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January 2009

January VE Report

The **January 30, 2009**
CKARC Meeting will be
at
**KWU's Peters Science
Hall at 7:30 PM in
Room 211**

For the January 14th session, we had 4 Candidate take 7 Exams, and 5 VE's in attendance. 1 New Technician, 1 NEW General, 2 Upgraded to Extra Class.

Ken Gompert , KCØDEU, of Hastings, Ne. Passed both the General and the Extra Exams, L. Bruce Barley, KBØPZD, of Wichita, Ks. Passed his Extra Exam, Richard Foster KDØGHC, of Wichita, KS. Pased both the Technician and General Exams. John Beger, KDØGHB, of Ellis, Ks. Is a new Technician. All posted on the FCC's ULS Web Site on January 21, 2009

Thanks to all the VE's who helped with the Exam Sessions. I appreciate the help, and so do those who took exams this month.

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Next Exams are as follows:

Wednesday February 11th, at 7:00 PM, at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom, and **Saturday February 21, 2009** at 1:00 PM (W5YI-VEC Session).

Sid NØOBM VE Team Leader

Minutes of the December Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Terry, KCØKCO, at XXXX PM on December 18th with XX members and guests present at Western Sizzlin Steak House, after the Dinner Meal. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Terry started off with a round of introductions.

Minutes of last meeting approved as printed in QSP.

Treasurer's report approved as read

EC Report

Don't forget the Open House at "The Hill" on January 1st. 10 AM to 3 PM (or there-a-bouts). Usual activities for January.

The New slate of Officers for 2009 were installed by Terry, KCØKCO with help from Ron, WAØPSF. Certificates of Appreciation were given to the 2008 Officers for a "Job Well Done".

The 2008 Joe Addison WØPKD Trophy was awarded to Mark Boyle, KBØMQX.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded.

Reminders

Salina City Siren Test Net, February 2nd at 4:30 PM on the NØKSC Repeater or on 146.730 Simplex if the Weather cooperates!

ARES Net **February 3rd at 8:00 PM** on the NØKSC Repeater (or on 146.730 Simplex if it's not running).

ARRL-VEC Test Sessions on Wednesday February 11th at **7:00 PM**.

Board meeting follows the exam session on February 11th at 8:00 PM (or after Testing—which ever is later) in the Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Classroom.

ARES Meeting is February 19th at 8:00 PM in the EOC.

CKARC Meeting February 27th at 7:30 PM at **Kansas Wesleyan University**.

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

ARRL to Unveil New Course for Public Information Officers

With the many weather events and other newsworthy items of note in 2008, ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, WIAGP, said that it was evident around the US "that the expertise, motivational level and activities of individual Public Information Officers (PIOs) are highly variable. Some PIOs are excellent. Some retain the PIO title but are inactive, while others are motivated, but apparently not aware of the basic expectations of their role or the skills involved."

Pitts equated the PIO situation to the situation faced that ARES® faced several years ago: "The corrective action for ARES -- that resulted in major success -- began with the design and implementation of the ARRL EmComm Level 1 classes (first tested in Connecticut and then expanded and deployed nationally). They produced significant positive results in the quality, scope and skill of ARES activities."

A similar course, PR-101, is now being developed by the ARRL. "This course is geared toward PIOs and others interested in Public Relations," Pitts said. "While voluntary, the course will be 'strongly encouraged' for all ARRL PIOs and available for others."

Overall goals for the course are:

- To clarify the role of the PIO in the Field Organization.
- To establish a base set of expectations (job description) for a PIO to fulfill, and peer pressure to do the job well.
- To establish, teach and verify that course graduates have the common basic skill set needed to accomplish expectations set forth in the PIO job description.
- To create a pool of trained PIOs who can be confidently called upon to represent Amateur Radio in their region during breaking news events.
- To create a spirit of pride in being a trained and active PIO.
- To increase the productivity of PIOs and resultant positive media coverage.

"There is a critical need to offer public relations training that addresses the 21st century media landscape," said ARRL Public Relations Committee Chairman Bill Morine, N2COP. "Since the last revision of the *ARRL PIO Handbook* in the mid 1990s, domination of coverage has shifted from newspapers, magazines and broadcast stations to cable, satellite and Internet media outlets. The decentralization of media means there are many more ways and formats from which the public can access information. The PR-101 course will point ARRL PIOs in the direction where they can best take advantage of opportunities in both traditional and emerging media."

Saying that the League is fortunate to have a dedicated corps of more than 450 appointed PIOs in the field, Morine pointed out the results of a survey sent to all PIOs: "The December 2008 survey showed that the majority of PIOs are either self-appointed or were appointed by their local club. This confirms that many PIOs are highly motivated and eagerly want to tell the public about Amateur Radio. At the same time,

the survey revealed that most PIOs have little or no formal training or experience in public relations, journalism or the media in general. The overwhelming number of respondents told the survey they would gladly participate in public relations and media training from ARRL."

Morine said he is glad to see that more and more Section Managers are already endorsing PR-101 for their PICs and PIOs. "The goal of the Public Relations Committee is to raise the professionalism of our field PIOs, just as the ARECC courses have elevated the training of ARES operators," he said.

PR-101 is expected to be first shown to the public in May at the ARRL EXPO at the Dayton Hamvention.

From the ARRL Web Site 01/23/09

A Letter from Mark Boyle

Hello to all members (and non-members) of the CKARC club. I wanted everyone to know that I am quite honored to be the recipient of the annual Joe Addison Award. Thank you for the honor of receiving it. I am in great company with those who have received it before me. For those of you who are not familiar with it please take a look on our website for more details about the award.

This being said, I would like to encourage each of you to think about the things that you can do to help promote ham radio and our club. I would like to see more people get involved and do something to benefit the club. Is there something that you really enjoy about ham radio, or is it just another thing that you do in your spare time? What was it that caught your attention and got you involved with ham radio? We would like to know.

There is a great way to show the rest of the club about your favorite part of ham radio. As activities chairman I am looking for people who would like to give a short program at one of the upcoming meetings. It is your chance to show off. We would all like to see what you enjoy most about ham radio. You can take some time to show others about a particular area that you enjoy most. Is it CW? Is it digital? Is it chasing grids or DX? What are your secrets? Please share them with us. I believe that this is a great opportunity for some of our "veteran" hams to show us new hams a thing or two. Just let me know which meeting you would like to make your presentation at.

Finally, I would like to thank those who have agreed to be officers and board members of the club for the upcoming year. It is because of you that our club functions and exists. Let's all remember that they are donating their time and we need to encourage them any way we can.

Thank you again to everyone for being a part of the Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club.

Mark Boyle, KBØMQX

Membership Renewal Form

CKARC, Inc.

P. O. Box 2493 Salina, Kansas 67402-2493



Name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: ____-____-____ email: _____

ARRL Member No.: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Birthday: ____/____ (Month & Day ONLY)

Spouse Name: _____ Call: _____

ARRL Member No.: _____ Birthday: ____/____

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Roster will **NOT** be published on the Web site (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 (Check 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 *

* For additional years, or Family Membership Information, please contact the Treasurer.

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February Meeting is Friday, February 27, 2009

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE
FEBRUARY QSP IS FEBRUARY 18, 2009**

CKARC February Birthdays

WØDDP	David	Pueppke	2/5
KCØPHH	Edgar	Fischer	2/21