



# QSP



April 2008

## April VE Report

The April 30, 2008  
CKARC Meeting will be  
at 7:30 PM in Room 205  
of Peter's Science Hall at  
Kansas Wesleyan Univer-  
sity

HOST: Terry KCØKCO

For the April 9th Wednesday evening session, we had 5 Candi-  
dates and 5 VE's in attendance. **Elijah & Caleb, Shadle,**  
**(KDØDRS & KDØDRT)**, of Clay Center, Passed the Technician  
exam, but did not pass the General exam. Their Father **Thomas**  
**Shadle, KDØDRU**, (also of Clay Center) Passed both the Technician  
and General Class Exams (missed only 1 question Total!) . **William**  
**Collins, KCØZBL**, of Dodge City, Passed his General Exam. Robert  
Graves of Herrington, **KDØDRR** Passed the Technician Exam, but  
not the General Exam.

A second "Special Session" was held on April 14th in the EOC  
for **Daniel Morgan, KBØWPW** of St. Louis, Mo. It took Daniel two  
attempts, but he did Pass his General Exam.

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

Next Exam is Wed. May 14th, at 7:00 PM at the Saline County  
Sheriff's Office Classroom.

Sid NØOBM

## Minutes of the March Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the President, Terry Moyer, KCØKCO, with the Pledge of allegiance, followed by the introductions of members and guests with 24 present.

The minutes were approved as printed in the last issue of QSP.

There was no treasurer's report, due to the Treasurer not being present at the meeting.

### EC report

Sid, NØOBM, reported that the Storm Spotter meeting had 172 present including 12 hams. Additionally that there would be another meeting for Ellsworth County, in Kanopolis, Ks. On April 1st. The Eisenhower Marathon (in Abilene, Ks. On April 5, 2008) could use a few more Amateur Radio Operators, and that for the next 5 years, the event would be changed to the second Saturday in April. On April 9th there would be a VE test session at 7:00 PM, and board meeting to follow at 8:00 PM (or later if the Testing ran later). April 17th would be the next ARES meeting and April 25th would be the next CKARC meeting. The BSA Venture crew will be starting an Amateur Radio (Technician) class later this spring or early summer. The exact dates were not set yet. The Host for next month's meeting is Terry, KCØKCO.

### VE Report

The March testing session had three candidates for testing, with two passing.

### Repeater Report

Eric, NØYET, reported that the repeaters are working and that the time (Daylight Savings Time) had been changed.

### Misc. Reports & Business

Mark, KBØMQX, reported that he is looking for Volunteers for help with Field day this year.

Ed KCØPHH reported 4 sessions of the new net on Monday 7 PM 443.900+ and looking for more check-in's as soon as every one gets it in their schedule.

Dennis, KAØLTQ was wondering about the club giving Pete Sias, NØOY some help and or a table at the hamfest for the projects in Nigeria.

Sid NØOBM said that the Kansas House Bill #2805 had passed (PRB-1 bill for Kansas)

Thanks to hosts Dennis, KAØLTQ and Kathy

Program by Mark on balloon launch 2004 on Jan. 10

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

SEC Alvin, WØME.

## Reminders

ARES Net **May 1 at 8:00 PM** on the NØKSC Repeater.

**ARRL-VEC Test Session** on Wednesday **May 14th at 7:00 PM**. Board meeting follows at 8:00 PM in the Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Classroom

**ARES Meeting at 8:00 PM May 15th** in the EOC.

**May CKARC Meeting is the Silent Key Pot Luck Memorial Dinner @ 6:30 PM.**

Full Calendar of events on the CKARC Web site <http://www.centalksarc.com>

## North Central KS. **American Red Cross** proposes a Memorandum of understanding with the CKARC

The text of this proposed document follows:

“The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to provide an arrangement for the North Central Kansas Chapter of the American Red Cross to receive from Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club, Inc. in the event of a disaster in the chapter's jurisdiction, the provision of additional radio communication support systems and licensed operators. These systems would be used to respond to the local, or State Emergency Management Authority activation of Mass Care, (ESF-6), service delivery by the American Red Cross.

1. The North Central Kansas Chapter of the American Red Cross will notify the officers of the CKARC of the activation of this arrangement, provide a list of equipment and personnel required and service delivery locations to be supported. Locations supported may include shelters, Disaster Response Headquarters, and emergency response vehicles.

2, CKARC, Inc. will provide radio systems to include Amateur Radio Service HF/VHF/UHF hand-held, mobile, and base equipment.

3, This support will be provided during the initial Chapter response, (first five days), to Level 4 or 5 Disasters, or until National ARC Disaster Services Technology Manpower and equipment assets arrive and fill the necessary radio communication requirements. Personnel will be supervised by Red Cross amateur Radio liaisons, or other Red Cross personnel. **After the initial five days, background investigations must be initiated.** Personnel could either continue or opt out of further support activities.

4. In the event of a disaster the following are authorized to request the activation of this arrangement for support:

- a. Vicktoria Degand Executive Director of the American Red Cross North Central Kansas Chapter (785) 827-3644 Work or (785) 342-4625 Cell.
- b. Jim DuBois Emergency Services Director of the American Red Cross North Central Kansas Chapter (785) 827-3644 Work or (785) 577-5061 Cell.
- c. Steve Ade Volunteer Disaster Chairman (785)822-7867
- d. Cathy Zecha Administrative Coordinator of the American Red Cross North Central Kansas Chapter (785) 827-3644

This agreement is updated annually.”

For what it may be worth, IF we agree to this document, we, the members of the CKARC, are committing to help out the American Red Cross North Central Kansas Chapter anywhere in their area of coverage (mostly OUTSIDE of Salina) as a “Primary” responder. This could leave our own City/County underserved. In addition, after the initial five day operating period, we become “exposed” to the ARC’s rather invasive Background Checks—which still include Credit Checks, Unless you individually “Opt-Out”.  
*[The Editor (and Local EC) is opposed to this document]*

While the American Red Cross is a very worthwhile organization, our “Primary” support is local in nature .. ie: the Saline County Emergency Management Agency and the City of Salina.

## ARRL News

### **QST Contributing Editor H. Ward Silver, NØAX, Named "Amateur of the Year"**

Dayton Hamvention® has named QST Contributing Editor and Author H. Ward Silver, NØAX, as its 2008 Amateur of the Year. Hamvention says Silver's "books and teaching materials have helped many become hams." Tom McDermott, N5EG, will receive Hamvention's Technical Achievement Award to recognize his technical contributions that helped digital ham radio expand. Emery McClendon, KB9IBW, was named the recipient of the Special Achievement Award for starting Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day (ARMAD) in 2003 as a way for Amateur Radio to express support and appreciation for our service men and women. Hamvention announced its award winners today.

"I was completely surprised and hopelessly flattered to receive the award," Silver said after getting word that he would receive Hamvention's top award in May. "I got the phone call on the evening of March 31st, which was April Fool's Day in GMT, so I'm thinking...wait a minute. But it was real!"

Silver was first licensed at age 17 in 1972 as WNØGQP and upgraded to Amateur Extra and changed his call sign to NØAX in 1975. A contester and DXer, he is on the DXCC Honor Roll.

Silver's award nomination cited his "many contributions, including Ham Radio for Dummies, his first effort to show that becoming a ham does not have to be a difficult challenge. His additional books, magazine articles and his "Hands On Radio" column in QST have all helped many hams develop their knowledge and skills." Silver was awarded the ARRL's Bill Orr, W6SAI, Technical Writing Award in 2003. He is also the editor of the "Contester's Rate Sheet" and the ARRL Antenna Design Course. Silver has also written feature articles and product reviews for QST and pens the "Contest Corral" column in the journal.

While living on Vashon Island, near Seattle, Washington, Silver worked closely with community leaders and the Vashon-Maury Island Radio Club (W7VMI) to provide effective emergency communications. According to Hamvention, radio club members, along with the fire district and CERT, have created one of the "best local communications systems in the state of Washington."

Calling it "really, really nice and a complete honor" to be named Amateur of the Year, Silver told the ARRL that "It's a humbling experience to even be nominated, much less be chosen. To whoever is responsible for the nomination and to the Hamvention Committee, thank you. Receiving the award would be impossible without readers, colleagues, mentors and friends -- so it's just as much for them as it is for me. Being recognized will keep my fires lit to go on producing, strive for better accuracy and clarity and figure out how to make it all be fun, too. I'll just try to act like I deserve it -- most of the time."

#### **Technical Achievement Award: Tom McDermott, N5EG**

The Hamvention Technical Achievement Award goes to Thomas C. McDermott, N5EG, for his "more than 20 years of involvement in projects which further the development of Amateur Radio." According to Hamvention, McDermott co-developed the TexNet packet switching network in 1986; based on datagram routing, it covered much of the South Central United States in the 1990s.

McDermott, an ARRL Life Member, received the Doug DeMaw, W1FB, Technical Excellence Award in 2004. Licensed for almost 40 years, he is a member of the IEEE and holds a bachelor's in electrical engineering. His Amateur Radio interests lie in HF digital communications, hardware and software design, and an occasional HF contest.

McDermott was the founder of the Texas Packet Radio Society. As part of that group, he designed the hardware and some of the protocols for the TexNet packet switching network; he has been involved in numerous TAPR projects and has written a textbook on wireless communications. McDermott holds eight patents.

#### **Special Achievement Award: Emery McClendon, KB9IBW**

Emery McClendon, KB9IBW, received the Hamvention award for Special Achievement for his efforts starting Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day (ARMAD) in 2003. He said he started ARMAD "as a way to have Amateur Radio serve as a tool for the people of our communities to be able to express 'live' support and appreciation for our troops, veterans, retired military and first responders." McClendon, a native of Fort Wayne, Indiana, became an Amateur Radio operator 16 years ago. His interest in organizing Military Special Events derives from his four years of service in the US Air Force and two years in the Indiana Air National Guard.

Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day has become a popular event, spreading to other communities. Several military support groups have developed an interest in having Amateur Radio as a part of their activities. According to McClendon's award nomination, this has resulted in introducing Amateur Radio "to thousands of people worldwide who otherwise would have never known about our public service."

McClendon is active with two local Amateur Radio clubs, as well as with giving presentations about Amateur Radio to community groups. His activities, including ARMAD, have resulted in many TV, radio and media stories during the past five years, giving Amateur Radio community exposure.

Hamvention Chairman Carl Rose, K8CPR, praised the winners, saying: "On behalf of the Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) and Hamvention 2008 it is my pleasure to congratulate this year's Award Winners. I ask all hams to join me in recognizing the outstanding contributions and the many years of service the winners have given to the Amateur Radio Service."

The world's largest Amateur Radio gathering, Hamvention each spring attracts more than 20,000 people to the greater Dayton area. Dayton Hamvention this year takes place Friday through Sunday, May 16-18 at Hara Arena near Dayton, Ohio. The theme of the 57th Hamvention is Amateur Radio + People = Fellowship.

## Kansas Section News

### Kansas Becomes 26th State to Have PRB-1 Law

After an unsuccessful attempt eight years ago to get a PRB-1 type bill signed in Kansas, radio amateurs in that state have succeeded in becoming the 26th state with a PRB-1 law on the books. **Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius signed HB 2805 into law on April 9.** The bill, written by Rep Arlen Siegfried (R-15), passed unanimously in both the Kansas House of Representatives and Senate. **It takes effect July 1, 2008.**

Known as the Kansas Emergency Communications Preservation Act, the new law concerns federally licensed Amateur Radio Service communications. According to the governor's office, the law "prohibit[s] a city or county governing body from taking any action that precludes federally licensed amateur radio service communications, or that does not conform to federal regulations related to amateur radio antenna facilities."

The new law states that if a municipality takes any action that regulates the placement, screening, number or height of a station antenna structure, the action must "Reasonably accommodate federally licensed amateur radio service communications; and constitute the minimum regulation practicable to carry out the legitimate purpose of the governing body." Antenna support structures constructed prior to the bill's effective date "are exempted from subsequent changes in zoning regulations...and may be repaired as required."

JD Spradling, KC0NYS, of Olathe, Kansas, is chairman of the committee that led the charge to get a PRB-1 law on the books in that state. He commented: "Many local zoning boards don't give FCC regulations adequate consideration when making zoning decisions and across the country amateurs have found that state laws are a more effective tool for influencing local zoning regulations. So beginning in the 1990s, amateurs began lobbying for legislation that would place PRB-1-type language into their state laws."

Upon hearing the news that Governor Sebelius signed the bill into law, Spradling said, "This venture has been successful because we have had a great team effort all the way through the process, from all who stepped up -- from our state and local representatives, to our subject matter experts and the PRB-1 Committee members from Miami County, Kansas, as well as everyone else who had been proactive in the 2008 Kansas Legislative process for your fellow hams."

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**April Meeting is April 25, 2008**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE  
MAY QSP IS MAY 20, 2008**

## **CKARC May Birthdays**

KCØUBM	Michael	Draggett	5/18
NØGSL	Larry	Cornwell	5/28