



QSP



July 2012

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The July Meeting is
Friday July 27th at
KWU's Peters Science
Hall Room 211

7:30 PM

July VE Report

For the July 11th Session:

For the July 11th session, we had 4 Candidates. Karen Reed, of Minneapolis, Ks.,(the voice of WØCY) now KDØSNB is a new Technician, Jason Younger, KDØSNC, of Hutchinson is also a new Technician, Steve Copeland, NØKYK, of Sedgwick, Ks., is now an Extra, as is Justin Reed, NØUJQ, of Minneapolis, Ks.

VE's in attendance were: Sid, NØOBM, Ron, WAØPSF, Leon, WAØJFC, Alvin, WØME, and Don, KAØEIC.

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The next scheduled session is **Wednesday August 8th, 2012**, at **7:00 PM**, at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom.

Sid NØOBM VE Team Leader

Minutes of the June Meeting

The Meeting was called to order by Paul, KS1P, with 12 members and guests present. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a round of introductions.

The Minutes of the May meeting were approved as reported in QSP by John, KCØJNK, as Alvin, WØME, and Lois, WNØDEP, were at Lois's 55th year class reunion.

In the Treasurer's absence, there was no treasurer's report given.

Sid, NØOBM, EC and VE report:

On July 2nd there will be a Siren test if the Weather cooperates, if not, then the following Monday (either at 4:30 PM).

July 11th is the next testing session, with the board meeting to follow. The ARES meeting will be on the 19th, and the CKARC Club Meeting will be on the 27th.

On Field day this year, we made around 250 contacts.

The Smoky Hill River Festival's Police Department & Fire Department's presence was downsized this year, largely due to budget cuts. It seemed like the one Fire Department Paramedic Team was always on the "wrong" side of the park when they were needed! Inter-Agency Communication this year was poorer than usual.

With Ron, WAØPSF out of town, there was no hamfest report.

KDØOWZ, Kathryn Boyle was awarded a \$1000 ARRL Scholarship.

There was no program scheduled for tonight.

Hosts Tom, NØMOK, and Sue. A Big Thanks, Tom! Happy Birthday

KCØJNK, John will provide next month's program.

Alvin, WØME, Sec.

Reminders

City of Salina Siren Test Net, August 6th at 4:30 PM **if the Weather cooperates!** August 13th if not.

ARRL-VEC Test Session on Wednesday **August 8th at 7:00 PM.**

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

ARES Meeting is **August 16th at 8:00 PM** in **Emergency Management.**

CKARC Meeting is **August 31st** at 7:30 PM at KWU Peter's Science Hall Room 211

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

Digital Edition of August QST Now Available

07/16/2012

The digital version of the August *QST* is **now available** to ARRL members. The digital version includes many features not available in the print version, such as:

- The complete 2011 edition of *The DXCC Yearbook*.
- Video overviews of two MFJ automatic antenna tuners and the ICOM ID-31A transceiver.
- An expanded version of "Remote Radio Control Made Easy," by John Raydo, K0IZ.

Every issue of *QST* is filled with the news and features you need to keep active in Amateur Radio. After you read through it, visit the **Digital QST Feedback Form** and tell us what you enjoyed!

Vanity Call Sign Fee to Go Up 80 Cents

07/20/2012

On July 20, the FCC **announced** that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 80 cents, from \$14.20 to \$15. The fee will increase **30 days after** notice of the increase is published in the *Federal Register*; no date has yet been set for publication. Earlier this year, the FCC **released** a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM)*, seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs.

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 14 years of the current program -- from a low of \$11.70 in 2007 to a high of \$70 (as first proposed in the FCC's 1994 *Report and Order*). In FY 2012, the FCC expects to grant 14,300 vanity call signs, bringing in \$214,500 from the vanity call sign program, and looks to recover a total of \$339,844,000 in fees from all the Services that it regulates.

Vanity Fee Due for New, Renewal Applications

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal six years ago.

Those holding vanity call signs issued prior to 1993 are exempt from having to pay the vanity call sign regulatory fee at renewal, as Congress did not authorize the FCC to collect regulatory fees until 1996. Such "heritage" vanity call sign holders do not appear as vanity licensees in the FCC Amateur Radio database.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their license expiration date. All radio amateurs must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants can obtain an FRN by going to the **ULS** and clicking on the "New Users Register" link. You must supply your Social Security Number to obtain an FRN.

ARRL Processes License Renewals, Including Vanities

The **ARRL VEC** will **process license renewals for vanity call sign holders** for a modest fee. The service is available to ARRL members and nonmembers, although League members pay less. **Routine, non-vanity renewals continue to be free for ARRL members.** Trustees of club stations with vanity call signs may renew either via the ULS or through a Club Station Call Sign Administrator, such as ARRL VEC. Visit the **Call Sign Renewals or Changes web page** for complete instructions on how to have the ARRL renew your license for you or for how to do it yourself. License application and renewal information and links to the required forms are available on the **ARRL Amateur Radio License Renewal web page**. The **FCC's forms page** also offers the required forms.

From the ARRL Web Site

August 2012 Contest Calendar

From the WA7BNM Contest Calendar

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

QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Aug 3
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Aug 3
TARA Grid Dip Shindig	0000Z-2400Z, Aug 4
European HF Championship	0000Z-2359Z, Aug 4
10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB	0001Z, Aug 4 to 2359Z, Aug 5
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Aug 4 to 0600Z, Aug 5
ARRL UHF Contest	1800Z, Aug 4 to 1800Z, Aug 5
RSGB RoPoCo CW	0700Z-0830Z, Aug 5
SARL HF Phone Contest	1300Z-1630Z, Aug 5
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Aug 7
CWops Mini- CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Aug 8 and 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 8 and 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 9
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Aug 8
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Aug 10
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Aug 10
WAE DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Aug 11 to 2359Z, Aug 12
Maryland-DC QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 11 to 0400Z, Aug 12 and 1600Z-2400Z, Aug 12
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	0000Z-2359Z, Aug 12
Feld Hell Sprint	2000Z-2200Z, Aug 12
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Aug 15
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Aug 17
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Aug 17
SARTG WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Aug 18 to 1600Z, Aug 19
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	0600 local, Aug 18 to 2400 local, Aug 19
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Aug 18 to 0600Z, Aug 19
ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY	1800Z-2359Z, Aug 19
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Aug 20
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Aug 22
CWops Mini- CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Aug 22 and 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 22 and 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 23
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Aug 24
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Aug 24
Hawaii QSO Party	0400Z, Aug 25 to 2200Z, Aug 26
SCC RTTY Championship	1200Z, Aug 25 to 1159Z, Aug 26
YO DX HF Contest	1200Z, Aug 25 to 1200Z, Aug 26
Kansas QSO Party	<u>1400Z, Aug 25 to 0200Z, Aug 26 and 1400Z-2000Z, Aug 26</u>
QRP ARCI Welcome to QRP	1500Z-1800Z, Aug 25
Ohio QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 25 to 0400Z, Aug 26
SARL HF CW Contest	1400Z-1600Z, Aug 26
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Aug 31
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Aug 31

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST QSP IS AUG. 22, 2012

CKARC August Birthdays

F/Member	Barbara	Anderson	8/15
KDØHVA	Traci	Speed	8/17
KBØNOW	Vern	Flaherty	8/28