



QSP



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January VE Report

The January Meeting is
Friday, Jan. 28, 2011
@ 7:30 PM, at KWU
Peters Science Hall
Room 211

Host: Ron, WAØPSF
Program: Michelle,
KDØKYD

For the January 12th Session:

We had 4 Candidates this month, Harold Hawkins, KDØNJT, of Abilene is a new Technician, Jacob Gayer, KDØNGC, of Hutchinson is now a General, and Eric Elwood, NØZBV, of Belleville up-graded to General. Congratulations to all! Michelle Vought, KDØKYD, missed upgrading to General by 1. Better luck next time Michelle!

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This month's VE's were: Sid, NØOBM, Ron, WAØPSF, Eric, NØYET, Alvin, WØME, and Don, KAØEIC.

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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 9th, 2011, at 7:00 PM, at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom.

Sid NØOBM VE Team Leader

Minutes of the December Meeting

CKARC December 17th meeting minutes

The December Christmas Dinner and meeting was held on Dec. 17th at the Western Sizzlin Steak House with 32 members and guests present.

After a great meal, the meeting was called to order by Outgoing President Robert, WBØWTM.

The Minutes of Nov. meeting were waived, pending the printing of the December issue of QSP.

Treasurers report: Checking account balance: \$612.44 and Saving account balance: \$1043.38 reported by Mitch, KAØIFW.

A Motion was made and approved to donate the sum of \$100.00 to the Emergency Management Director to help with the losses incurred in his House Fire. A hat was also passed for Donations from the membership, with an additional \$114.00 collected.

A sheet was passed around to sign up for host and programs for the coming year.

Repeater Report: The New 2 Meter antenna has been installed and is working quite well.

Mike, KBØLZQ was awarded the Joe Addison award for 2010

Installation of officers for year 2011

The Deputy Director of Emergency Management, Hannah Furbeck, thanked everyone for their help for the past year as well as the support for the Director and his Family after their House Fire.

Meeting adjourned

WØME, Secretary

Reminders

ARES Net **February 1st at 8:00 PM** on the NØKSC Repeater (147.270+)

City of Salina Siren Test Net, February 7th at 4:30 PM on the NØKSC Repeater (147.270+) **if the Weather cooperates!**

ARRL-VEC Test Session on Wednesday **February 9th at 7:00 PM.**

Board meeting follows the exam session on **February 9th** at 8:00 PM (or after Testing—which ever is later) in the Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Classroom.

ARES Meeting is **February 17th at 8:00 PM** in **Emergency Management.**

Storm Fury on the Plains (NWS Storm Spotter Classes)

Salina Feb. 23rd at 6:30 PM Saline County 4 H Building

Ellsworth Feb 24th at 6:30 PM Ellsworth Fire Station 100 Court St.

Lincoln Feb. 28th at 6:30 PM Lincoln Park Manor

As of Jan 22, a Date and Location have not been set yet for Ottawa County.

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

A note from the President

Hello to everyone and I hope you are having a great 2011. It is my pleasure to once again be the President of CKARC. It is nice to be part of such a great club with members that have a great amount of talent. I want to thank Robert, WBØWTM, for the great job he did as President the last few years. Also, I want to thank everyone who has stepped up to be an officer for the year 2011. Without these people offering their time and talents there would be no club. Please take time to get to know the officers in the club, and let them get to know you.

I would also ask that you think about what you like to do with ham radio. What got you interested enough to get your ticket? Was it a particular event or a certain operator that helped you? We have some good opportunities this year to make our community aware of what ham radio is, and how it has changed over the years. We must embrace these opportunities as they come around, and more importantly we must become active. We must keep an open mind and realize that many things have changed, especially with technology. As we demonstrate our capabilities to others there are many other interesting things for us to compete with, such as new smart phones, computers, Internet, MP3 players, Xbox games, Wii games, and many others. It is up to each and every one of us to show others about ham radio, what the benefits are, and how it can be interesting and beneficial to them. This hobby, and especially our club, cannot continue unless we each do our part and share with others.

Please take a few minutes to think of what got you interested, and think of what you can do to make it interesting for other people. What will you do this year to help our club, and to promote ham radio?

If you have any suggestions for things you think CKARC should do, please bring it up at a meeting, or notify a club officer.

I look forward to working with everyone this year, and I hope we can all work together to make 2011 a great year for ham radio, and for CKARC.

Mark Boyle
KBØMQX

Logbook of The World Now Supports VUCC

01/14/2011

ARRL's Logbook of the World (LoTW) -- an online system for amateurs to confirm two-way contacts that can be used for various ARRL awards -- has been upgraded to support awards based on Maidenhead grid squares, such as VUCC and the Fred Fish Memorial Award.

To take advantage of the new features, you need to log in to your LoTW account. (Don't have an LoTW account? It's easy to sign up.) VUCC is an open-ended award in that hams can work on throughout their lifetime, just like DXCC. But, like the Worked All States (WAS) award, the VUCC rules require all the contacts to be made from a defined area. For VHF and UHF QSOs on 1296 MHz and below, this distance must be within 200 km on 1296 MHz and below. For SHF awards, contacts must be made from a single location, defined as within a 300 meter diameter circle. As such, the VUCC support in LoTW allows you to make the rule -- or rules -- necessary to find the QSLs in LoTW that satisfy the VUCC rules.

Getting Started with VUCC on LoTW

When you log in to LoTW, click on the "Awards" tab. Besides finding the buttons for DXCC and WAS, you will also find a VUCC button. If you wish to use LoTW for VUCC, click on "Create New VUCC Award Account." When you do, you'll see a box where you can name your account. You also have the opportunity to make this your default VUCC account. Click "Save account changes."

At this point, you can manually add QSOs by clicking on "Add a QSO Set to this VUCC account." If you click on "Add rule to QSO Set," this will add a rule that will select current and future QSOs to this VUCC LoTW account.

You do not need to create separate accounts for each band which was used from any geographic location; LoTW will manage your band awards in each account for you. For example, your "home" location is grid square FN31, but you also operated portable from EL97. You will have to create two separate VUCC accounts so that the QSOs you made from EL97 are not credited to FN31. For detailed, step-by-step instructions, click [here](#).

Beyond these set-up procedures, the VUCC support functions operate much like the way the WAS support in LoTW works: You are allowed to have multiple VUCCs, as long as they are from areas too far apart to be counted as one area. Most people will likely have one “home” or “primary” VUCC area.

What is Different?

- **No “hybrid” awards:** You can make as many LoTW applications as you want and you can make separate applications with paper QSLs. We will keep track. It is not necessary to have 100 grids confirmed in order to make an application, but of course, it is necessary to have 100 grids confirmed and applied in order to be awarded a certificate for 6 or 2 meters.
- **Payment rate structure:** Paper applications will cost more than LoTW applications. There are lower prices for ARRL members, but US stations must be ARRL members. There is no “range of prices” for LoTW credits (what you pay to use a QSL inside LoTW). The LoTW per-QSO fee is 16 cents for members and 20 cents for non-members. You will see all the prices when you go to apply for an award.
- **Credit for adjoining grid squares:** It is possible to give credit for up to four different grids using LoTW. This option is available for those who operate from “grid lines” and follow the rules for this set forth in VUCC and the Fred Fish Award (see VUCC Rules # 4.E).

It is possible to “link” your ARRL-affirmed list of grids -- those grids that have already been accredited to your VUCC award. This means that you have already received a VUCC award and want that data to appear in LoTW. This is very similar to what you can do with DXCC in LoTW. Unfortunately, some of the older VUCC applications exist only on paper and will need to be entered into the system by ARRL staff. If you have not made a VUCC application since 2000, you may be in that group; please have patience as staff will not be able to enter that data for a while.

Additional guidance about VUCC support is currently being prepared and will be announced on the LoTW home screen shortly. Daily automated listings of VUCC standings by band -- similar to the DXCC standings -- will also be online soon.

We invite you to take your time and enjoy the new tools. If you see matched QSOs and they are showing grids that you do not believe are correct, please let us know. We do check submitted grid data for accuracy, but there may be errors. You have final control over which of your confirmations you apply to your VUCC. If you believe someone has submitted QSO data with an incorrect grid square, please let both us and that station know. The originating station can fix his geographic data and resubmit the logs. Please have patience with our rollout of VUCC support. There is no hurry -- it is going to be here for a long time. Questions can always be sent via e-mail to lotw-help@arrl.org.

From the ARRL Web Site

February 2011 Contest Calendar

From the WA7BNM Contest Calendar

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

QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 2
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 4
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Feb 4
YL-ISSB QSO Party, CW	0000Z, Feb 5 to 2359Z, Feb 6
Vermont QSO Party	0000Z, Feb 5 to 2400Z, Feb 6
10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB	0001Z, Feb 5 to 2359Z, Feb 6
EPC WW DX Contest	1200Z, Feb 5 to 1200Z, Feb 6
Minnesota QSO Party	1400Z-2400Z, Feb 5
AGCW Straight Key Party	1600Z-1900Z, Feb 5
Delaware QSO Party	1700Z, Feb 5 to 0100Z, Feb 7
Mexico RTTY International Contest	1800Z, Feb 5 to 1759Z, Feb 6
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0400Z, Feb 6
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Feb 8
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Feb 9
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 9
CW ops Mini-CWT Test	1100Z-1200Z, Feb 9 and 1900Z-2000Z, Feb 9 and 0300Z-0400Z, Feb 10
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Feb 9
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 11
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Feb 11
PODXS 070 Club Valentine Sprint	2000 local, Feb 11 to 0200 local, Feb 12
CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	0000Z, Feb 12 to 2400Z, Feb 13
SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Feb 12 to 1000Z, Feb 13
Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW	1100Z-1300Z, Feb 12
Dutch PACC Contest	1200Z, Feb 12 to 1200Z, Feb 13
New Hampshire QSO Party	1600Z, Feb 12 to 0400Z, Feb 13 and 1200Z-2200Z, Feb 13
FISTS Winter Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Feb 12
North American Sprint, SSB	0000Z-0400Z, Feb 13
Classic Exchange, Phone	1400Z, Feb 13 to 0800Z, Feb 14
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Feb 14 to 2400Z, Feb 18
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 16
AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening	1900Z-2030Z, Feb 16
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 18
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Feb 18
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Feb 19 to 2400Z, Feb 20
Feld Hell Sprint	2000Z-2200Z, Feb 19
AWA Amplitude Modulation QSO Party	2300Z, Feb 19 to 2300Z, Feb 20
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 23
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 25
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Feb 25
CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	2200Z, Feb 25 to 2159Z, Feb 27
REF Contest, SSB	0600Z, Feb 26 to 1800Z, Feb 27
UBA DX Contest, CW	1300Z, Feb 26 to 1300Z, Feb 27
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Feb 26 to 0600Z, Feb 27
High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1700Z, Feb 27
CQC Winter QSO Sprint	0100Z-0259Z, Feb 28

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: ____/____

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)

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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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE
FEBRUARY QSP IS FEB. 17, 2011**

CKARC February Birthdays

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