



# QSP



April 2011

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The April Meeting is  
Friday, Apr. 29, 2011  
@ 7:30 PM, at KWU  
Peters Science Hall  
Room 211

## April VE Report

### For the March 24th Session:

We had one Candidate, Van Pooler, KDØOBT, of El Dorado, Ks. Van passed his Technician Exam, and tried the General exam, without success.

VE's for this session were: Sid, NØOBM, Ron, WAØPSF, Larry, NØGSL, & Eric, NØYET.

Host: Alvin, WØME

Program: Michelle,  
KDØKYD  
Tapemeasure Beams

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### For the April 13th Session:

We had two Candidates, Paul Riley, KDØOHT, of Wichita, Ks. passed his Technician exam, and Gavin Paul, KDØJKO, of Roxbury, Ks. attempted his General exam. Gavin missed a few to many for a passing score, better luck next time!

This month's VE's were: Sid, NØOBM, Ron, WAØPSF, Leon, WAØJFC, Larry, NØGSL, Harvey, KØRY, and Alvin, WØME.

Thanks to all the VE's who helped with the Exam Sessions. I appreciate the help, and so do those who take the exams.

Next Exam session is:  
**Wednesday May 11th, 2011, at 7:00 PM**, at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom.

Sid NØOBM VE Team Leader

## Minutes of the March Meeting

Mark, KBØMOX called the meeting to order with 21 members and guests present.

Alvin, WØME asked that the Feb. minutes be approved as printed in the QSP.  
Motion made by Ron to approve as printed, moved and seconded, and passed.

Mitch, KAØIFW gave the treasurer's report:

Savings	\$1043.38
checking	\$ 885.26
total of	\$1928.64

Moved and seconded that the report be accepted as read.

Only other correspondence was the Johnson County "Feed Back" news letter.

EC / VE Report:

Sid, NØOBM, gave a report on the VE testing for the past month, and stated that the EC report was as printed in QSP.

Activities Report:

Michelle, KDØKYD, is working on Field Day and is seeking input from any of the members with ideas for Field Day sites for this year. The Next Field Day Committee meeting will be at 6:30 PM before regular club meeting.

Repeater Report:

The Repeaters are working!

Hamfest Report:

RON, WAØPSF, The CKARC Hamfest is scheduled for Aug. 21st, and everything is going ok.

Reminders from Mark, KBØMOX:

The July 13th board meeting will be looking over Constitution and bylaws and that the May 27th meeting is the Silent Key Pot Luck meeting.

Thanks to Bert, WØUTS for host for the evening.

Thanks to Mike, KBØLZQ for program on the capacities of the current crop of Military radios.

sec/wØme

## Reminders

**City of Salina Siren Test Net, May 2nd** at 4:30 PM on the NØKSC Repeater (147.270+) **if the Weather cooperates!**

ARES Net **May 3rd at 8:00 PM** on the NØKSC Repeater (147.270+)

**ARRL-VEC Test Session** on Wednesday **May 11th at 7:00 PM.**

**Board meeting** follows the exam session on **May 11th** at 8:00 PM (or after Testing—which ever is later) in the Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Classroom.

**ARES Meeting** is **May 19th at 8:00 PM** in **Emergency Management.**

CKARC Meeting is May 27th at 7:30 PM at KWU's Peters Science Hall, Room 211?????????? SK Potluck

There is a full **Calendar of Events** on the CKARC Web site <http://www.centalksarc.com>

There is now a "New" repeater in the area:

NØKSC/R 444.875+ with a 118.8 Hz. Tone (Encode & Decode)

## Ofcom to Issue Special Temporary Call Signs for Royal Wedding

04/13/2011

If you are a prefix hunter -- or you just get caught up in the pageantry that a Royal Wedding can bring -- then take note: Ofcom, at the request of the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB), will issue special temporary call signs that British amateurs may use from **April 29 through May 9, 2011**, commemorating the marriage of HRH Prince William of Wales and Miss Catherine Middleton. Amateurs in the United Kingdom who choose to apply for these special call signs will be using **GR, MR and 2R** prefixes during this time to commemorate the wedding.

## ARRL to Change Providers for Equipment Protection, Club Liability Insurance Plans

04/07/2011

On May 1, 2011, the ARRL will begin a new partnership to provide its ARRL-sponsored Equipment Insurance and Club Liability Insurance plans. The League has signed an agreement with Hays Affinity Group to serve as the program administrator to provide equipment insurance to its members who choose to elect coverage. In addition, Hays will also provide club liability insurance to ARRL Affiliated Clubs for those clubs that wish to take advantage of that program. Hays will be replacing Marsh Affinity Group Services as the program's administrator and will be introducing new policies for both plans, underwritten by the Hanover Insurance Company.

Not only is equipment protection coverage through Hays Affinity Group slightly less expensive than with Marsh, it's easier to enroll in the plans. You can sign up online and even schedule your equipment online, too. With Hays Affinity Group, you can have all your radio equipment covered, even the computers, hard drives and printers in your shack. You can also elect to have coverage for your towers and antennas, up to \$15,000 replacement cost. All losses are settled on the replacement cost value you have stated for your equipment. In addition, any newly acquired equipment during the policy term, up to a value of \$2000, will be covered until your next policy renewal. All this -- and more -- with only a \$50 deductible.

Be assured, if you currently have equipment or club liability insurance provided through Marsh Affinity Group, your coverage will continue through the end of your current policy. But keep in mind that when your policy expires, your coverage will not automatically be switched over to Hays. You will need to enroll with Hays to continue coverage under an ARRL sponsored plan. If you wish to switch to either of the new insurance policies now, you will have to cancel your policy with Marsh and sign up with Hays, or wait until your policy with Marsh is due for renewal and then sign up with Hays for coverage. If you choose to cancel with Marsh before renewal, you will receive a pro-rated refund of any unused premium fees you have paid.

The ARRL has been providing opportunities for equipment insurance to its members for more than 25 years. By choosing to let Hays Affinity Group cover your equipment, you are helping to support the ARRL; a portion of each premium comes back to the League to help fund programs that enable you to enjoy your on-air privileges.

*From the ARRL Web Site*

## FCC Launches Complete Overhaul of Website

04/06/2011

The Federal Communications Commission announced today that it has launched a complete overhaul of its website. According to an April 6 press release from the FCC, the new website is "architected with a more intuitive user experience and the addition of Web 2.0 technologies, the new site improves and simplifies the FCC.gov experience for consumers, government, public safety agencies and the business community." This is the first major update to the Commission's website in 10 years.

Even before Julius Genachowski became FCC Chairman in June 2009, he stressed his desire to improve and modernize the way the public interacts with the Commission and the federal government. Since then, the FCC has utilized Web 2.0 technologies on official agency blogs, multimedia and social media outlets, as well as opening the agency's processes via online participation platforms. According to the FCC, The Commission's New Media Team will continue to update the new website with the help of public input through the public engagement and participation features in the new FCC.gov, as well as the agency's social media outlets.

"This FCC is empowering consumers and businesses to get the most out of technology," Genachowski explained. "The launch of the new FCC.gov keeps us at the forefront of innovation, and delivers on our promise to move at the speed of high-tech change."

According to the press release, FCC Managing Director Steven VanRoekel oversaw the technical development and innovation strategies for the new site. His vision for the new site drove the deployment of the site's cloud-hosted architecture, open source development and embrace of leading design techniques drawn from leading consumer sites. "Online innovators have built destinations that deliver outstanding experiences, high-quality products and great customer service," he said. "That's what consumers and businesses expect online, and it's what makes the web great. Traditionally, dot-govs have struggled to keep up with rapidly changing technology, but the re-imagined FCC.gov is proof that with the right tools and creative thinking, dot-govs can look, feel and run like dot-coms."

The press release explained that the new FCC website is built using web services -- a series of standards employed across many of the Web's most popular sites -- which empowers citizen developers to build off the new FCC site in innovative ways: "By building the new site using an open source, cloud-hosted and scalable architecture, the FCC has leveraged modern tools as a long-term cost-saving strategy, lowering the barriers to future development and innovation among other public and private sector websites." -- Thanks to the FCC for the information

*From the ARRL Website*

## A Note from the President

Hello again to all members and guests. I hope that everyone is enjoying the great weather, and changes in weather, that we've had recently. It is about the time of year to start thinking about tuning up your shack. What is the condition of your antennas? How about your coax? Does your radio need some work? Is the rotor still turning? It should be nice enough weather now to get things in tip top shape and get back on the air.

Speaking of getting on the air, when is the last time you worked a contest? How about the last time you showed your station to a friend, an inactive ham, or better yet someone who has not been exposed to amateur radio. We have had a lot of good programs and comments over the last few months about what it will take for our club and our hobby to grow. The short answer is.....it will take YOU. Everyone can help in some way. There are many opportunities to expose ham radio to our community, whether it is through club functions, emergency management functions, or better yet, have one of your own. Our club has some equipment that should be used more than once a year at field day. I hope to see more opportunities come up this year, and hope that you become involved when they do. If nobody has planned something that sparks your interest, then you can start an activity or event. Let the club officers know if there is anything that we can do to assist you.

Speaking of field day, the field day committee has had a few meetings and is asking for more input. It looks like it should once again be a good year and a good challenge for the club. The next committee meeting will be one hour prior to the CKARC monthly meeting, at the same location. That will be at 6:30 in room 211 of Peters Science Hall at Kansas Wesleyan University. I also hear that there will be a good program this month. I hope to see you all there, and until then.....let's "get on the air."

Mark, KBØMQX

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Fellow Hams:

We recently purchased Santa Fe Phillies and Subs located at 145 South Santa Fe in Salina, situated next to Jilka Furniture midway down the block between Iron and Walnut! We'd like to invite you to stop by and visit when you have a chance. We have given our Club President Mark 9 gift certificates to give away by drawing, 1 at each club meeting. In addition we have established the "**coffee**" **hour between 2 – 4pm daily** if you bring your own cup: coffee is 50 cents with unlimited refills and 99 cents if you need a cup from us! Bring your friends and stay a while, we have a television mounted on the wall behind the bar and usually have the news or sports playing. **If you mention you read this in the April QSP you will receive \$1.00 off any sandwich purchase.** Hope to see you soon!

Dirk Speed NØKSC  
Traci Speed KDØHVA

## Dayton ConTest University - CTU USA 2011

from K3LR on December 20, 2010

I am pleased to announce that "early bird" registration for Dayton ConTest University ("CTU") 2011 is now OPEN. This will be the only Contest University held in the USA during 2011. Our 5th year holding CTU in Dayton!

The CTU staff is working hard to prepare an interesting and informative curriculum for 2011. CTU USA will be held in Dayton, Ohio on Thursday, May 19, 2011 (classes last all day). This is the day before the big 3 day Dayton event! We have expanded CTU 2011 to include a new Youth CTU track led by Scott, W3TX and new CTU Youth instructors.

CTU USA 2011 will feature well known Radio Contest operators and station builders ("CTU Professors"). They will discuss state of the art contesting topics that will increase your contesting knowledge and fun.

Thanks to our flagship Sponsor -Icom America for their continued support of CTU USA 2011 and our contesting radio sport. Also thanks to CQ Magazine, DX Engineering, W3TX and Superbertha, International Radio, The World Wide Radio Operators Foundation, Inc. (WWROF), KA9FOX and QTH.com, Dave, W9ZRX and Jerry, K1SO for their contributions that help make CTU a success.

For CTU USA 2011 details, registration and more information, go to:

<http://www.contestuniversity.com>

Based upon the attendance at Dayton CTU 2010, we expect Dayton CTU 2011 student registration slots will fill up fast. Space is limited.

Contest University traveled to the United Kingdom, Germany and Italy during 2010. All three European locations had great response with hundreds of students. CTU's are being planned in England, Germany and Italy again during 2011. A new CTU is also planned for Brazil in mid July 2011.

This is the only USA Contest University for 2011 - we hope to see you in Dayton!

Tim K3LR - Contest University Chairman

*From the Contesting.com Website*

## April 2011 Contest Calendar

### From the WA7BNM Contest Calendar

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

AGCW QRP/QRP Party	1300Z-1900Z, May 1
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, May 2
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, May 3
MIE 33 Contest	1100Z-1500Z, May 4 and 2300Z, May 4 to 0300Z, May 5
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, May 6
Araucaria VHF Contest	0000Z, May 7 to 1600Z, May 8
10-10 Int. Spring Contest, <b>CW</b>	0001Z, May 7 to 2359Z, May 8
Microwave Spring Sprint	0600-1300 local, May 7
VK/Trans-Tasman 80m Contest, Phone	0800Z-1400Z, May 7
CQ-M International DX Contest	1200Z, May 7 to 1159Z, May 8
<b>7th Call Area QSO Party</b>	1300Z, May 7 to 0700Z, May 8
<b>Indiana QSO Party</b>	1600Z, May 7 to 0400Z, May 8
<b>New England QSO Party</b>	2000Z, May 7 to 0500Z, May 8 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 8
ARI International DX Contest	2000Z, May 7 to 1959Z, May 8
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, May 8
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, May 9
CWops Mini- <b>CWT</b> Test	1300Z-1400Z, May 11 and 1900Z-2000Z, May 11 and 0300Z-0400Z, May 12
RSGB 80m Club Championship, <b>Data</b>	1900Z-2030Z, May 11
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, May 13
FOC QSO Party	0000Z-2359Z, May 14
EUCW Fraternizing <b>CW</b> QSO Party	1000Z-1200Z, May 14 and 1800Z-2000Z, May 15
VOLTA WW <b>RTTY</b> Contest	1200Z, May 14 to 1200Z, May 15
FISTS Spring Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, May 14
Nevada Mustang Roundup	1700Z, May 14 to 1700Z, May 15
50 MHz Spring Sprint	2300Z, May 14 to 0300Z, May 15
WAB LF Phone	1000Z-1400Z, May 15
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, May 16
NAQCC <b>Straight Key/Bug</b> Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, May 19
RSGB 80m Club Championship, <b>CW</b>	1900Z-2030Z, May 19
<b>Feld Hell</b> Sprint	1500Z-1700Z, May 20 and 1800Z-2000Z, May 20
EU PSK DX Contest	1200Z, May 21 to 1200Z, May 22
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, <b>CW</b>	1200Z, May 21 to 1200Z, May 22
Baltic Contest	2100Z, May 21 to 0200Z, May 22
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, May 25
CWops Mini- <b>CWT</b> Test	1300Z-1400Z, May 25 and 1900Z-2000Z, May 25 and 0300Z-0400Z, May 26
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, May 27
CQ WW WPX Contest, <b>CW</b>	0000Z, May 28 to 2359Z, May 29
ARCI Hootowl Sprint	2000 local - 2400 local, May 29
MI QRP Memorial Day <b>CW</b> Sprint	2300Z, May 29 to 0300Z, May 30



**2011 ARRL Kansas State Convention  
Sunday August 21, 2011 8am – 4pm**

**Salina Bicentennial Center  
800 The Midway  
Salina, Kansas**

**Talk in frequencies 147.030 + and 443.900 +**

**Registration \$5.00 in advance or at the door**

Tables: Commercial or flea market \$15.00 each, includes electricity if requested, and one admission ticket per table.

**VENDORS – FORUMS – FUN – YL ACTIVITIES - DOOR PRIZES –  
VE TESTING – DX CARD, WAS CARD,  
VUCC CARD CHECKING AVAILABLE**

This is your invitation to attend one of the finest gatherings of Amateur Radio operators in the Midwest. Your attendance at this convention will insure the continuation of this type of activity and help attract major vendors to bring and display their newest products for your enjoyment.

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**NOTICE:** No display, advertising, or sales or offers of future sales of amplifiers capable of operating in the Citizens Radio Service (CB) will be permitted during the Kansas ARRL convention, either within the Salina Bicentennial Center, or in the parking lot adjacent to the building. Those not adhering to this rule will be asked to leave the convention immediately.

**NO Early SALES**

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MAY QSP IS MAY 18, 2011

## CKARC May Birthdays

<b>KCØUBM</b>	<b>Michael Draggett</b>	<b>5/18</b>
<b>NØGSL</b>	<b>Larry Cornwell</b>	<b>5/28</b>