



# QSP



January 2013

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The **January Meeting** is  
**Friday January 25th** at  
**KWU's Peters Science**  
**Hall Room 211**

**7:30 PM**

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## Dec/Jan VE Report

For the **December 12th** session, we had 5 Candidates. Clayton Steuben, AC0CU, of Beloit, Entered the room with NO license, and left as an Extra Class (Passed All Three) and became our 3rd person to do so! Chuck Moore, N0MXI, of Minneapolis, passed his Extra Class, Stephen Lawrence, KD0TSY, of Brookville, passed his General, Zachary Wamsher, KD0TYZ, of Lenardville, is a new Technician, and Bob Harris of Falun tried for his Technician again with no luck.

VE's in attendance were: Sid, N0OBM, Don, KA0EIC, Alvin, W0ME, Ron, WA0PSF, Paul, KS1P, Eric, N0YET, and Leon, WA0JFC.

For the **January 9th, 2013** session, we had one candidate, Elena Arvelo, KD0UCL, of Salina, became a new Technician.

VE's in attendance were: Sid, N0OBM, Ron, WA0PSF, Alvin, W0ME, Paul, KS1P, Don, KA0EIC, and Eric, N0YET.

The next scheduled session is **Wednesday February 13th, at 7:00 PM**, at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom.

Sid N0OBM VE Team Leader

## Minutes of the Meetings

November 16, 2012 Minutes, CKARC

KS1P, Paul opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a round of introductions. He then called the unfinished election business to order and WØME, Alvin who said last month he would be Sec. took his name off the list and made it available for any office. That got things off center and soon had a complete list.

You'r 2013 Officers will be:

President	Alvin, WØME
V President	Robert, WBØWTM
Secretary	Eric, NØYET
Treasurer	Mike, KBØLZQ
Activities	Mitch, KAØIFW
Hamfest Ch.	Ron, WAØPSF

ARES report by NØOBM, Sid: We will have a work day on Nov. 18th at the Trailer at the Airport. Dec. 3 Siren test WX permitting at 4:30 PM.

Dec. 12th is the next Amateur Radio test session and the Saline County ARES Meeting is on Dec. 20. Sid's term of Office as EC and DEC ends on December 31, 2012—Both positions are Open to any ARRL Member.

The Club voted to raise the membership dues to \$20 and family \$5 and a fee of \$6 if you want a paper copy of QSP

Meeting adjourned

### 12-14-2012

There was no QSP for December, and the CKARC Club meeting For December was on the 14th at Coyote Canyon for the Christmas Dinner Meeting.

After a good meal Paul KS1P opened the meeting and presented Alvin, WØME with the Joe Addison Trophy and then turned the meeting over to Alvin for the rest of the meeting, but he (Alvin) was so surprised he closed the meeting.

The January meeting will be on the 25th, 2013

Alvin                    DUES ARE DUE  
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## Reminders

City of Salina Siren Test Net, **February 4th** at 4:30 PM if the Weather cooperates!

ARRL-VEC Test Session on Wednesday **February 13th** at 7:00 PM.

Board meeting follows the exam session on **February 13th** after Testing in the Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Classroom.

ARES Meeting is **February 21st** at 8:00 PM in **Emergency Management**.

**CKARC** Meeting is **February 22nd** at 7:30 PM at KWU's Peters Science Hall Room 211

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

## CKARC Dues Increase for 2013

Re-post as a reminder!

The Membership present at the November 2012 meeting voted to increase the Annual Dues for CKARC Full Members (and Associate Members) to \$20.00 per year. Family Members stay at the \$5.00 per member per year rate as in the past.

The other change approved was that those members wanting QSP delivered via the United States Postal Service would (after January 2013) be required to pay an extra \$6.00 per year for the postal delivery (in order to offset the price of the postage) This also applies to Life Members wanting Postal Delivery.

**Please fill out the Membership Renewal Form, and either bring it to the Meeting, or Mail it to the CKARC Post Office Box.**

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## BSA to Offer Amateur Radio Operator Rating Strip

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has approved an Amateur Radio Operator rating strip for Scouts and Scouters to wear on their uniforms. According to BSA Communication Services Director Jim Wilson, K5ND, the strip recognizes the Scout or Scouter's availability as an Amateur Radio operator for communication services for events and activities, as well as emergencies. All registered youth members and adult leaders who also hold a valid FCC-issued Amateur Radio license of any class are eligible to wear the rating strip.

"Last year, the BSA Awards and Insignia Committee introduced the Morse Code Interpreter Strip upon the recommendation of the BSA's National Radio Scouting Committee," Wilson told the ARRL. "We are always looking for ways to promote Amateur Radio, both within Scouting and to the world. The National Radio Scouting Committee thought this new Amateur Radio rating strip was a wonderful way to do exactly that, as it readily identifies to everyone that the wearer is a licensed radio amateur, prepared to be useful and to help others."

Wilson, who heads up the National Radio Scouting Committee, said that the Amateur Radio Operator rating strip is similar to the Amateur Radio Operator badge offered as a proficiency badge by Scouts Australia, as well as the badge recently introduced by Scouting Netherlands. It follows in the footsteps of the Scout Radioman personal interest badge for Senior Scouts and Explorer Scouts that was offered by the Boy Scouts of America in the 1940s. The strip is worn on the right sleeve

*From the ARRL Web site*

## 2012 Marks All-Time High for Amateur Radio Licenses

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As 2012 came to a close, ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, had a good reason to cheer: The number of radio amateurs in the US reached an all-time high of almost 710,000. "2012 was definitely a banner year for the number of Amateur Radio operators here in the US," she said. "It is amazing to see these new numbers and to know that Amateur Radio is experiencing such a healthy trend."

In looking at new and upgraded licenses, as well as licensees per ARRL Division (see the charts below), Somma also crunched the numbers looking for growth within each license class -- and all of Amateur Radio -- over the last 40 years. "This is an all-time high for Technician, General and Amateur Extra class licensees," she said. "When looking at the three current license classes, the number of Technicians, Generals and Amateur Extras peaked in December at 345,369, 163,370 and 130,736, respectively."

Somma explained that the total number of US amateurs in the FCC database also continues to grow each year: "As of December 31, 2012, the number of licensees reached an all-time high of 709,575; year-end totals were 702,056 for 2011 and 696,041 for 2010. The number of licensees increased at an average rate of 21 per day, while the number of US licensees has increased by 7 percent since 2008!" More than 3000 new licenses were issued in 2012 than in 2011, while upgraded license activity remained steady in 2012.

In the past 40 years, the number of Amateur Radio operators in the US has grown at a remarkable rate:

December 1971: **285,000**  
December 1981: **433,000**  
December 1991: **494,000**  
December 2001: **683,000**  
December **2012: 709,500**

Source: 1971, 1981, 1991: print editions of Radio Amateur Callbook. 2001, 2012: [www.ah0a.org/FCC/Graphs.html](http://www.ah0a.org/FCC/Graphs.html).  
Please note:

**While the number of licensees has grown considerably over the years, we realize that these numbers include some who are no longer active in Amateur Radio. A recent survey of ARRL members, however, indicates that more than 80 percent of those responding are active.**

#### ARRL VEC Program Statistics

The ARRL VEC is by far the largest of the 14 Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) groups in the country, coordinating approximately 70 percent of all Amateur Radio exams. "When looking at the statistics over the last year, the ARRL VEC sponsored exam sessions and exam elements taken were up in 2012, which is a good sign for Amateur Radio overall," Somma said. "Compared with 2011, ARRL VEC exam sessions in 2012 were up by 8 percent. A total of 6831 exam sessions were administered in 2012, compared to 6352 in 2011. Exam elements were slightly up from 41,096 last year, to 42,473 this year. The total number of accredited ARRL Volunteer Examiners (VEs) has reached an all-time high of 36,682. The ARRL VEC has been busy meeting the needs of the Amateur Radio community by helping people become radio amateurs or upgrade their existing licenses. 2012 was a very good year for Amateur Radio -- I can't wait to see what 2013 brings!

## 2012 Brought Increase in DXCC Applications, ARRL QSL Bureau Card Processing

01/14/2013

With the coming of more sunspots comes more DX. And when more amateurs work DX, the ARRL's Membership and Volunteer Programs Department -- especially the DXCC Desk and the ARRL Incoming and Outgoing QSL Bureaus -- goes into high gear.

"In 2012, we saw an increase in the number of cards received from ARRL members that were sent to foreign QSL bureaus, as well as the number of cards we sent out to the bureaus," said Membership and Volunteer Programs Administrative Manager Sharon Taratula. "In addition, the number of DXCC applications -- including those for initial awards and endorsements -- also increased."

In 2011, the DXCC Desk processed 11,173 applications for initial awards and endorsements; these comprised 1,305,376 QSOs. In 2012, the DXCC Desk processed 14,301 applications, comprising 1,491,661 QSOs. "This represents a 14 percent increase in the number of QSOs and a 28 percent increase in the number of applications," Taratula explained.

As the number of DXCC applications has increased, so has the number of QSL cards passing through the ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau. "Through December 31, 2012, the ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau received 808,500 cards destined for foreign QSL bureaus from ARRL members in the US," Taratula said. "This represents an increase of 1 percent over the 2011 number of about 802,500 cards. In 2012, the ARRL shipped 731,440 cards -- or close to 5000 pounds of cards -- to foreign bureaus."

How the Bureaus Work

Each day, QSL cards are delivered to the Outgoing QSL Bureau where they are placed in dated bins. They are then sorted by country prefix and processed according to the date they were received in the Bureau. Each week, volunteers assist Outgoing QSL Bureau Associate Rose-Anne Lawrence, KB1DMW, in packing up the cards for the most active bureaus and preparing them for shipment.

Within the US, the ARRL Incoming QSL Service is made up of numerous call area bureaus, with one bureau serving each call area. These call area bureaus -- headed up by an Area Incoming Manager -- act as central clearing houses for QSL cards arriving from foreign countries. Volunteers at ARRL Headquarters sort all the incoming cards according to the number in a call sign and then send all the cards to the appropriate call area bureau. Volunteers within each bureau then sort the cards according to the first letter in a call sign's suffix. The cards are then sent to those in the call area who participate in the Incoming QSL Service.

For example, cards destined for ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, would be delivered to the Area 3 Incoming Manager, because Craigie's call sign has a 3 in it. Her cards would then be sent to the person in that call area bureau responsible for sorting cards with a K, as the first letter in her suffix is a K. The cards are then delivered to Craigie. While amateurs must be an ARRL member to take advantage of the Outgoing QSL Bureau, membership is not required to receive cards from the Incoming QSL Service.

"There is a definite cycle here in the Bureau," Lawrence said. "We keep busy all year long, but it really gears up in the fall, right around Thanksgiving weekend. It tapers off a little in the spring after contest season. Hams really do love their QSL cards, and we get to see so many beautiful ones pass through the Bureau."

Lawrence receives help in the Bureau from volunteers, most notably Lisa Zeug, K1UQT, and Michael Zeug, W1YM, Area 1 letter sorters from Massachusetts who also help out in the Membership and Volunteer Programs Department. Richard Lawrence, KB1DMX, and David Kaplan, WA1OUI, help with all parts of the Bureau operation at Headquarters. John Meyer, K9QVB -- the Area 9 Incoming Manager -- comes all the way from Illinois each May every to spend a week at Headquarters slotting cards.

*From the ARRL Web Site*

## William Bryan Armstrong, KCØAJI, SK

William Bryan Armstrong, 66, of Salina, passed away January 8, 2013.

Bryan has been the Director of Emergency Management for Saline County for several years following the retirement of Gail Ails. Prior to Gail's retirement he had been the Deputy Director of Emergency Management for Saline County. Bryan had also served in the US Army for over 24 years.

The funeral was on January 11th at the First Southern Baptist Church in Salina. Interment with Full Military Honors by the Ft. Riley, KS. Honor Guard at Roselawn Cemetary.

## February 2013 Contest Calendar

From the WA7BNM Contest Calendar

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

QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 1
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Feb 1
<b>Vermont QSO Party</b>	0000Z, Feb 2 to 2400Z, Feb 3
10-10 Int. Winter Contest, <b>SSB</b>	0001Z, Feb 2 to 2359Z, Feb 3
Black Sea Cup International	1200Z, Feb 2 to 1159Z, Feb 3
EPC WW DX Contest	1200Z, Feb 2 to 1200Z, Feb 3
<b>Minnesota QSO Party</b>	1400Z-2400Z, Feb 2
AGCW Straight Key Party	1600Z-1900Z, Feb 2
<b>Delaware QSO Party</b>	1700Z, Feb 2 to 0100Z, Feb 4
Mexico <b>RTTY</b> International Contest	1800Z, Feb 2 to 1759Z, Feb 3
North American Sprint, <b>CW</b>	0000Z-0400Z, Feb 3
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 6
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 8
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Feb 8
YL-ISSB QSO Party, <b>CW</b>	0000Z, Feb 9 to 2359Z, Feb 10
CQ WW <b>RTTY</b> WPX Contest	0000Z, Feb 9 to 2400Z, Feb 10
SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Feb 9 to 1000Z, Feb 10
Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, <b>CW</b>	1100Z-1300Z, Feb 9
Dutch PACC Contest	1200Z, Feb 9 to 1200Z, Feb 10
<b>New Hampshire QSO Party</b>	1600Z, Feb 9 to 2200Z, Feb 10
FISTS Winter Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Feb 9
AWA Amplitude Modulation QSO Party	2300Z, Feb 9 to 2300Z, Feb 10
Classic Exchange, <b>Phone</b>	1400Z, Feb 10 to 0800Z, Feb 11
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Feb 11 to 2400Z, Feb 15
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 13
CWops Mini- <b>CWT</b> Test	1300Z-1400Z, Feb 13 and 1900Z-2000Z, Feb 13 and 0300Z-0400Z, Feb 14
PODXS 070 Club Valentine Sprint	2000 local, Feb 14 to 0200 local, Feb 15
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 15
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Feb 15
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, <b>CW</b>	0000Z, Feb 16 to 2400Z, Feb 17
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 20
AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening	1900Z-2030Z, Feb 20
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 22
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Feb 22
CQ 160-Meter Contest, <b>SSB</b>	2200Z, Feb 22 to 2159Z, Feb 24
REF Contest, <b>SSB</b>	0600Z, Feb 23 to 1800Z, Feb 24
UBA DX Contest, <b>CW</b>	1300Z, Feb 23 to 1300Z, Feb 24
<b>North American QSO Party, RTTY</b>	1800Z, Feb 23 to 0559Z, Feb 24
High Speed Club <b>CW</b> Contest	0900Z-1700Z, Feb 24
<b>North Carolina QSO Party</b>	1500Z, Feb 24 to 0059Z, Feb 25
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 27
CWops Mini- <b>CWT</b> Test	1300Z-1400Z, Feb 27 and 1900Z-2000Z, Feb 27 and 0300Z-0400Z, Feb 28



# Membership Renewal Form



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

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

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

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

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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)

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Check here if you want the Postal Version  Add \$6.00

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 : \$20.00/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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## **CKARC February Birthdays**

KDØFUA	Heidi	Paul	2/16
KCØPHH	Edgar	Fischer	2/21
KCØVRC	Bob	Sommerfeld	2/23