



QSP



July 2009

July VE Report

The **July 31, 2009**
CKARC Meeting will be
at
**KWU's Peters Science
Hall at 7:30 PM in
Room 211**

**Hosts: Alvin, WØME &
Lois, WNØDEP**

For the July 8th Session:

We had 2 Candidates, all of whom were successful in their efforts to some extent in that both attempted 2 exams (both Passed their first attempts, and Failed the Second). New Technician is Nicholas A. Dawson, KDØIHV, of Manhattan. Newly Upgraded General is Daniel S. Orpin, KDØACJ, of Hutchinson

VE's in attendance: Sid, NØOBM, Leon, WAØJFC, 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 took exams this month.

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Next Exam sessions are **Wednesday August 12th**, at 7:00 PM, at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom, **and Sunday August 16th**, at 8:30 AM at the CKARC HamFest.

Sid NØOBM VE Team Leader

Minutes of the June Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the Club President, Robert, WBØWTM, at 7:30 PM. After the Pledge Of Allegiance and a round of introductions, the minutes of the May 29th meeting were accepted as printed in QSP.

Treasurers report by Virgil, NØXRS read and approved as read, total \$4511.08.

EC / VE Report by Sid, NØOBM.

June was an active Month with the Smoky Hill River Festival, the Vigilant Guard Exercise at Crisis City and the ARRL Field Day.

Will be moving the trailer to the Field Day site about 9:00 AM Saturday morning.

Had 4 for testing in June and all went home with something.

The next testing session will be July 8th at 7PM. Thanks to all that helped.

Repeater report:

Working and the message for the time for the 440 net will be changed to 7:30PM.

Activities Mark, KBØMQX:

Update on Field day. 9 AM in morning set up for Field Day, The Dinner is slated for 6PM, please bring a side dish. Looking for a host for the July Meeting.

Eric, NØYET, has program on building his 160 meter antenna.

New business

Motion to end lease on storage shed and move to airport with trailer accepted

Request for \$200 for ladies prizes for HamFest approved

7:45PM meeting adjourned for treats and program by Eric, NØYET

WØME sec

Reminders

City of Salina Siren Test Net, August 3rd at 4:30 PM on the NØKSC Repeater (or on 146.730 Simplex) if the Weather cooperates! *[No doubt it will be above 32 degrees!]{NO Guarantee of Cloud Cover, however!} Ed.*

ARES Net **August 4th at 8:00 PM** on the NØKSC Repeater (or on 146.730 Simplex if it's not running).

ARRL-VEC Test Sessions on Wednesday August 12th **at 7:00 PM.**

Board meeting follows the exam session on August 12th at 8:00 PM (or after Testing—which ever is later) in the Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Classroom.

CKARC HamFest/Kansas State Convention Sunday August 16th **8:00 AM to 4:00 PM** in the **Air Conditioned Salina BiCentennial Center. (Testing at 8:30 AM in Room 203C)**

ARES Meeting is August 20th at 8:00 PM in the EOC.

CKARC Watermelon Feed / Meeting August 28th at 6:00 PM at **Jerry Ivey Park.**

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

WØCY ARRL Field Day 2009

Hello to all

I wanted to make a few comments about this year's field day. First of all, a **BIG** thank you to all who attended, especially to those who helped set up, those who stayed overnight, and to those who helped tear down. Once again, I believe that we pushed ourselves, and our equipment, to the limit. We found out what our strengths and weaknesses are. We renewed, and developed a good working relationship with the **Salina Airport Authority**, and we strengthened our great relationship with **Saline County Emergency Management**.

I heard many comments, but will list the most common ones. At setup, we found out that the beams are becoming very hard to put together. We have so many pieces and parts and they don't always fit together nicely. Also, some of the tower sections don't fit together as well as they should. It took several people several hours to assemble the beams and tower sections. Those who were part of the set up crew will agree with this.

Another comment was how nice it was to have – and to use – multiple antennas, especially overnight. We had 2 beams, 2 dipoles, and one vertical. We also had Eric's 160 M vertical that worked well, when the band was active – or when we had a scheduled QSO. The vertical was a new one purchased by EOC, for the EOC, but the club was able to “initiate” it. It worked very well, even though it was only a few feet off of the ground.

I hope that everyone who attended had a good time. Yes, it was hot, yes, it was not very comfortable, and yes, it was “in a field”. However, I believe we did accomplish the original mission of field day, which was to demonstrate to ourselves, and our community, what our capabilities are – even in uncomfortable conditions. Thank you again to everyone who participated. I hope everyone had a good time.

Mark Boyle
KBØMQX

WØCY ARRL Field Day 2009

Datestamp: 2009-07-18 12:25:45 PDT

Confirmation: 4fccf48de789c2fa

Call Used: WØCY GOTA Station Call: (none) ARRL/RAC Section: KS Class: 2A

Participants: 20 Club/Group Name: Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club

Power Source(s): Generator

Power Multiplier: 2X [150 watts or less]

Bonus Points:

100% Emergency power	200
Set-up in Public Place	100
Site Visit by invited served agency official	100
Submitted via the Web	50
Total Bonus Points	450

Score Summary:

	CW	Digital	Phone	Total	
Total QSOs	16	0	276		
Total Points	32	0	276	308	Claimed Score = 616

Submitted by:

Sid Ashen-Brenner, N0OBM

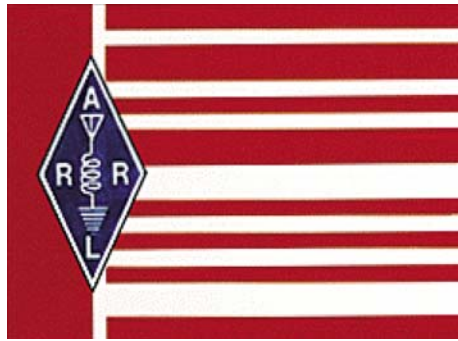
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Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

	CW		Digital		Phone	
	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)
160m					3	100
80m						
40m					67	100
20m	16	100			127	100
15m					77	100
10m					2	100
TOTAL	16		0		276	



2009 ARRL Kansas State Convention
Sunday August 16, 2009
8am – 4pm
 Salina Bicentennial Center
 800 The Midway
 Salina, Kansas

Talk in frequencies 147.030 + and 443.900 +

Registration \$5.00 in advance or at the door

Tables: Commercial or flea market \$15.00 each, includes electricity if requested, and one admission ticket per table.

VENDORS – FORUMS – FOOD – FUN – YL ACTIVITIES
HOURLY DOOR PRIZES – VE TESTING –
DX CARD, WAS CARD, VUCC CARD CHECKING AVAILABLE

This is your invitation to attend one of the finest gatherings of Amateur Radio operators in the Midwest. Your attendance at this convention will insure the continuation of this type of activity and help attract major vendors to bring and display their newest products for your enjoyment.

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NOTICE: No display, advertising, or sales or offers of future sales of amplifiers capable of operating in the Citizens Radio Service (CB) will be permitted during the Kansas ARRL convention, either within the Salina Bicentennial Center, or in the parking lot adjacent to the building. Those not adhering to this rule will be asked to leave the convention immediately.

Special Bonus Section Added to *ARRL Ham Radio Licensing Manual*

The most common question asked by new radio amateurs is "Now that I have my license, what kind of radio should I get?" The ARRL, in an attempt to help newcomers to Amateur Radio answer that very question, has added a bonus supplement to the *ARRL Ham Radio License Manual*. "Choosing a Ham Radio: Your Guide to Selecting the Right Equipment" is aimed at the new Technician licensee ready to acquire a first radio, a licensee recently upgraded to General class and wanting to explore HF or someone getting back into Amateur Radio after a period of inactivity.

The guide features two main sections -- one covering gear for the VHF and UHF bands, and one for HF band equipment, including a VHF/UHF and an HF glossary of terms you will encounter. The guide also urges you to discover just what you want to do with Amateur Radio and where you want to do it from. Do you want to be a "big gun" HF contester? Do you want to ragchew on your local repeater system? Maybe you want to join your local ARES[®] unit and help provide communications support in times of emergency. This guide will help you select the right rig for what you want to do.

"Choosing a Ham Radio: Your Guide to Selecting the Right Equipment" isn't a traditional "buyer's guide" with feature lists and prices for many radios. Manufacturer's Web sites and catalogs from radio stores have plenty of information on the latest models and features. As such, you won't find operating instructions or technical specifications here, but many manufacturer's Web sites will let you download brochures and manuals directly.

Second only to "What kind of radio should I get?" "What kind of antenna do I need?" is the most common question asked by the new amateur. Don't worry! "Choosing a Ham Radio: Your Guide to Selecting the Right Equipment" talks about all kinds of antennas -- from "rubber duckies" to verticals to dipoles to Yagis; it even explains rotators and antenna gain.

Power, filters, digital signal processing (DSP), as well as special features commonly found on VHF/UHF and HF radios are also included in the guide. ARRL members who are logged on to the ARRL Web site can view the guide online.

ARRL members can download this guide free of charge from the ARRL Web site.

<http://www.arrl.org/members-only/choosingaradio/>

From the ARRL Web site. [Ed.]

August 2009 Contest Calendar

From the WA7BNM Contest Calendar <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

European HF Championship	0000Z-2359Z, Aug 1
TARA Grid Dip Shindig	0000Z-2400Z, Aug 1
10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB	0001Z, Aug 1 to 2359Z, Aug 2
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Aug 1 to 0600Z, Aug 2
ARRL UHF Contest	1800Z, Aug 1 to 1800Z, Aug 2
SARL HF Phone Contest	1300Z-1630Z, Aug 2
WAE DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Aug 8 to 2359Z, Aug 9
SARTG WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Aug 15 to 1600Z, Aug 16
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	0600 local, Aug 15 to 2400 local, Aug 16
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Aug 15 to 0600Z, Aug 16
New Jersey QSO Party	2000Z, Aug 15 to 0200Z, Aug 17
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Aug 17
Ohio QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 22 to 0400Z, Aug 23
SCC RTTY Championship	1200Z, Aug 29 to 1159Z, Aug 30
YO DX HF Contest	1200Z, Aug 29 to 1200Z, Aug 30
SARL HF CW Contest	1400Z-1600Z, Aug 30

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**August Meeting is Friday, August 28, 2009
@ 6:00 PM**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE
AUGUST QSP IS AUGUST 19, 2009**

CKARC August Birthdays

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