Hello, all ham ops that want to develop their CW skills! We will be starting a CW practice net that will meet Mondays and Thursdays at 7:00 PM EDT (2300 UTC). The first net will commence on Monday May 06, 2024. Don't be afraid to jump in there, no matter your skill with the brass! We are here to support each other with increasing our CW skills! The specifics:

- Net Control station: Andy Jackson (K2CRV) will act as net control station and will be using the club call N2AAR. If Andy cannot make it, then Dave, KD2EH, will be asked to fill in as net control.
- We will be using Netlogger (can be downloaded from https://www.netlogger.org/). We will try to have a precheck-in available starting 15 minutes early.
- Frequency: 3535 kHz (in the Technician/Novice section of the band). If the frequency is in use, look 5 kHz above or below (3540 kHz or 3530 kHz) for the net.
- Days for net: Every Monday and Thursday.
- Time: 2300Z.
- Code speed: Slow 5 WPM or less.
- Procedure: Will be using recommended CW Net Protocol (see below).
- We will monitor the 2m repeater system (145.19 Bath, 147.330 Travis Hill, and KLARA linked repeaters and Echolink for those that are out of the repeater coverage area) in case there are issues and to provide an informal feedback session after the CW practice net.
- Anyone (whether a member of KLARA or not) that wants to practice their CW is welcome to participate.
- If you have any questions, feel free to call Andy on 145.19 (or other KLARA linked repeaters) or email Andy at K2CRV@ARRL.NET.
- See KLARA.US for further information concerning KLARA linked repeaters and other information.

CW Practice Protocol (not in stone, but meant as guidelines):
CQ KLARA CQ KLARA DE N2AAR QND QNZ KLARA QNI K

Translation:
CQ KLARA   Calling the Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Association CW Practice Net
QND   The net is directed
QNZ   Please tune to signal of Net Control Station (NCS)
QNI   K   Check in now   Go ahead

To check in, send a single morse letter of your choosing (from your call). For example, station checking in sends letter:
H

NCS acknowledges by sending same letter **H**

Station checking in then sends:
    DE KD2EH GE QRU

Translation:
"This is KD2EH   Good Evening I have no traffic"

After Check-ins are acknowledged, each station will initially be asked to send greetings and station specifics to the group.
    KD2EH DE N2AAR, GE OM, PSE GA W INTRO K
Translation:
"KD2EH this is N2AAR Good evening old man, please go ahead with your introduction."

An introduction may look like this:
    N2AAR DE KD2EH, GE All. NC UR RST is 599 5NN. Name here is Dave Dave. My QTH is Dansville, NY Dansville NY. BK to NC N2AAR DE KD2EH.

Translation:
"N2AAR this is KD2EH, Good Evening all. The Net Control RST is 599. Name here is Dave. My Location is Dansville, NY. Back to Net Control N2AAR this is KD2EH. "

After an introduction round, the NC will ask for further information. This can be anything. Recommendations: Rig, Power, and Antenna being used; Weather conditions; Personal information such as activities of the day, amateur radio history (how many years as a ham or how long since you used CW).
    KD2EH DE N2AAR RR Dave, GA W UR INFO FER THE NET K
Translation:
"KD2EH this is N2AAR Roger Roger Dave, Go ahead with your information for the net."

    N2AAR DE KD2EH RR Andy es GE to the NET. Rig HR is a Hallicrafters TH-44 running 100W into an 80m dipole. Not much going on today. Mowed the grass es threw out my back. WX is sunny and 65 deg F. Looking forward to FD. Been a ham for 30 years es I luv CW. Back to NC N2AAR DE KD2EH.

If you would like to have a direct contact with another net participant (maybe for a CW QSL Card!) ask the NC for permission to contact another station.

    N2AAR DE KD2EH RR Andy es GE to the NET. Wud like to QSO W KC2YTD K

    KD2EH DE N2AAR RR Dave. GA.

    KC2YTD DE KD2EH K

KD2EH DE KC2YTD RR Dave. UR RST is 599 599. Name is Gary and QTH is Dansville, NY. HW CPY? BK

KC2YTD DE KD2EH RR Gary. UR RST is 599 599 es Name is Dave and QTH is Dansville, NY. HW CPY? BK

KD2EH DE KC2YTD RR Dave. TNX fer QSO. BK to U. BK

KC2YTD DE KD2EH RR Gary. TNX fer QSO. I will QSL. Now QRU BK to NC. N2AAR DE KD2EH K

KD2EH DE N2AAR RR Dave. Gud QSO. Now moving on to the 73 round. K**** de N2AAR K

At this point each station will send their goodbyes and 73 to the net. The NC will go through the list for each participating station and ask for their 73 round and then will excuse the station from the net.

KD2EH DE N2AAR Hi Dave. 73 to U es TU. BK

N2AAR DE KD2EH RR Andy. 73 to all on the net. HPE to CU AGN. 73 73 N2AAR DE KD2EH SK

KD2EH DE N2AAR RR TU Dave QNX 73. Now to KC2YTD 73 to U es TU Gary. KC2YTD DE N2AAR K

N2AAR DE KC2YTD RR Andy. 73 to all on the net. Do not forget about the LSB morning net on 3896. 73 N2AAR DE KC2YTD K

KC2YTD DE N2AAR RR TU Gary QNX 73.

Closing the net:

KLARA NW QNF GE DE N2AAR SK

Translation:

"The KLARA CW Net is now secured Good Evening from N2AAR."