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The August Meeting is
Friday August 30th at
KWU's Peters Science
Hall Room 211

August VE Report

7:30 PM

For the **August 14th** session, we had 2 Candidates. Thomas Austin, KDØWLM, of Minneapolis is a New Technician, and Wynter Wiebke, KDØWLN, of Lincoln, Ks is also a New Technician. Congratulations to both.

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At the Hamfest Session, we had 6 Candidates. Bill Henderson, KDØWME, of Park City is a New Technician, Wayne Schlueter, KDØWAT, of Andover Upgraded to General, Nathan Gentry, KCØIWS, of Concordia, Tried for his General, Joshua Crowe, KDØMJD, of Minneapolis, Upgraded to General, Larry Goreham, WØNEB, of Hays Upgraded to Extra, and Bob Harris, of Falun tried for his Technician.

VE's in attendance on the 14th were: Sid, NØOBM, Paul, KS1P, Ron, WAØPSF, Don, KAØEIC, and Eric, NØYET.

For the Hamfest Session, the VE's were: Sid, NØOBM, Paul, KS1P, Eric, NØYET, and Marty Soffran, NM5MS (Former CKARC Member).

The next scheduled session is **Patriot's Day, Wednesday September 11th**, at **7:00 PM**, at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom.

Sid NØOBM VE Team Leader

Minutes of the July Meeting

7:33 PM Alvin, WØME, opened the meeting with the Pledge Of Allegiance followed by introductions. Alvin read the minutes from the last meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

No EC or VE report

Eric – NØYET – Field Day report. 1090 points total submitted to ARRL. 276 contacts for total of 540 points, plus 550 bonus points for running 2A and having a visitors log and information table. Two vertical antennas and two dipoles were used. Five CW contacts the rest were SSB. Eric reported this is the worst score in the last ten years we have been keeping track, possibly because there were only 6 operators all weekend. Thanks to all who helped setup and tear down especially since the club did not have use of the EMCOMM trailer this year.

Eric – NØYET – Secretary / Treasurer report.

All bills paid, equipment insurance started on July 1, 2013 for the repeaters, controllers, and antennas. Checking balance - \$1236.92 Savings - \$ 855.88

Ron – WAØPSF – Hamfest report. About 15 or so pre-registrants for the Saturday evening meal. Moving forward with plans as previously discussed. Report approved.

New business – Alvin passed out a current roster of all PAID CKARC members. He was happy to present that the club is well above the 51% ARRL membership requirement to maintain its' Special Club Affiliation with the ARRL.

7:51 pm – Meeting adjourned.
No HOSTS for the evening

Mitch, KAØIFW, presented a demo on digital modes.

Reminders

City of Salina Siren Test Net, **September 9th** at 4:30 PM if the Weather cooperates! **NOT on Labor Day!** Otherwise September 16th.

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

Board meeting follows the exam session on **September 11th** after Testing in the Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Classroom.

CKARC Meeting is **September 27th** at 7:30 PM at KWU's Peters Science Hall Room 211.

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

Higher FCC Vanity Call Sign Fee is Effective August 23

08/22/2013

The new FCC regulatory fee of \$16.10 to apply for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will go into effect Friday, August 23, when the new regulatory fee schedule will appear in the *Federal Register*. Earlier this year the FCC had proposed upping the vanity call sign fee from its current \$15 to \$15.20, but in the *Report and Order* in MD Docket 13-140, released August 12, the Commission offered no explanation for the higher fee.

In another change, starting in FY 2014, the FCC will require that all regulatory fee payments be made electronically.

The *R&O* ordered a broad schedule of new fees and waived the usual 30-day waiting period following *Federal Register* publication, because it feared there would not be time for FY 2013 fees to become effective before the start of the new federal fiscal year on October 1.

The FCC says it expects \$230,230 in revenue to cover the costs of administering the vanity call sign program. It anticipates 14,300 vanity call sign applications.

From the ARRL Website

Pending Amateur Service Rule Changes Are Not on Back Burner, FCC Assures VECs

08/21/2013

Speaking in late July at the 28th annual National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (**NCVEC**) meeting, Bill Cross, W3TN, of the FCC's Mobility Division within the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (**WTB**), assured attendees that pending proposals to modify the Amateur Service Part 97 rules are not on the back burner but still under review. FCC personnel addressing the teleconference were unable, however, to predict when the Commission would take action on the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order* (NPRM) in **WT Docket 12-283**.

Among the FCC proposals: Granting exam credit for expired and beyond-the-grace-period licenses; shortening the grace period during which an expired ham ticket may be renewed; correspondingly revising the time a call sign remains unavailable to vanity applicants; and reducing the number of volunteer examiners needed to administer examinations. The docket also seeks comment on amending the rules to permit remote test administration and proposes allowing Amateur Radio stations to transmit certain emission types.

FCC Program Analyst Rebecca Williams of the FCC's Gettysburg Office told meeting participants that the FCC will not remove or conceal a licensee's name or address from its public database. She said she's received numerous complaints from licensees about their information being public. According to §97.23, licensees must provide a valid mailing address, but as Williams pointed out, that can be any US address where the licensee can receive mail, such as a work address or a post office box. Licensees can protect their privacy and remain within the rules, she said.

She also reminded her audience that since February 14, 2011, a radio amateur can serve as a trustee for only a single club and may not also be a club license trustee for another club. The rules further prohibit clubs from having more than one vanity call sign. Amateurs who served as trustees for more than one club, and clubs holding more than one vanity call sign before the change may continue to do so, she said.

NCVEC Chair Larry Pollock, NB5X, presided over the teleconference. ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, Assistant Manager Perry Green, WY1O, and Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, represented the ARRL VEC for the session. Representatives from 12 of the nation's 14 VECs took part in the meeting.

NCVEC Question Pool Committee (**QPC**) Chair Roland Anders, K3RA, told the gathering that the QPC has been working to update the Technician question pool. The new Tech question pool will go into effect next July 1. Anders said the QPC has been reviewing the entire question pool with a goal of fixing and removing outdated or poorly worded questions and to develop questions as new technology is introduced. He said the most difficult part of the job is coming up with distractors — incorrect answers — for the multiple-choice exams that are reasonable but also absolutely incorrect.

The gathering re-elected by acclamation the current leadership slate, including Pollock, who will serve a fifth term as chair. Other officers are Vice Chair Mark Erbaugh, N8ME; Treasurer Willard Sitton, W4HZD; Assistant to the Treasurer Ray Adams, W4CPA; Secretary and Custodian of Records Michele Cimbala, WK3X, and Assistant to the Custodian of Records Gene Wright, WA6ZRT. The rules reporter position remains vacant.

Share Your Knowledge at the ARRL Centennial Convention!

08/23/2013

The ARRL has issued a call for papers and programs to include in its planned extensive slate of **ARRL Centennial Convention** forums and presentations. The convention will take place July 17-20, 2014, in Hartford, Connecticut. Dan Henderson, N1ND, is the Centennial Convention Programs and Forums Coordinator.

"Since this is a once-in-a-lifetime event, we are looking for programs with a '*Wow!*' factor to match the Centennial theme," says Henderson. "We want participants to leave forums saying, '*Wow!* That inspired me to stretch my horizons!'" Program organizers seek forum topics in five broad categories:

- Technical innovations and advancements
- On-the-Air Operating Activities
- Club Growth and Development
- Public Service Communication
- Education and Training

Proposed programs should address not only current technology and techniques, but innovations that are likely in the near future. Since the Centennial Convention will attract a diverse audience, forums should have broad appeal, although, Henderson says, organizers will consider topics that target more specialized or niche interests.

Programs should be either 50 minutes or 110 minutes long, including time for a question-and-answer period. The convention staff will provide video and image projection systems as needed. Several selected programs may be streamed live on the Internet for the benefit of those unable to attend the convention in person.

Submit forum proposal outlines on the ARRL National Centennial **Convention web page**. Complete all fields in the "Program Presenter Proposal" form. The deadline to submit proposals is October 15, 2013. Program organizers will review proposals and render final decisions by December 31. Henderson expects to have the Centennial Convention fleshed out by the end of March.

For more information visit the ARRL Centennial Convention **Presentations web site** or **contact** Dan Henderson, N1ND (860-594-0236).

September 2013 Contest Calendar

From the WA7BNM Contest Calendar

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

Tennessee QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 1 to 0300Z, Sep 2
MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint	2300Z, Sep 2 to 0300Z, Sep 3
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Sep 3
NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1700Z-1800Z, Sep 5 (CW) and 1800Z-1900Z, Sep 5 (SSB) and 1900Z-2000Z, Sep 5 (FM) and 2000Z-2100Z, Sep 5 (Dig)
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Sep 6
NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder	0130Z-0200Z, Sep 6
PODXS 070 Club Jay Hudak Memorial 80m Sprint	2000 local, Sep 6 to 0200 local, Sep 7
All Asian DX Contest, Phone	0000Z, Sep 7 to 2400Z, Sep 8
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0800Z, Sep 7
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Sep 7 to 2400Z, Sep 8
AGCW Straight Key Party	1300Z-1600Z, Sep 7
QCWA Fall QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 7 to 1800Z, Sep 8
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0400Z, Sep 8
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Sep 8
Swiss HTC QRP Sprint	1300Z-1900Z, Sep 8
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Sep 11
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Sep 13
NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder	0130Z-0200Z, Sep 13
FOC QSO Party	0000Z-2359Z, Sep 14
WAE DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Sep 14 to 2359Z, Sep 15
ARRL September VHF Contest	1800Z, Sep 14 to 0300Z, Sep 16
North American Sprint, SSB	0000Z-0400Z, Sep 15
WAB 144 MHz QRO Phone	1000Z-1400Z, Sep 15
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Sep 16
NAQCC Straight Key /Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Sep 19
NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder	0130Z-0200Z, Sep 20
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	0600 local, Sep 21 to 2400 local, Sep 22
SARL VHF/UHF Analogue/ Digital Contest	1000Z, Sep 21 to 1000Z, Sep 22
Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW	1200Z, Sep 21 to 1200Z, Sep 22
SRT HF Contest SSB	1300Z, Sep 21 to 1300Z, Sep 22
QRP Afield	1500Z, Sep 21 to 0300Z, Sep 22
Washington State Salmon Run	1600Z, Sep 21 to 2400Z, Sep 22
Feld Hell Sprint	1600Z-1800Z, Sep 21
BARTG Sprint 75	1700Z-2100Z, Sep 22
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Sep 25
NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder	0130Z-0200Z, Sep 27
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Sep 28 to 2400Z, Sep 29
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Sep 28 to 2359Z, Sep 29
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1400Z-1700Z, Sep 28 (144) and 1700Z-1800Z, Sep 28 (432)
Texas QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 28 to 2000Z, Sep 29

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER QSP IS SEPT. 18, 2013

CKARC September Birthdays

F/Member	Kathy	Kelley	9/2
KBØSZO	John	Gunder	9/16
WØAFQ	Andy	Anderson	9/27
	Naomi	Gamer	9/30