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New ARRL Volunteer Examiner Manual Now Online

The February 2008 CKARC Meeting will be at 7:30 PM in Room 205 of Peter's Science Hall at Kansas Wesleyan University



(Feb 15, 2008) -- The Ninth Edition of the *ARRL VEC/VE Manual* is now online on the ARRL Web site. The *Manual*, the most complete source on the Amateur Radio Volunteer Examiner Program, has everything you need to know in order to be an ARRL Volunteer Examiner. (*First complete revision since 2000—Ed.*)

February VE Report

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For the Saturday Afternoon session on the 2nd of Feb., we had 3 Candidates and 4 VE's. Jay Colt KDØCVV, of Clay Center, is a New Technician, Chance Cooper, N5NIQ, of McPherson, upgraded to General, and 1 who did not pass his Extra. Not a 100% session, but not bad!

On Wednesday Feb. 13, we had 3 Candidates and 5 VE's in attendance. Bill Hayes, KBØPPY, of Wichita, upgraded to General, David Halverson, of Andover, **KDØDAI**, Passed both Technician and General exams. A third candidate did not pass his General Exam.

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. March 12th, at 7:00 PM at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom.

Sid NØOBM

Minutes of the January Meeting

The CKARC January 2008 meeting was called to order by President Terry Moyer, KCØKCO, at 7:28 PM with a round of introductions of the members present. Terry mentioned that he can be contacted by Cell Phone at 785-342-0853 or via e-mail at kc0kco@centralksarc.com
A round of introductions was given with 34 members and guests present.

Alvin, WØME, requested that the Minutes of the December meeting be approved as printed in the QSP. The minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's report by Neil, KBØNOV:

Checking Account balance is \$430.19 less 2 outstanding checks of \$40 and \$37 and the Savings Account balance is \$3767.35. There are two deposit slips that need to be checked on.

There also was some question as who has or has-not received membership cards. Robert, WBØWTM asked to check to see if he paid for one or two years when he joined.

Sid, NØOBM, gave the EC and VE Team reports.

Update on radio equipment in the trailer and truck and the NØSLN 440 repeater is installed in the truck. Events for the month include:

VE testing Feb. 2, Siren test on Feb. 4, Storm Spotter Class for Lincoln County on Feb. 12, Herrington (Dickinson County) on Mar. 3, Minneapolis (Ottawa County) on Mar. 4, McPherson County on Mar 18, and in Salina on Mar. 24. Ellsworth County's class this year will be in Kanopolis on Apr. 1.

VE testing Feb. 13 with board meeting following at 8:00 PM. ARES meeting Feb. 21 and CKARC meeting Feb. 29th.

April 5 is the Eisenhower Marathon in Abilene.

Last VE report: 1 no pass, 1 technician, 1 general, and 1 extra.

Saline County Emergency Management and the Salina American Red Cross Office are co-sponsoring a Scouting Venture crew venture that meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month.

Mark, KBØMQX, stated that Eric, NØYET, said that the repeaters are currently working as expected.

Some talk about doing a special event station this year, with 20 year anniversary of the Ten Meter Net or with the Salina 150 year celebration. Any one with any ideas please call Mark, Terry Leon, Neil, or Alvin. There was no new report on the Salina 150 Anniversary yet.

Question about starting a net on the CKARC 440 repeater (Robert, WBØWTM and Ed, KCØPHH)

New business: Welcome John, WBØWSG back to the club

Moved and seconded to supply Sid, NØOBM, with paper and toner for the Club's news letter.

Thanks to Ron and Kathleen as hosts (Happy Birthday Ron)

Meeting adjourned 8:12 pm

WØME sec..

Area Storm Spotter Classes

Mon. Mar. 3	7:00 PM CST	Dickinson County (Herington) Community Building 810 S. Broadway
Tue. Mar. 4	7:00 PM CST	Ottawa County (Minneapolis) Courthouse Basement 307 N. Concord Street
Tue. Mar. 18	6:30 PM CST	McPherson County at the 4H Building
Tue. Mar. 18	7:00 PM CST	Dickinson County (Abilene) Civic Center 201 NW 2nd Street
Mon. Mar. 24	7:00 PM CST	Saline County (Salina) at Nickell Barracks 2929 Scanlon Avenue
Tue. Apr. 1	6:30 PM CST	Ellsworth County (Kanopolis) at the Community Building

These dates are also listed in the CKARC Calendar, and full listings for all 4 Kansas NWS Offices are on the NØSLN ARES Website <http://www.n0obm.org> see the Main Links Page!

Reminders

2008 Dues are now PAST DUE !

ARES Net March 6 at 8:00 PM on the NØKSC Repeater.

ARRL-VEC Test Session on Wednesday March 12th at 7:00 PM. Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Classroom

ARES Meeting at 8:00 PM March 21st in the EOC.

April 5 is the Eisenhower Marathon in Abilene. Looking for a few Good Volunteers!

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

From the Kansas Section page of the ARRL Web Site:

KANSAS WEATHER NET RESUMED 6:00 pm TIME MONDAY 2/11/08

KANSAS SIDE BAND NET RESUMED 6:30 pm TIME MONDAY 2/18/08

ARRL News



European Reciprocal Licenses Now Limited to Advanced and Extra Class Licensees

(Feb 4, 2008) --

The European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) has revised its table of equivalence between FCC amateur licenses and the CEPT license. Effective February 4, 2008, Recommendation T/R 61-01 (as amended) now grants full CEPT privileges only to those US citizens who hold an FCC-issued Amateur Extra or Advanced class license.

This means that those US licensees who hold an FCC-issued General or Technician license are no longer eligible for full operating privileges in countries where CEPT-reciprocal operation had previously been permitted. US Novice class licensees have had no reciprocal operating privileges under the CEPT provisions. These changes are the result of a re-evaluation of US and CEPT license classes equivalence by the CEPT's Radio Regulatory Working Group at its meeting January 29-February 1, 2008 in Basel, Switzerland. The Working Group deals with numerous areas of concern including Amateur Radio, and is responsible for applications from countries to participate in T/R 61-01, as well as other Amateur Radio related issues. "Changes in the US license structures and examinations often have ancillary implications beyond the immediate impact upon the US licensees," said Dan Henderson, N1ND, ARRL Regulatory Information Manager. "While this CEPT change affects several classes of US licensees when they visit Europe and other CEPT signatory countries, it has no effect on their operating privileges at home."



Amateurs Visiting Australia May Operate Under Class License

(Feb 16, 2008) -- According to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), Amateur Radio operators traveling to Australia who wish to operate in that country do not need to apply for an Australian Amateur Radio license. This new policy, effective February 15, 2008, allows amateurs who hold a non-Australian Amateur Radio license to operate up to 90 days under a Class Licence; licensees who will be in Australia for more than 90 days will need to apply for an Australian Amateur Radio license. -- *Information provided by Roger Hickey, W6MSC*

Kansas Hams Working to Get Antenna Bill Passed

After an unsuccessful attempt eight years ago to get a PRB-1 type bill signed in Kansas, radio amateurs in that state are trying once again. A hearing for HB 2805 in front of the Kansas House Elections and Governmental Organization Committee is scheduled for Monday, February 25. The bill, "An Act Concerning Telecommunications; Establishing The Kansas Emergency Communications Preservation Act," was written by Rep Arlen Siegfried (R-15).

JD Spradling, KCØNYS, of Olathe, Kansas, is chairman of the committee leading 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."

The bill 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 that were constructed prior to the bill's effective date (if passed) "are exempted from subsequent changes in zoning regulations...and may be repaired as required."

Spradling said the bill was introduced on February 11 and referred to committee the next day. The Committee will hear the bill on Monday, February 25 in Room 784 in the Docking Building in Topeka at 3:30. Spradling encourages Kansas hams to come to Topeka and show support for the bill.

If hams plan on testifying Monday, please e-mail Spradling the written testimony so he can prepare a final list to give to the Committee Chairman Secretary. "If you cannot be present on Monday, you can always send written testimony and I will make sure it becomes part of the written record," Spradling said.

Field Day 2008 is Just Around the Corner

There are several rules changes for FD2008. First, **the GOTA station may operate on any authorized Field Day band – HF or VHF. And anyone who has been newly licensed since Field Day 2007 is eligible (regardless of license class). Also, the Demonstration Bonus category has been replaced by an Educational Activity Bonus.** Be sure to read the Field Day rules and FAQs in the FD2008 packet for details of these changes.

One major change in FD2008 is that the former demonstration mode bonus has been replaced by an **Educational Activity Bonus**. Eligible groups will receive a 100-point bonus for having a **formal educational component** associated with Field Day. It doesn't have to be a formal "classroom" session per se, but it must be **a structured activity** to broaden the knowledge base of participants. Some groups may decide to have a hand's on activity of teaching people the proper way to solder coax connectors while another group may decide to teach about proper grounding techniques and electrical safety. This activity can be broad enough to allow people to learn how to do something new but should have active involvement of participants. **It must be more than a simple demonstration of an activity.** Standing around watching someone send CW won't qualify. But teaching (instead of just showing) people how to make digital QSOs and then letting them try their hand at it would. **Be creative but keep in mind, this should be more than a passive activity.**

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March Meeting is March 28, 2008

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE
MARCH QSP IS MARCH 18, 2008**

CKARC March Birthdays

F/Member	JoAnn	Matthews	3/1
KAØEIC	Don	Fitzgerald	3/5
F/Member	Mary	Constable	3/9
WØUB	Vance	Eckstrom	3/14
WØUTS	Bert	Voth	3/26
KCØVDV	Barbara	Mallon	3/28
KAØLTQ	Dennis	Kelley	3/29