

# December 2016 QSP

*Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club*



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- ARRL Changing Digital Publication Format
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## November Test Session

The November Test session had one candidate Rudy Voldrich, KEØLAA, of Salina passed his Tech Exam at 100%!

VE's in Attendance were: Sid, NØOBM, Paul, KS1P, and Eric, NØYET.

## December Test Session

Since the December Test session is to be held only 2 days prior to the meeting, there is no way to know how many we had, and the results of course could not possibly be ready in time to publish this month.

Both of the December session results will be published in January of 2017.

Good news is that the ARRL is holding the Exam price at it's current level (\$15.00) for all of 2017!

## Reminders

Siren Test scheduled for <b>Jan. 2nd</b> . In the event the weather does not cooperate, we will try again on the 9th.	on <b>January 11th</b> at 7:00 PM at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom. Board Meeting at 6:30 PM (NEW)	meeting is scheduled for the 27th of January at <b>7:30 PM</b> at KWU's Peters Science Hall in Room 211.
January Test Session is	The January CKARC	

## CKARC November 2016 Minutes

The Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club met in Peters Science Hall on Friday, November 18, 2016 at 7:30 pm. There were 17 members in attendance and 3 visitors. President Dennis Kelley called the meeting to order. Last month's minutes were approved as printed in QSP.

### Reports:

Treasurer: Pat- \$3871.79 in account.

Secretary: David- Nothing to report.

EC/VE: Sid- Had one candidate at test session who passed. In December, we will have 2 test sessions-a special test session will be held for those taking the General class, as well as the regular scheduled one. City of Salina has purchased new storm sirens that are two way capable. Sirens can emit a growl to confirm connection.

### Old Business:

**December Banquet on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, location is Coyote Canyon.**

### New Business:

None.

### Siren Test Nets



These are "routinely" held on the First Monday of every Month—**Except September** - provided that the Weather is in a cooperative mood. If there are too many clouds in the sky, or if it happens to be too Cold (Winter in Kansas can be Very cold) Less than +32 Degrees, the Test will usually be postponed until the following week.

In the event that the Weather still is not in a cooperative mood on the 2nd Monday, the test will be Cancelled for the Month.

Those folks that do check in, we would like the following information: Your Call Sign (obviously), your current location (street intersections are good enough) and if you heard

a Siren (or more than one). This helps cut down on the number of folks that the Emergency Management Office has to call to see if the Sirens went off or not.

Our help on this event **IS** Greatly appreciated!

## FCC Affirms Penalty for Unlicensed Amateur Operation, Making False Distress Call

12/05/2016

The FCC has affirmed a \$23,000 penalty against Daniel Delise of Astoria, New York, for operating without an Amateur Radio license on 147.96 MHz and for transmitting a false officer-in-distress call on a New York City Police Department (NYPD) radio channel. The FCC's December 5 ***Forfeiture Order*** follows its August 31 *Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture (NAL)*, which detailed a history of complaints and alleged illegal radio operation by Delise dating to 2012.

"The penalty represents the full amount proposed in the *Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture*, and is based on the full base forfeiture amount as well as an upward adjustment reflecting Mr. Delise's decision to continue his misconduct after being warned that his actions violated the Communications Act (Act) and the Commission's rules," the FCC *Forfeiture Order* said. The FCC said Delise's response to the *NAL* offered "no reason to cancel, withdraw, or reduce the proposed penalty."

Last summer, ARRL Hudson Division Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, credited the intervention of New York Rep Peter King with getting the case "off the back burner and up to the front of the line." Lisenco and ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, met with the Republican congressman in January to discuss ongoing interference issues in the Greater New York City/Long Island area. King subsequently wrote FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler to urge "timely and visible enforcement."

Lisenco also praised the direct involvement of FCC Enforcement Bureau Region 1 Director David C. Dombrowski "and his willingness to work with us and to use information we provided as potential leads," as well as "a system of grass-roots reporting that depicted the current pattern of intentional interference with legitimate amateur communications on local repeaters," coordinated by Richie Cetron, K2KNB, an ARRL Official Observer and Assistant Hudson Division Director. Lisenco said FCC Special Counsel Laura Smith had been "a great help in keeping us informed and in the loop."

The September 15 response to the *NAL* did not deny that Delise violated the Communications Act and FCC rules but argued that the FCC should reduce or cancel the fine because he is currently incarcerated and has no income or assets of any kind. The FCC turned away that argument. "We decline to reduce or cancel the forfeiture on this basis," the FCC said in the *Forfeiture Order*. The FCC said Delise did not provide any documentation to substantiate his claim of inability to pay. Last April the FCC Enforcement Bureau issued a ***Notice of Unlicensed Operation***, after determining that Delise was transmitting on 147.96 MHz, a repeater input. Not long after, the NYPD informed an FCC field agent that police had taken Delise into custody for "sending out false radio transmissions" over the NYPD radio system and for possessing radios capable of operating on NYPD frequencies, in violation of state law.

The FCC has given Delise 30 days to pay the fine. If he fails to do so, the case "may be referred to the US Department of Justice for enforcement of the forfeiture," the FCC said in its *Forfeiture Order*. He could have been fined more than \$140,000, under the provisions of the Communications Act. Delise now is serving prison time resulting from the false police call and guilty pleas to other charges.

## ARRL Transitioning to New Digital Publishing Platform

12/07/2016

ARRL is moving to a new digital publishing platform! The January 2017 digital edition of *QST* will be the first produced using **PageSuite**. ARRL Publications Manager Steve Ford, WB8IMY, said the transition from the current **NxtBook** platform to **PageSuite** not only will improve members' reading experience, it will be more convenient.

"**PageSuite** provides a sleek, modern design that runs on desktop browsers, mobile browsers, and within apps for mobile devices," Ford said. "**PageSuite** does not require *Flash* but uses *HTML5* instead. This alleviates many security concerns and makes the magazine more broadly compatible."

New *QST* issues, beginning with the January 2017 edition, will take up less space on mobile devices, speeding up download time. Added features include digital *bookmarks* to save a page and pick up right where you left off, and a *clipping tool* to save or share important passages as JPEG files. Video files will be hosted on YouTube in high resolution.

The new application is compatible with Android devices, iOS devices — including iPhones, iPod touches, and iPads — and will be newly available to Kindle Fire! These apps will receive regular, quick updates in order to keep the application running smoothly.

Ford said the link to the digital edition of the monthly journal will remain in the same spot on the *QST* website, and members will continue to be notified of its release via e-mail.

ARRL has compiled a "how-to" guide to help members navigate **PageSuite**, which will be available on the **QST webpage** on the day the January digital issue is announced. The announcement concerning the availability of the January issue of *QST* in the new desktop/laptop version, the how-to guide, and the new digital *QST* apps, will be forthcoming.

Members can use the online digital **QST feedback form** to comment on the new platform when it is available. To ease the transition, **NxtBook** applications will continue to function on iOS and Android devices until January 1.

## Radio Australia Shortwave Broadcasts to End on January 31

12/06/2016

Another prominent shortwave broadcaster is going dark, "The SWLing Post" blog **reports**. **Radio Australia** has announced that it will cease its shortwave transmissions on January 31. The station, popular with SWLs, broadcasts in the 31-, 25-, 19-, and 16-meter bands.

"The move is in line with the national broadcaster's commitment to dispense with outdated technology and to expand its digital content offerings, including DAB+ digital radio, online and mobile services, together with FM services for international audiences," the Australian Broadcast Corporation (ABC) said in a news release. The ABC said it would put the money saved from ending shortwave broadcasting into other program distribution technology.

Radio Australia programming will remain available via streaming, satellite, and other media.

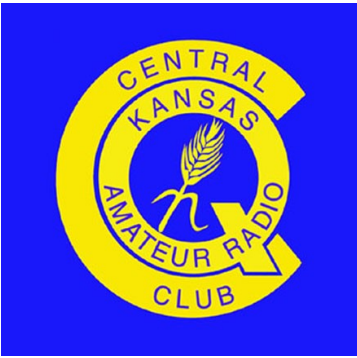
## Bouvet Island 3Y0Z DXpedition Identifies Landing Zone

*12/08/2016*

The **Bouvet Island 3Y0Z DXpedition Team** reports that it has found “a suitable landing zone on Bouvet Island” and identified the apparent “best operating location in the area” for the early 2018 venture. The proposed site is approximately 600 feet above sea level on the Slakhallet Glacier on Bouvet’s northeastern quadrant, the DXpedition team said in a December 7 news release. An on-site inspection upon landing will determine the team’s ultimate operating location. The team has selected Antarctic shelters to house stations, sleeping quarters, and an eating and meeting facility. “These were selected to survive the high winds, precipitation, and temperatures expected on Bouvet,” the team said.

The 10 HF beams used on the Amsterdam Island (FT5ZM) DXpedition will be used on Bouvet. Verticals for 160, 80, 60, 40, and 30 meters will be placed to minimize interaction.

Three experienced DXpedition leaders — Ralph Fedor, K0IR, Bob Allphin, K4UEE, and Erling Wiig, LA6VM — and a large team of operators will activate Bouvet, the number 2 most-wanted DXCC entity. The last Bouvet activation was 3Y0E in 2007-2008. A dependency of Norway, Bouvet (Bouvetøya) is a subantarctic island in the South Atlantic.



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## **Changes!**

Changes are “always” in the works—as time allows, and there has not been a whole lot of “free time” lately!

**Dues are now due—No Later than 31 January to be considered to be ON-Time!**  
**Still a bargain at \$20.00 per year!**

*Sid NØOBM*

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