



# QSP



January 2010

## January VE Report

The **January Meeting** is  
**Friday, January 29,**  
**2010**  
**@ 7:30 PM, at KWU**  
**Peters Science Hall**  
**Room 211**

**For the January 13th Session:**  
We had No Candidates

VE's present were: Sid, NØOBM, Ron, WAØPSF, Leon,  
WAØJSC, Alvin, WØME, and Don, KAØEIC

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

Next Exam session is **Wednesday February 10th, 2010**, at 7:00 PM, at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom.  
Sid NØOBM VE Team Leader

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## 2010 Storm Spotter Class—Saline County

The date has been set for the 2010 Storm Spotter Class by the Wichita Office of the National Weather Service. This year's class will be on **Monday February 22nd, 2010** at 7:00 PM at the **4 H Building** in Kenwood Park.

This is the class that has been held at Nickell Barracks for the past several years, so please note the change of location! [The dates & Locations of the other "area" classes has been posted \(Wichita Office ONLY so-far\).](#) [Ed.]

## Minutes of the December Meeting

The Minutes of the December meeting will be presented at the January meeting

## 443.900 Repeater Update

The 443.9 repeater construction is progressing nicely and is approximately 50% complete. Karen and I have recorded most of the custom messages, which leaves quite a bit of programming to do. I am planning on having the repeater finished and on the air by the end of January.

73,  
Justin Reed NØUJQ                      01-15-10

## Reminders

**City of Salina Siren Test Net, February 1st** at 4:30 PM on the NØKSC Repeater (147.270+) if the Weather cooperates! *[If it's above 32 degrees!]*

**ARES Net February 2nd at 8:00 PM** on the NØKSC Repeater (147.270+ no tone)

**ARRL-VEC Test Session** on Wednesday **February 10th at 7:00 PM.**

**Board meeting** follows the exam session on **February 10th** at 8:00 PM (or after Testing—which ever is later) in the Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Classroom.

**ARES Meeting is February 18th at 8:00 PM in the EOC.**

**Saline County Storm Spotter Class** on Monday, **February 22nd at 7:00 PM at the 4H Building**

**CKARC Meeting February 26th** at 7:30 PM at KWU's Peters Science Hall.

There is a full **Calendar of Events** on the CKARC Web site <http://www.centalksarc.com>

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when actually Nobody asked Anybody.

# Saline County Emergency Management Amateur Radio Contest

**When:** Saturday, January 30, 2010  
10 AM to 2 PM Local

**Where:** Net control from the NEW Saline County Emergency Management Communications Room

**Purpose:** The purpose of this contest is to promote communications among local operators using the ARES frequencies and equipment. Operators are encouraged to learn the frequencies and tones that are used for ARES. Operators are encouraged to operate from the EM Comm room and get used to the equipment located there.

**Prizes:** Each operator who checks in on any of the frequencies with NØSLN will receive a QSL card. The operator who receives the most points will receive a certificate.

**Modes / Frequencies:** 2 Meter repeater: 147.270 +  
440 repeater: 443.0250 + 118.8 Hz Tone Access  
HF 10M: 28.450 +/- QRM

**Rules:** Operators should make as many contacts as possible on the frequencies listed. Each operator must check in with Net Control (NØSLN) at least once during the contest in order to be eligible for prizes. Contacts may be made with any other licensed amateur operator on any of the frequencies. **KDØFRP and NØOBM are NOT eligible for points for this contest.**

**Exchange:** Call, Name, and Grid Square

**Points:** Contacts made from a base unit: 2 points each  
Contacts made from a mobile unit: 4 points each  
Contacts made from a portable unit: 5 points each  
Contacts made from the Em Comm room: 10 bonus points **per band**

**Submission:** Each operator who wishes to submit a log for points may do so. Each operator is asked to keep track of their own logs and their own points. Logs must be submitted to Emergency Management by February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Hand-written logs are preferred. Date, Time, Frequency, Mode (SSB or FM) Call, and Name.

*[We are just NOT set up to accept Cabrillo logs yet, this is our First attempt! Ed.]*

## ARRL Board Elects 15th President: Kay Craigie, N3KN



Kay Craigie, N3KN, was elected the ARRL's 15th President at the League's 2010 Annual Meeting.

As its first order of business at the 2010 Annual Meeting, the ARRL Board of Directors elected ARRL First Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN, of Blacksburg, Virginia, as the organization's new President. She will take over the reins from outgoing President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, at the close of the Annual Meeting. In October, Harrison advised the Board that he would not seek re-election.

The elections at the Annual Meeting generated a ripple effect of vacancies within the ARRL hierarchy. The elevation of Craigie to the presidency set led to Vice President Rick Roderick, K5UR, being elected First Vice President and **Midwest Division Director Bruce Frahm, KØBJ, elected to the Vice President position. This has created a vacancy in the Director position in the Midwest Division, so Vice Director Cliff Ahrens, KØCA, will take over as Director.** Dakota Division Director Jay Bellows, KØQB, was elected International Vice President; Dakota Division Vice Director Greg Widin, K0GW, will move up to Director in that Division. ARRL Technical Relations Manager Brennan Price, N4QX, was elected ARRL Chief Technology Officer. He replaces Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, who retired from the staff in 2008 but retained the officer title through the end of its two-year term.

One of Craigie's first items of business as League President will be to appoint new Vice Directors in both the **Midwest** and Dakota Divisions.

"I'm excited about working with the new team of officers to carry out the Board's directives here in the US and internationally in cooperation with the IARU," she said after the election. "All the way back to the League's founding in 1914, Amateur Radio has always existed in a challenging environment. The League will continue meeting today's challenges so hams can continue to serve the public, explore technology and have fun on the bands."

First licensed in 1983, Craigie has been a Volunteer Examiner for more than 20 years, now working with the New River Valley Amateur Radio Club's team. In 1986, she became ARRL Section Manager for Eastern Pennsylvania, moving up to Atlantic Division Vice Director in 1990. Six years later, she became Atlantic Division Director; in 2000 she was elected Vice President and in 2006 First Vice President of the ARRL. She has served on all the standing committees of the ARRL Board of Directors and also worked on the League's Enforcement Task Force, the committee whose pressure finally resulted in the FCC's assigning Riley Hollingsworth to clean up the ham bands.

Craigie's first assignment as Vice President was to design what became the ARRL Education & Technology Program. Later, she chaired the National Emergency Response Planning Committee, tasked with recommendations on the League's readiness at the national level to respond to extraordinary disasters. In 2009, she chaired the ad-hoc committee that produced *The Commercialization of Amateur Radio: The Rules, The Risks, The Issues*. This document offers guidelines to assist radio amateurs and anyone wishing to utilize the capabilities of Amateur Radio in understanding the FCC Rules that prohibit communications in which the amateur has a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer..

On the air, Craigie enjoys DXing -- that's what attracted her to ham radio in the first place -- award-hunting and contesting. She holds VUCC on 6 meters, 5BDXCC (endorsed for 12, 17 and 30 meters), the DXCC Challenge award, WAZ and WAE Class 1 CW. She enjoys digital modes such as RTTY and PSK31, as well as CW and phone. She is involved with SKYWARN through the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Craigie's husband Carter, N3AO, is a retired college professor. He has served as a Section Traffic Manager and as an ARES® Emergency Coordinator. He especially enjoys QRP and operating outdoors on the Appalachian Trail. He is also a SKYWARN volunteer. Their daughter Jenny Riffe, KA3WVD, also lives in Virginia with her husband and two children.

Further details on the 2010 Annual Meeting will soon be available on the ARRL Web site and in the April 2008 issue of *QST*.

## A note from our Trustee

Greetings to one and all. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the club for allowing me to serve as club trustee for the past several years. It is with some regret that I wish to resign my position effective immediately for reasons I would rather not get into. Perhaps someone else would be better able to volunteer their time in a more efficient manner and devote more time to this than I. It has been a privilege to serve in this capacity and should anyone else wish to accept the position please contact me via email, home phone, cell phone, snail mail, or just give a shout out on the repeater sometime if you hear me. I will be happy to hand over all manuals and the software programming package and backups as well as help arrange with the paperwork to get the club call switched to the new trustee at the FCC. Thank you.

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*As a reminder, for the Club to be able to use "Full Privileges" for Field Day, our Trustee really needs to have an Extra Class License. [Ed.]*

## Change Is A Good Thing

Mark Boyle  
KBØMQX

Change is a good thing. There are many organizations that make changes in order to keep up with the times. It is a must for any organization to succeed, especially in today's fast-paced world. Many factors contribute to these changes. Some of these factors may be new technology, new equipment, new finances, or new leadership. The Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club is one of these organizations that has made changes.

Amateur radio has evolved over the years with many changes. It used to be that all equipment was tube type, and if you wanted to pursue a project you had to build something to do it. Today it is very easy to purchase solid-state equipment that will do just about anything you need it to. Ham radio, in general, is keeping up with technology. Not only keeping up with it, but is also innovative in bringing about new technology.

It is sometimes easy to want to keep things the way they are, hoping that times will not change and that equipment will last forever. The reality, though, is that times do change and equipment does not last forever. In order to keep up with the times, some adjustments have to be made. CKARC has made several changes over the last few years. We have adopted a new set of bylaws, we have purchased a domain name of our own ([www.centalksarc.com](http://www.centalksarc.com)), the website is more versatile and informative than it was in the past, and each member that has requested it has email access at that domain. We also are emailing the newsletters to most people, which is a welcome change for most members – not to mention the savings on postage. We have gone through the entire club inventory and fixed what could be repaired, purchased some new equipment, such as coax cable and a dipole antenna. We have removed items from our inventory that are of no use, not repairable, or not accounted for. We have also done some maintenance on our generator. Finally, we are in the process of installing a new repeater and controller. I am sure there are more examples, but it is apparent that things are changing for CKARC. These changes we have seen within the club would not have been possible without the leadership of our club officers, and the support of every club member.

Each year our club wants to recruit new members, especially younger members. However, we as a club may not always understand that there are other new and exciting things to compete with as we attempt to recruit new members. We need equipment that works, that is easy to set up, and that can be maintained easily. More importantly, we need people who are willing to do the job. If someone volunteers to do the job we need to support him or her as they do so. We cannot expect things to remain the same as they always have. If we want to recruit new members then we, as a club, must be willing to change with the times and become innovative with new technologies and equipment. If this means spending money on equipment (either repair, replacement, or purchase) then we may need to do so.

The most important thing any organization can do is support those who are doing the work. Most organizations that continue as a club do so because they have people willing to volunteer. Whether this is as a club officer, or simply as a helping hand at field day, these people are irreplaceable. You may not agree with the way they are doing things, but remember this: They are giving their time to do it. There is always a way that you can help out. Criticism, especially behind their back, is not the way to handle things.

We have some great members, and great officers for CKARC. Unfortunately, some of them either have already moved on or are considering moving on to other organizations that do embrace change, and will support them as they devote their time and talents to that organization. Anyone who has been an officer knows that it is a time-consuming job, and one that does not receive any gratification. We, as a club, must support all of those who volunteer to do the work that is needed. We need to thank them, not criticize them. We need to remember that things change with time, and cannot always be the way that they have always been.

Change is a good thing, and it will happen. Let's support those who are making the changes in our club, and especially remember to thank each of the officers for their time. Let's each do our best to make sure that we allow change to benefit our organization.

## Around and about—Misc. ramblings

The following is from the **Omaha Hawks** November 2009 Newsletter "**Hawk Talk**" (The Omaha Hawks are a Remote Control Airplane Club – Some of their members **ARE** Hams) Omaha Nebraska. [www.omahahawks.com](http://www.omahahawks.com) I had a chance to spend a couple of afternoons at their Flying Field over the Thanksgiving Holiday. Very nice field, and very friendly club members. (*Yes, I fly RC Thanks Dean*)

"This is a very important time for the club. It takes a dedicated and enthusiastic group of people to keep the club and the field working and growing as it needs to be.

And this is where you come in. You can be one of those who drive the club to success. In every club of any kind there are many different kinds of people. There are some who never help out but are always ready to complain. There are some who enjoy the club field and activities but don't feel the need to help out with making those things happen.

And then there are the few members who want to make the club the best it can be and are willing to pitch in and do whatever it takes to get the job done. From the officers and board members, the field chairman and even the lowly newsletter editor, as well as those who just show up to help out, these are the people who do the work and enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that it was them that made it all possible.

This group is usually pretty small, and we always need new people to help keep things going. So come on out to the meeting. Throw your hat in the ring! Help us to keep this club the best that it can be. And don't be afraid to join us because you are new to the hobby or the club. We always need new blood and fresh ideas. Remember, the best way to get acquainted is to get involved! See you at the meeting!

- editor"

While "some" of the terms do not apply directly to the CKARC...

### Got something you'd like to see in QSP?

**Get it to the Editor before the 3rd Wednesday of the month, and we will work it in if we can. Copyrighted material must have a release.**

**Got Pictures? If there is room we will print them.**

## February 2010 Contest Calendar

### From the WA7BNM Contest Calendar

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

Vermont QSO Party	0000Z, Feb 6 to 2400Z, Feb 7
10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB	0001Z, Feb 6 to 2359Z, Feb 7
Minnesota QSO Party	1400Z-2400Z, Feb 6
AGCW Straight Key Party	1600Z-1900Z, Feb 6
Delaware QSO Party	1700Z, Feb 6 to 0100Z, Feb 8
Mexico <b>RTTY</b> International Contest	1800Z, Feb 6 to 1759Z, Feb 7
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0400Z, Feb 7
AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening	1900Z-2030Z, Feb 10
CQ WW <b>RTTY</b> WPX Contest	0000Z, Feb 13 to 2400Z, Feb 14
SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Feb 13 to 1000Z, Feb 14
Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW	1100Z-1300Z, Feb 13
Dutch PACC Contest	1200Z, Feb 13 to 1200Z, Feb 14
FISTS Winter Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Feb 13
North American Sprint, SSB	0000Z-0400Z, Feb 14
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Feb 20 to 2400Z, Feb 21
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Feb 22
CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	2200Z, Feb 26 to 2159Z, Feb 28
REF Contest, SSB	0600Z, Feb 27 to 1800Z, Feb 28
UBA DX Contest, CW	1300Z, Feb 27 to 1300Z, Feb 28
North American QSO Party, <b>RTTY</b>	1800Z, Feb 27 to 0600Z, Feb 28
High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1700Z, Feb 28

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- A.) Your current email address.
- B.) Your Birthdate. (I don't need the YEAR, just the Month & Day—and the Treasurer needs to know IF you just happen to be over 65—Something about ARRL Membership rates (I think).
- C.) Let the Editor know, and we can save the CKARC some \$\$
- D.) I'll add your name to the mailing list if you really need it that way

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## Membership Renewal Form

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

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

If over 65, **please check this box** ->

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

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

Month/Day

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

Roster will **NOT** be published on the Web site (Please circle Y for Yes or N for No)

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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/Year

ARRL Dues : \$39.00/Year

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

CKARC Membership Renewal Form Jan 2010

**LAST CALL!**

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE  
FEBRUARY QSP IS FEB. 17, 2010**

## **CKARC February Birthdays**

WØDDP	David	Pueppke	2/5
KDØFUA	Heidi	Paul	2/16
KCØPHH	Edgar	Fischer	2/21
KCØVRC	Bob	Sommerfeld	2/23