



# QSP



## Pete Sias awarded the WØPKD Trophy for 2006

### January Meeting

January 26th at 7:30 PM  
Peter's Science Hall at KWU

Host is Ron, WAØPSF



Pete Sias, NØOY, presented the Joe Addison Award for 2006.

Dec. 18, 2006

Pete Sias NØOY was the recipient of the Joe Addison Trophy for 2006. The Trophy was presented at the December 2006 Christmas Party - Meeting at the Western Sizzlin Steak House.

The 2007 Slate of Officers for the CKARC were also installed.

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## 2007 Storm Spotter School date set

The date for the 2007 National Weather Service's Storm Spotter class has been announced. March 14th, 2007 at the Salina Nichol Barracks, 2929 Scanlon Avenue.

7:00 PM is the start time for this year's presentation. The General Public is invited to this presentation as well as all active Storm Spotters. Anyone desiring to attend this year's class is welcome to learn how to become a Storm Spotter.

Thanks to Chance Hayes of the Wichita Office of the National Weather Service for providing us with this information prior to being released to the General Public.

# Minutes of the CKARC Dec. 18, 2006 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mark, KBØMQX, President at 7:34 PM after a fine meal at Western Sizzlin Steak House for the annual Christmas Dinner Meeting. With a round of introductions, we had 35 members and guests present. Mark announced last week that Charlie, KBØRNC, and Lola his XYL celebrated 58 years of Marriage, way to go Charlie and Lola! Hope the two of you have many more. Mark also announced his engagement.

If you would like to be host for one of the CKARC Meetings in 2007, please get with Dennis, KAØLTQ, and reserve your month soon!

**Club Dues are now due for those that have not already paid for 2007.**

Minutes for the November meeting were approved and second as printed in QSP.

Ron, WAØPSF, reported that the repeaters were both working.

Marty, KGØMT, asked that the Treasurer's report be approved as printed in QSP. Moved and seconded. Marty also announced that Dewite, WØOK has taken over the duties as the ARRL-VE Team Leader.

Pete, NØOY, gave a brief report on the KWU Balloon, and that it had traveled over 400 miles. He also reported that the open house at "The Hill" on New years Day would start at 10:00 AM

Sid, NØOBM, reported that ARES members were finishing the ICS-200 course and taking the Final Exam at the Thursday evening ARES Meeting. Those Club members that would like to sign up for either a POP3 Email Account or an e-mail redirection service through the Club's web site should contact him to get their account set up. He also reminded the members that this is a **FREE** service for Club members.

*(Sid is also the new Web site manager and the QSP bulletin editor.)*

## **New Business**

Board approved 9 lifetime membership applications. Life Member Cards were presented to those Life Members that were present at the meeting.

Harvey, KØRY, received a certificate of excellence for his Amateur Radio participation and contributions to the community and to the club.

Ron, WAØPSF, preformed the installation of officers for the coming year, Mark, KBØMQX – President, Sid, NØOBM – Vice President, Alvin, WØME – Secretary, Marty, KGØMT – Treasurer, and Pete, NØOY – Activities Director.

**Pete, NØOY, was the recipient of the Joe Addison award for 2006.** Our hats off to you Pete!

The Club membership present voted to pay the tip of \$50 dollars for the Christmas Dinner.

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary: Alvin, WØME

## VE Report

Unfortunately, there were no candidates at the January Test Session, just like at the December test session. Given the current “state of flux” with the FCC’s soon to be released rule changes regarding the dropping of the Morse Code requirement, none of the VE Team members present were surprised that there were no takers. We’re all waiting for the “other shoe” to drop. As of the 15th of January, the latest rule changes have not yet been printed in the Federal Register, so no one knows for sure when they will take effect. “Stay Tuned” & Check the Club Web Site for further updates!

## CKARC Treasurer’s Report

January 1, 2006 Balance:	\$5,244.16
December 31, 2006 Balance:	<u>\$4,017.94</u>
Change in Club balance	< \$1,226.22 >

Major expense – CKARC purchase of HF Radio for Nigeria Radio Club and Foundation

The CKARC board audited the treasurer’s books for the 2006 calendar year after the club board meeting on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. There were no inconsistencies or errors found in the records.

CKARC Club Financial Statement as of Jan 11, 2007

Savings	\$3,630.97
Checking	
January Debits	\$ 202.00
January Credits	\$ <u>114.00</u>
<u>Balance</u>	\$ <u>298.97</u>
Combined Balance:	\$3,929.94

Primary Expenses:

- 12 month rent for CKARC PO box
- CKARC equipment insurance (annual payment)

Paid 2007 Club members:	36 members
Life members:	<u>9 members</u>
Total 2007 members:	45 members

**Marty Soffran, KGØMT Treasurer**

## FCC Suspends Vanity Call Sign Processing

NEWINGTON, CT, Jan 12, 2007 -- The FCC has put new Amateur Radio vanity call sign processing on hold while it modifies the software that handles vanity applications. The suspension is a result of a rule change that went into effect December 15 to discourage the filing of multiple applications by one individual for the same call sign. The FCC is still processing vanity call sign renewal applications.

"The Commission continues to accept vanity call sign applications," says a brief announcement on the FCC's Universal Licensing System (ULS) Web page. **"However, these applications will not be processed until software changes in accordance with the recent rule making have been fully implemented."** Just when that might happen is not known.

As revised in the FCC's recent *Report and Order (R&O)* in WT Docket 04-140, §97.19(d)(1) stipulates that if the FCC receives more than one application requesting a vanity call sign from a single applicant on the same receipt day, it will process only the first application entered into the ULS. **"Subsequent vanity call sign applications from that applicant with the same receipt date will not be accepted,"** the rule concludes.

The FCC says that when processing is resumed, it will process all pending applications for new vanity call signs "consistent with the date order in which they were received."

This suspension affects new vanity call sign applications submitted **on December 18 or later**. Typically, it takes 18 days from the time the FCC receives a vanity application until the call sign is issued -- or the application is denied. The FCC granted the last Amateur Radio vanity call signs on January 4 for applications received December 15.

The FCC adopted the "omnibus" *R&O* in WT Docket 04-140 in October, and it was published in *The Federal Register* the following month. Nonetheless, it was only after an applicant unwittingly submitted 30 applications for the same call sign three days after the new rule became effective that the FCC halted vanity processing.

All vanity call sign renewal applications, including those for club stations, must be filed via the ULS. The current vanity call sign fee, payable for new applications as well as renewals, is **\$20.80** for the 10-year license term.

[From the ARRL Web pages](#)

## **Frequently Asked Questions About the FCC's Morse Code *Report and Order* in WT Docket 05-235 and the FCC Order on Reconsideration in WT Docket 04-140**

**The following is from the ARRL Web Site on January 12th:**

If you have a question not covered in this FAQ, please contact the ARRL Regulatory Information Branch.

**Q. The *Report and Order* in WT Docket 05-235 that eliminates the Morse Code testing requirement for all license classes was adopted by the FCC on December 15, 2006. When will it become effective?**

A. Typically, the effective date of a FCC order comes 30 days after its publication in the *Federal Register*. If that's the case, the new exam requirement and the revised 80-meter segment for automatically controlled digital stations would likely go into effect sometime in February 2007. When the rule changes adopted in the *R&O* are published in the *Federal Register*, the effective date will be included in the *Federal Register* summary. In any event, the new rules will *not* go into effect anytime *before* they show up in the *Federal Register*.

As soon as the *R&O* is published in the *Federal Register* the ARRL will verify the effective date and publicize it on the *ARRLWeb* and in *QST*.

**Q. I am a "no-code" Technician. What does WT Docket 05-235 mean to me?**

A. Once the changes are in effect, all Technician licensees -- whether or not they have passed a Morse code examination -- will have "Tech Plus" operating privileges. This means you will have all of your current VHF/UHF and above frequencies and also will have access to the Novice/Technician Plus frequencies on HF. These include:

3525-3600 kHz CW only

7025-7125 kHz CW only

21,025-21,200 kHz CW only

28,000-28,300 kHz CW, RTTY and Data

28,300-28,500 kHz CW, SSB

The power limit is 200 W PEP output for Technician operators.

Technicians can upgrade to General by passing the Element 3 written exam and to Amateur Extra by also passing the Element 4 written exam. No Morse code test will be required.

**Q. What about other bands and modes?**

A. There are no additional new privileges available to Technician/Tech Plus licensees as a result of WT 05-235. The *R&O* does not change the operating privileges of Novice, General, Advanced and Amateur Extra class licensees either.

**Q. I have a Certificate for Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) for Element 3 (General written test) and have been waiting for the FCC to drop the Morse code requirement. What will I need to do? Will I automatically receive my General license?**

A. *It will not happen automatically.* You also will need to wait until the new rules are in effect. CSCEs remain valid for 365 days. There's been no change in that rule. If you have a *non-expired CSCE* for Element 3 credit, you would need to go to take the CSCE to a VE test session, pay the test session fee, if any, and have the examination team prepare and submit the paperwork for your license upgrade.

*If the CSCE for Element 3 credit has expired* or expires before you attend a test session to process your upgrade, you will have to retake the examination element in order to receive the credit toward your upgrade. The test session fee will apply.

**Remember:** *A CSCE is only valid for 365 days. An expired CSCE for the General license theory will not be usable for an upgrade.* If your CSCE expires before the new rules go into effect you will have to re-take the Element 3 General class theory exam in order to upgrade.

**Q. I hold a Novice license. Am I grandfathered to Technician now?**

A. No. There is no grandfather provision. In order to upgrade to Technician, you will need to pass the Element 2 written examination. The FCC did not change operating privileges for Novice, General, Advanced and Amateur Extra class licensees.

**Q. I am a current Advanced licensee. Am I affected by this change?**

A. No, this ruling does not impact your license. While no new Advanced class licenses are being issued, current Advanced class licensees will have the same privileges they already enjoy. The *R&O* does not change operating privileges for Novice, General, Advanced and Amateur Extra class licensees.

**Q. I got my Technician license prior to March 21, 1987. What happens to my license?**

A. You actually could have already taken that license and proof that you had the Technician license before that date to a volunteer examiner (VE) test session, paid the test session fee and already enjoying General privileges. This latest *R&O* doesn't change anything in this regard.

This is based on the fact that before that date, the only difference between the Technician and General class licenses was the Morse code speed; the theory exams were identical. Starting March 21, 1987, the Technician and General class license exams no longer were the same, so the "grandfather" rule doesn't apply for Technician licenses issued after March 21, 1987.

Proof that you held the license prior to March 21, 1987, could be a copy of your old Technician license or the page from the amateur *Call Book* showing your license class as Technician).

**Q. Do I still need to pass a Morse code test in order to use CW on the air?**

A. No. Any Amateur Radio licensee who wishes may use Morse code on the amateur frequencies they are authorized to use -- except the five USB-only channels at 5 MHz.

**Q. The FCC issued an *Order on Reconsideration* involving automatically controlled digital operations previously allowed on 3620-3635 kHz. What is that *Order's* effect?**

A. The FCC *Order on Reconsideration* states that when it becomes effective, the automatically controlled digital operation formerly allowed on 3620-3635 kHz will now be allowed on 3585-3600 kHz. The change affects Part 97.221 (b). While it is correcting a problem in the *R&O* for WT Docket 04-140, this change does not take effect immediately but on the date announced in the *Federal Register* when the *R&O* is published -- no sooner. Until that time, you may not have unattended automatically controlled digital stations on either the old or the new 80 meter subband.

## A Word from the President KBØMQX

Happy New Year to all CKARC members. I hope that you have all made good resolutions for 2007. More importantly, how many of you have kept them so far? As we start the New Year I would like to ask each of you to make some resolutions related to amateur radio. I would like us all to think about what we can do to help promote ham radio, whether it is as an individual or as a group. We, as a club, have accomplished a lot in the last year, and I hope that we can continue to make our hobby, and our club, known to others in the community. I would ask each of you to think about the last time that you did something that promoted ham radio. When is the last time you volunteered to do a program at the club meeting? When was the last time that you asked someone to come to a club meeting? When was the last time that you showed someone your shack and explained why you enjoy amateur radio? When was the last time that you visited with an operator who has not been active and encouraged them to become active again? These are only a few examples of things that each of us can do to help promote our hobby.

I hope that this will be the year that we see more activity with amateur radio. Let's start with our local club, and see what each one of us can do to help it grow. If you have any ideas or suggestions for activities, please let me, or any other board member know. We will be glad to help you develop and implement ideas that may help our club, or our hobby. We have a great hobby, a great club, and a lot of great individuals. Let's use them to our advantage and share our knowledge and experience with others. In short, I would like to see each of us get involved and do something. We would not be where we are today without the ideas and efforts of many volunteers. As we realize this, we also need to realize that we can't go anywhere in the future without the ideas and efforts of volunteers – volunteers just like you. Thank you for considering where you fit in, and what you can do to help promote amateur radio.

## Time to start thinking about June!

As usual June is a busy month for CKARC Members.

Thursday June 7th is the **Smoky Hill River Festival Jam** that kicks off the 2007 River Festival. As usual, we are looking for Volunteers to help out with the River Festival. Rumor has it that the Emergency Management Trailer "may" have an Awning installed in time for the Festival this year. We expect to have 12 Buttons available for CKARC Members this year for Festival Volunteers.

It's only a short Two Weeks later to the **2007 Field Day** June 23 & 24. We're looking for Operators, Setup crews, cooks, loggers, and others to help with this year's Field Day. Also looking for ideas on **Where** we might go this year for Field Day. Anyone with questions, comments or ideas, please contact any CKARC Board Member.

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## **2007 Element 3 General Class Question Pool**

January, 9, 2007

The Official Release of the 2007 Element 3 Question Pool from the Question Pool Committee of the NCVEC was made today.

This question pool is effective for amateur General Class examinations on or after July 1, 2007. It is being made available to the public in Adobe PDF (Portable Document Format) to VEs and other interested parties.

There are 486 questions in the new pool. Section G7A requires the use of one illustration, a schematic drawing. The drawing file is G7-1 published separately. Also posted is an MSWord version of G7-1 .

The W5YI-VEC will have examination materials and software for the General Class available for distribution to our CVE Team Leaders about 60 days before the July 1, 2007 effective date. The current NCVEC 605 form is valid for use at all amateur examination sessions until further notice.

As of this date the FCC Report and Order 06-178 ,the removal of Morse code testing requirements, has not been posted in the Federal Register. We expect that to happen any day. When posted new rules for examinations become effective 30 days later, about mid-February. Stay tuned.

**From the W5YI-VEC News Page**