that Dick was involved in was sure to be a success due to his skills and talents to organize, problem solve, communicate, and handle anything that came his way.

He was a true friend and gentlemen, and I consider it an honor to have known him and volunteered along side of him for many years....

He WILL be missed by ALL...

David L. Woolpert, KC0PNN

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Like many of us, we remember Dick in the best of ways. He was an outstanding operator. Always calm under pressure and an example to be looked up to. If I remember correctly, Dick and I met back in the 80's when we were doing the MS150. And to this very day, he still refereed to me as Crash, not Chuck. I will always smile when I think of that. 73 old friend, and rest in peace....

Chuck Kraly, KOXM

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Oh this is so sad. Dick was the best...a Ham's Ham. Dick would give you the shirt of his back if you needed it and then go get you another.

Philip Leonard, WV0T

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I worked several events with Dick, so sorry to hear the news.

Gary Hayes, K4IIA

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Dick will surely be missed.

Robert L. Nitsch, W0OES

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I just heard the news- thanks so much for being sure that I knew. Dick was a wonderful man and I feel fortunate to have gotten to work with him for such a long time. I'll stay tuned for details.

Best,

Kay Julian, President
Mid America Chapter - National MS Society Location Kansas City, Missouri Area

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I have known Dick for over 40 years and am so very sorry to hear of his death. I knew he wasn't in good health but just felt like he would be able to keep on going on.

So many have left us behind! It hurts.

Harold Childress, WB0LFH

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I was sad to hear of Dick, NØTO. I had just sent him a piece about the 6 meter opening Nov. 9 for the JCRAC Feedback. My dad said his health had not been good. Dick did a great job editing the Feedback.

Jon Jones, N0JK
"The World Above 50 MHz." Editor, QST

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*** The following message is used by permission of the author. ***

From: Kay Julian

Sent: Monday, November 18, 2013 8:27 PM

To: KSG KC Staff; Debbie Mellentine

Subject: Dick Carter

I'm sad to share that Dick Carter passed away Sunday after lengthy and serious health issues. Many of you have worked with Dick Carter on our events and some of you may not have had the pleasure of working with him. Dick was a 30 year volunteer for the MS Society. He and his wife Kay were mainstays at every one of our events over the years. Despite their many community engagements and volunteer commitments, they held a special place for the MS Society in their lives. Dick was a ham extraordinaire, not only serving in net control but mapping out repeater positions, recruiting volunteer

hams, wrangling necessary equipment (including our very own portable repeater), running the route and unerringly being where he was most needed and generally serving as a Swiss army knife. With Dick on the route, I knew that we were always in good hands. He was an amazing problem solver with a seemingly innocuous looking white mini-van which held everything you would ever need on an event to handle any possible situation that would arise. Unfailingly positive, incredibly supportive and a genuinely wonderful human being, Dick will be missed. There will be others, but never another Dick Carter.

For those who knew Dick and would like to pay respects, Dick's memorial service will be on Saturday, November 23rd at 11:00AM at St. John's United Methodist Church, 6900 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64113. Some staff will be there and we'll also send condolences to his wife Kay.

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Being in St. Charles MO, I did not know Dick, however, he sounds like a true inspiration for not only ham radio, but true friendship. We must remember Dick as a inspiration to all of us to develop such traits of friendship and ham radio knowledge and help to others. Its now up to all of us out there to make and keep friends in this great hobby, and to assist others and be an inspiration just as Dick was.

Losing such souls is hard, and leaves a void. They leave such a hollow hole, sometimes never filled. We must all do what we can to help others, to share the great joy of ham radio. I shall be on the low bands shortly, just a very cool rainy day here. (November 21)

Doug Allen, K0DRA

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It was sad day when I heard of the passing of Dick Carter !

I've known Dick from the early 70's when we were both members of the Kansas City Amateur Club K0OKI.

We did several field Days together and we really had some good times.

Our thoughts and prayers to his family !

Barry Roseman, W0LHK

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How very, very, sad! The World of Amateur Radio lost a Very Special Ham when Dick passed on to be with his Maker. May God be with Kay and Family.....

I wasn't as fortunate to know Dick as long as several of you had, but I feel blessed to have called him my friend.

73, & God Speed....

Norma Libby W0KC

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I spent many hours working with Dick in the Johnson County EOC. I returned to Johnson County in early 1977 and back to storm spotting at that time. Dick was active with the group then. Back then, before we had a radar drop in the EOC, we had spotters strung out over the county waiting for storms to arrive. Many times sun was shining or stars showing. Many times into the wee hours. Dick was always there until we were cleared to leave. He always made it to work with little sleep.

Dick always was the NC at the American Royal Parades, often being NC on 2 frequencies at a time. I know he was working the AR activities in 1980 or 81 which was my first year working the parade.

Rita Hoffman KB0TJR, told me, that Dick told her earlier this year he had spent 39 years with the ECS. I doubt if anyone else would come close to that record!!

Dick always, was my, info guy that was always ready to help!! If he didn't have the answer in his "memory bank" he knew how to find the answer!! We all have lost a great friend & "ELMER" that will be missed by everyone.

Dick Dehn, WA0SQN

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It's been a sad week for everyone in ham radio here in KC and Mr. Carter's family. Some know the story about me and ham radio.

About 15 years ago, I rode in the MS150 for the first time, I had lots of fun, but I was hurting for a week; couldn't sit. The reason why I wanted to ride, my 8 grade teacher had MS and I learned a lot from her and years later when I was in high school, I said I will try, I tried, but I was sagged couple of times, by Mr. Carter both times. We talked about the radio in his van, but I really didn't understand it, so I didn't think twice about it at the time. I only rode the bike ride (once), but I said I would help somehow, somehow. I helped in medical, sagging, DJing, food and over the years, Mr. Carter and I started becoming friends and every time I saw him, he would tell me more and more about ham radio. In 2008, at the MS150 (MS Bike Ride) he told me I need to get my book and study and he even called couple times over that winter to see if I was OK and in the spring at the MS walk, he got me set up with Mr. May, Mr. Short and Mrs. Wells and I went to the 2 day class and in May of 2009, I got my technician license.

Since 2009, I've helped with weather spotting and chasing, many events that used ham radio, and made many new friends. Both Dick & Kay helped me and many other great people at the Hospital Hill Run and the CROP Walk. Mr. Carter did everything in his power to help anyone and he will never be forgotten.

73,

Catfish Joe Rollings, KD0HQQ