



QSP



July 2011

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The July Meeting is
Friday, July 29, 2011
 @ 7:30 PM, at KWU
 Peters Science Hall
 Room 211

July VE Report

Host: Eric, NØYET

**Program: Ray,
 WBØSMZ**

For the July 13th Session:

We had 4 Candidates. Michael Gunn, KDØPDT, of Hutchinson is a New Technician, Michael Henning, KDØPDS, of Nortonville is also a New Technician, Andrew Stout, KDØJKQ, of McPherson, upgraded to General, Lauren Redetzke, NØNKZ, of Wilson, upgraded to General.

VE's for this session were: Sid, NØOBM, Alvin, WØME, Harvey, KØRY, Larry, NØGSL, Don, KAØEIC, and Ron, WAØPSF.

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

Next Exam sessions are:
Wednesday August 10th, 2011, at 7:00 PM, at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom, and **Sunday August 21st at 8:30 AM** — at the HamFest.

Sid NØOBM VE Team Leader

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Minutes of the June Meeting

The CKARC June 24th meeting was called to order by Mark, KBØMQX, at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a round of introductions with 22 members and guests present.

Alvin, WØME, asked that the minutes be approved as printed in QSP, moved and seconded.

Mitch, KAØIFW, gave the treasurers report: Checking Account \$790.86 and Savings Account with \$1045.98, moved and seconded.

Sid, NØOBM, gave the VE report. No one to test for the month of June. (rare, but it does happen)
EC report "Red" has a bad transmission, and we will need to keep an eye on it for now.
Sid also gave a report on the Smoky Hill River Festival's Lost & Found statistics.

Eric, NØYET reported that the repeaters are working but that the 440 MHz Repeater's new antenna is not up yet.

Michelle, KDØKYD, actives report: Field Day is this Saturday and Sunday, with set up starting around 9:00 am at the Smoky Hill ANG Range, West of Salina.

There was No old business, and No new business brought before the club.

Reminder that the CKARC Bylaws would be reviewed at the July Board Meeting.

Glen, WØYVR won the drawing for the Santa Fe Phillies & Subs Gift Certificate.

Program provided by Sid on the "Largest Field Day" at W3AO

Thanks to the host Paul, KS1P.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Reminders

City of Salina Siren Test Net, August 1st at 4:30 PM on the NØKSC Repeater (147.270+) **if the Weather cooperates!**

ARES Net **August 2nd at 8:00 PM** on the NØKSC Repeater (147.270+)

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

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

ARES Meeting is **August 18th at 8:00 PM** in **Emergency Management.**

CKARC HamFest/State ARRL Convention is **August 21st at 8:00 AM** at the Bicentennial Center

CKARC Meeting is **August 26th** at 6:30 PM at Jerry Ivey Park Shelter #1 **Watermelon Feed**

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

CKARC Field Day 2011

WØCY 4A KS

Got heard quite a bit Field Day weekend.

623 Contacts (Including the Dupes), 593 “Adjusted Contacts” with a Power Level multiplier of 2 = 1186 points .. Plus the bonus points (final total on them to be determined by the ARRL) ~550 Bonus points For a total of around 1736 points.

We all learned the importance of having a reliable computer for the “master computer” that kept the main logs—and that it for sure needs to be on a UPS for when the Generator runs out of gas! Wouldn't hurt for the others to have a UPS as well. (Something about Windows liking to be shut down in an orderly manner) The “main computer” in the EMCOMM Trailer that has not been giving us any problems for the past couple of years—had a visit from Mr. Murphy this year, and had all sorts of problems. We ended up pulling out the Sound Card and the “extra” Serial Card—just to get it to run. This particular machine may not see another Field Day! Aside from that, the networking of the computers worked well.

We probably should have had another 5 gallon gas can (FULL) or two with us as well, as it was a rather long trip back to town.

We'd definitely like to thank our Hosts at the Smoky Hill ANG Range for allowing us on their fine facility, and for the tours as well. Entries have been mailed & posted on the Web.

A Letter from the President

Dear officers and members of the Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club:

I am writing to inform you of my resignation as President of your organization, effective August 31, 2011. I have enjoyed most of the time that I've spent as an officer over the last 9 years. I have put up with many challenges, many obstacles, and much opposition. I have taken office when nobody else would. I have even heard my share of negative comments over the years.

There comes a time in everyone's life when they realize which organizations they are benefiting, and which ones they are wasting their time with. This time has come for me. I thought that we, as members of CKARC, had done a good job working together, getting new leadership and ideas, and bringing some changes to the club. At the last board meeting, July 13th 2011, the board received a very negative comment from one of the members present, someone who thought otherwise. That comment was enough to assist me in realizing that my ideas, interests, time, and skills may be better suited for other organizations. I have been a member of many other organizations that support me, and the team I've been a part of, as we bring change to the organization. If someone, or a group of members has something to say, they do it in a professional manner and not just make an outright derogative and offensive comment. While it is a good idea for these comments to be heard, they can and should be presented in a way that does not offend the entire board of officers, those who have stood up to take office when nobody else would. Without these individuals who have volunteered their time, there would be no club to "ruin", so I for one appreciate all that they have done. Thank you to all who have stepped up to be an officer.

I want to take my ideas, interests, time, and skills to at least one other organization that will appreciate what I do, and that will support those who volunteer to be leaders. I have overcome this personal challenge several times in the past 9 years as an officer for CKARC, but this time was one too many. I think it is important to realize the damaging effects that attitude, presentation, and performance can cause. While intentions may be good, the presentation and attitude are enough to insult and offend those who receive these comments.

I thank you for the opportunity you have given me to serve you in many offices over the past 9 years. I apologize if I did not meet everyone's expectations. As any officer knows, it is a tough job, very time consuming, and not very rewarding. I encourage every member of the Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club to support their officers, offer positive comments and a thank you, and if you see something you would like to see changed, please be cautious how you present it.

Thank You
Mark Boyle
KBØMQX

President, 2011
Activities Director 2010
Activities Director 2009
Activities Director 2008
President 2007

President 2006
President 2005
Vice President 2004
Public Information Officer 2003

When is the contest over?

From Contesting.com

Randy Thompson (K5ZD) on December 4, 2008

EZ4EBL and HKØT are two calls that have been discussed on the cq-contest reflector in the past days. People were more than happy to point out these calls were incorrect and what the correct call was... I was very disappointed and concerned by that.

What is contesting? It is a competition between operators. This competition involves working stations on the air during the contest period. Part of working stations is recording them accurately in the log.

When the contest is over the participants submit their log (the record of their activity) to the contest sponsor. The sponsor checks the logs and publishes the results. Some people are declared winners, but everyone is also able to compete with themselves and measure their own improvement.

Seems pretty simple...

If contesters sit around after the contest and compare their logs with others in order to make corrections to what they copied, is that within the spirit of the competition? You are still competing to work stations, but accuracy is no longer being tested. Same is true if you use other means after the contest to correct your log (looking at DX Summit records, listening to audio recordings, etc.).

In the "old days" ops would write their log using pencil and paper. They would then have to manually go back through and dupe the log. During this process they would correct errors they found or make the text easier to read. This process took time and is a big part of the reason there is a 30 day period to submit logs. It also lead to this perception that correcting logs after the contest was OK.

Today, we keep our log on computer. At most we should scan through the log looking for typos and fixing anything we kept a note of during the contest. These corrections should be done by you based on your own review and knowledge of the log. Not as a group effort or using outside tools!

Its ok if you didn't get every call or exchange correct. Yes, your score may be reduced by the log checkers. That's part of the competition. Request your log check report after the results are published and study it. If you confuse certain letters on phone or CW you know what to work on during the next contest. Its called improving your skills and should be the most satisfying part of contesting.

Do all contesting and yourself a favor. Follow the rules and work the contest as best you can. Put your log in the proper format. Send it in as quickly as possible after the contest. The result will be an honest and fair competition that can be used to measure your skills against others and yourself.

And if anyone asks you to confirm a call that was worked in the contest, just say no. Encourage them to do the right thing and send in their log as it recorded their activity.

August 2011 Contest Calendar

From the WA7BNM Contest Calendar

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

ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Aug 2
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Aug 5
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Aug 5
European HF Championship	0000Z-2359Z, Aug 6
TARA Grid Dip Shindig	0000Z-2400Z, Aug 6
10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB	0001Z, Aug 6 to 2359Z, Aug 7
ARRL UHF Contest	1800Z, Aug 6 to 1800Z, Aug 7
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Aug 6 to 0600Z, Aug 7
RSGB RoPoCo CW	0700Z-0830Z, Aug 7
SARL HF Phone Contest	1300Z-1630Z, Aug 7
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Aug 10
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Aug 10 and 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 10 and 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 11
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Aug 10
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Aug 12
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Aug 12
WAE DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Aug 13 to 2359Z, Aug 14
Maryland-DC QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 13 to 0400Z, Aug 14 and 1600Z-2400Z, Aug 14
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Aug 14
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Aug 19
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Aug 19
SARTG WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Aug 20 to 1600Z, Aug 21
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	0600 local, Aug 20 to 2400 local, Aug 21
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Aug 20 to 0600Z, Aug 21
Feld Hell Sprint	2000Z-2200Z, Aug 20
New Jersey QSO Party	2000Z, Aug 20 to 0200Z, Aug 22
SARL Digital Contest	1300Z-1600Z, Aug 21
ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY	1800Z-2359Z, Aug 21
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Aug 22
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Aug 24
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Aug 24 and 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 24 and 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 25
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Aug 26
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Aug 26
Hawaii QSO Party	0700Z, Aug 27 to 2200Z, Aug 28
YO DX HF Contest	1200Z, Aug 27 to 1200Z, Aug 28
SCC RTTY Championship	1200Z, Aug 27 to 1159Z, Aug 28
Kansas QSO Party	1400Z, Aug 27 to 0200Z, Aug 28 and 1400Z-2000Z, Aug 28
Ohio QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 27 to 0400Z, Aug 28
SARL HF CW Contest	1400Z-1600Z, Aug 28



**2011 ARRL Kansas State Convention
Sunday August 21, 2011 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 – FUN – YL ACTIVITIES - 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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Check our web site: www.centralksarc.com for a schedule of events

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.

NO Early SALES

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CKARC August Birthdays

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