



# QSP



January 2008

## 2008 Officers Installed

The January 2008 CKARC Meeting will be at 7:30 PM in Room 211 of Peter's Science Hall at Kansas Wesleyan University



The 2008 slate of Officers for the CKARC were installed at the Christmas Dinner at Western Sizzlin Steak House on December 20th.

L—R: Alvin, WØME (Secretary), Neil, KBØNOV, (Treasurer), Leon, WAØJFC, (VP), Terry, KCØKCO, (Pres), and Mark, KBØMQX (Activities) with Ron WAØPSF installing the Officers.

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## January VE Report

Once again, we had 5 VE's for the Exam Session. This time we had 4 Candidates for testing. We ended up with 1 new Technician, KDØCPS, Kerry Zimmerman from Dodge City, 1 Upgrade to General Class, KCØLRM, Dana Worth from Derby, and 1 Upgrade to Extra, WB9SKC, Robert Budach also from Derby. The 4th individual missed one question too many on his General Class exam.

Next scheduled Test Sessions are February 2, 2008 (A Saturday Afternoon W5YI-VEC session) followed by the "Regular" ARRL-VEC session on Wednesday February 13th, 2008.

## Minutes of the December Meeting

The CKARC held their December meeting and Christmas party at the Western Sizzlin Steak House with 38 members and guests present. After a very fine meal, Mark, KBØMQX, called the meeting to order with a round of introductions so as to let all help get to know each other better.

Alvin, WØME, read the minutes of November meeting as the news letter has been delayed because of the winter ice storm and loss of power at many QTH's. The minutes approved and second as read.

Marty, KGØMT, gave Treasurer's report, \$233.61 in checking and \$ 3,767.35 in savings for a total balance of \$ 4,000.96. Report approved and second as read.

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

Dates of Note in the next Month: December 27th, ARES meeting, Open house at Hill on January 1st, Board Meeting and Audit of the CKARC books on January 2nd, January 3rd is the next ARES Net, January 9th is the next ARRL-VEC Test session, January 17th is the next ARES Meeting (*RE-SCHEDULED to January 24th*) and January 25th is the next CKARC meeting—back at Peter's Science Hall Room 211 at KWU.

At the December test session, Justin Reed, NØUJQ, from Minneapolis, passed his General Exam.

Pete, NØOY, had a fun little Quiz for all present at the meeting.

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

Mark, KBØMQX, (*the new Activities Director*) passed around a sign up sheet for Hosts for the 2008 meetings. He also added that if you would like to present a program or help with one, Please sign up or let Mark know.

Dues are due for coming year!

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.

Mark presented each of the out-going officers with a Certificate of Excellence. He then presented the Joe Addison Award to Sid, NØOBM.

Ron WAØPSF did a fine job of installing the new officers for 2008:

Terry, KCØKCO, President  
Leon, WAØJFC, Vice President  
Alvin, WØME, Secretary, and  
Neil, KBØNOV, Treasurer.

Meeting started 7:25 PM, and ended 8:06 PM.  
WØME sec..

## Treasurer's Report

The CKARC January Treasurer's Report will be presented at the Meeting.

## Area Storm Spotter Classes

Tue. Feb. 12	7:00 PM CST	<b>Lincoln County</b> at the Lincoln High School
Mon. Mar. 3	7:00 PM CST	<b>Dickinson County (Herington)</b> Community Building 810 S. Broadway
Tue. Mar. 4	7:00 PM CST	<b>Ottawa County (Minneapolis)</b> Courthouse Basement 307 N. Concord Street
Tue. Mar. 18	6:30 PM CST	<b>McPherson County</b> at the 4H Building
Tue. Mar. 18	7:00 PM CST	<b>Dickinson County (Abilene)</b> Civic Center 201 NW 2nd Street
Mon. Mar. 24	7:00 PM CST	<b>Saline County (Salina)</b> at Nickell Barracks 2929 Scanlon Avenue
Tue. Apr. 1	6:30 PM CST	<b>Ellsworth County (Kanopolis)</b> 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 due no later than January 31, 2008**

ARES Net Feb. 7 at 8:00 PM on the NØKSC Repeater.

W5YI-VEC Test Session on Saturday Feb. 2nd at 1:00 PM. Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Classroom

ARRL-VEC Test Session on Wednesday Feb. 13th at 7:00 PM. Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Classroom

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

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

## **A Word from the President (Yea, the NEW One!)**

I would like to introduce and reacquaint myself with the members of Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club. I have been a licensed amateur radio operator since March of 2001. I had the pleasure of serving as Vice-President with Richard Swaringen, KBØVXU a very honorable gentleman who has unfortunately become a Silent Key.

Since becoming active in the CKARC I have seen many very positive changes in the club. The club has defiantly grown in numbers as well as experience that it brings to the club and the community that it serves. I am honored to hold the position of President of the Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club. I will defiantly have some major shoes to fill. The past CKARC Officers should be commended in the efforts and ideas that they have brought to the club to make it the club that it is today.

The one goal of mine is to stress that the CKARC is for all of its members. Through the combined efforts of all of the members and their ideas, we can keep the CKARC at the respected level for other clubs to follow. I will strive to keep the lines of communications open to all members and officers. I am very adamant in combining the CKARC and the community together.

With your support, efforts, and ideas as a member of Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club, we can continue to move forward and entice the interest for others to become a member of the elite group of Amateur Radio Operator.

Thank you for your support

Terry Moyer  
KCØKCO  
CKARC-President

## Motorola Completes Tender Offer for Yaesu's Parent Company

On Wednesday, January 16, Motorola, Inc announced that its subsidiary, MI, Inc, has successfully completed its tender offer to acquire a controlling interest in Vertex Standard, parent company of Yaesu. The tender offer period expired on January 15 with approximately 5.4 million shares tendered and accepted. On November 5, 2007, Motorola launched the tender offer, in cooperation with Tokogiken (a privately held Japanese company controlled by Vertex Standard's president and CEO Jun Hasegawa) with the intention of forming a joint venture to develop and sell Vertex Standard products and develop select Motorola products. All regulatory clearances required for the completion of the transaction have been obtained.

Starting on January 22, Motorola will have a total ownership stake of approximately 78 percent of Vertex Standard on a fully diluted basis (excluding certain stock acquisition rights that are scheduled to be cancelled), following the settlement of the tender offer for approximately 12 billion Yen (almost \$112 million US dollars) in cash. Through a subsequent restructuring process, Motorola will own 80 percent of Vertex Standard, while Tokogiken will retain a 20 percent stake.

"We are extremely pleased to team with Motorola, a global technology leader that has been a leading provider and pioneer in 2-way radio communication solutions," Hasegawa said. "With Motorola, Vertex Standard will be stronger and better positioned to deliver new and innovative 2-way radio solutions for professionals and consumers."

Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV, Yaesu's Executive Vice President for Amateur Radio Sales in North America, told the ARRL that he sees the joint venture of Vertex Standard and Motorola as "a very good thing for Amateur Radio in general and Yaesu customers in particular. I hope our loyal customers will readily see this business venture for what it is, an opportunity to make a solid 50-plus year old Yaesu company even stronger and more formable than is already the case. There is absolutely no reason to have the slightest concern about equipment warranties and the continuation of support for our products. I am really excited to see what the joint engineering capabilities of these two huge communications companies will bring in the way of new technology advancement for the Amateur Radio Service."

Motschenbacher continued: "There is a unique aspect of business that comes with Amateur Radio. It's not just about a radio. It's the relationship between the ham, the radio itself and the company that makes that radio. This relationship in Amateur Radio is far different than it is, say, between a buyer of a HDTV, the TV and the TV manufacturer. The relationship in Amateur Radio is far more personal and 'bonding,' per se. I am certain that we will do our utmost to ensure that Motorola understands this delicate bond. Since Motorola is leaving the day-to-day management of Yaesu in the hands of my boss, Jun Hasegawa, President of Vertex Standard, we can expect our longtime relationship with hams to remain intact."

According to Motorola, "[t]he joint venture is expected to expand and develop a comprehensive suite of products to address the rapidly growing demand for 2-way radio solutions. Vertex Standard's strength in the amateur, marine and airband (avionics) segments provides Motorola with access to new business opportunities. In addition, Vertex Standard's solutions are highly complementary with Motorola's products and add greater depth and breadth to Motorola's Government and Public Safety business. The venture also provides additional engineering talent for Motorola."

Following the restructuring, which will be implemented after the settlement of the tender offer, Vertex Standard will be de-listed from the JASDAQ. The joint venture company will continue to be called "Vertex Standard Co, Ltd" and will become a subsidiary of Motorola, with headquarters in Tokyo. --

*Some information provided by Motorola*

From ARRL Web Site.

### **Jet Propulsion Lab's Amateur Radio Club Marks 50 Years in Space (Jan 17, 2008)**



Launch of the Explorer 1 satellite on January 31, 1958 marked the dawn of the Space Age for the United States, as well as the beginning of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory's exploration of space. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of this historic event, the JPL Amateur Radio Club will be operating W6VIO from 1600 UTC January 28-0400 UTC February 4 using the following frequencies: 3.535, 7.035, 7.185, 14.035, 14.240, 21.035 and 21.285 MHz. An Explorer I commemorative QSL card will be available. QSL to JPL ARC, PO Box 820, La Canada, CA 91012-0820.

From the ARRL Web Site.

# Membership Application

CKARC, Inc.

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Salina, Kansas 67402-2493

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

ARRL Member No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (Month & Day)

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_

ARRL Member No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

May we publish your Phone & Email in the CKARC Rosters? Y N

(Please circle Y for Yes or N for No)

QSP is the CKARC Newsletter, do you wish to receive the QSP via  
Email or Postal Delivery? Email Postal (Circle one or the other)

While ARRL Membership is not a Requirement for membership in the CKARC, Inc. **it is highly recommended.** In order to retain "Special Service Club" status, we must remain a minimum of 51% ARRL Membership.

CKARC Dues : \$15.00/Year

Family Member: \$5.00

ARRL Dues : \$39.00/Year

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**February Meeting is Feb. 29, 2008**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE  
FEBRUARY QSP IS FEB. 19, 2008**

## **CKARC February Birthdays**

WØDDP	David	Pueppke	2/5
KCØPHH	Edgar	Fischer	2/21
KWØRM	Ron	McIntyre	2/23
KCØVRC	Bob	Sommerfeld	2/23