

June 2015 QSP

Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club



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June Test Session (10 June 2015)

The June Test Session went well. We had 5 Candidates, one of whom was Blind (we tested him separately in Hanna's Office in Emergency Management, since we had to read him all the questions and possible answers).

Larry Woodman, NØXGL, of Belleville tried for his Extra but didn't quite make it this time. He will try again I am sure.

The others were luckier!

Jim Nichols, KEØEYH, of Clay Center, Al Ulrich, KEØEYG, of Belleville, Tina Grillot, KEØEYF, of Hoisington, and Lonnie Booker, KEØEYE, of Salina are all New Technicians.

VE's in attendance were: Sid, NØOBM, Mike, KBØLZQ, Leon, WAØJFC, Don, KAØEIC, Alvin, WØME, Carl, NØORS, Eric, NØYET, and Paul, KS1P.

Carl, NØORS is from Great Bend, and was in

town to help set-up for the River Festival.

Reminders

Siren Test scheduled for **July 6th**, provided the Weather cooperates! If not, then we will try again on **July 13th**.

July Test Session is on **July the 8th** at 7:00 PM at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom.

The July CKARC meet-

ing is scheduled for the **31st** of July at 7:30 PM at KWU's Peters Science Hall.

2015 Smoky Hill River Festival Stats

The 2015 Smoky Hill River Festival is "in the Books". While the Weather was not exactly what everyone had hoped for, overall it wasn't really all that bad. The Warmest day was "set-up Day (Wednesday June 10th) where the thermometer hit 98 Degrees. The Jam on Thursday was somewhat cooler, and after the Thunderstorm Thursday Night, it cooled down quite a bit.

The Lost & Found put in 422.25 Man-Hours for the Festival—Including Set-up and Tear-Down.

We had a Total of ONLY 7 "Lost Ones" this year. Way down from the days where we had 70 Plus "Lost Ones". The Ident-a-Kid Bracelets are helping a lot with our "Find" times. It's a heck of a lot easier to call Mom or Dad on their Cell phone than to try and track them down somewhere inside the park.

Lost Items were way down this year as well, with only 73 items in the log. No Cameras this year, but the usual run of Keys (both House and Car), Cell Phones, Credit Cards, Check-

books, Sunglasses, Wallets, Glasses and other "stuff".

Our Reported Items log had 13 entries, and over 50% of them were recovered.

Still trying to figure out why there were only 2 items turned in "Overnight" during the entire Festival.

Thanks to Everyone that Helped out this year!!!

Sid

Upcoming Events

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July 6th is the First Monday of the Month of July, as such it is likely (if the Weather cooperates) that there will be a Siren Test & Net at 4:30 PM

Wednesday the 9th is the next

Test Session of the CKARC. 7:00 PM at the Sheriff's Office Classroom as usual. Board Meeting follows testing as usual.

Friday the 31st of July is the CKARC Club meeting at KWU's Peters Science Hall in Room 211.

Another Siren Test & Net on August 3rd at 4:30 PM

Test Sessions for August are Wednesday the 12th and again Sunday the 16th (at the Hamfest) Wed. Evening at 7:00 PM in the usual location, and at the Hamfest at 8:30 AM

Hamfest—August 16th at Webster Conference Center in Salina (Just North of I-70 off of the Ohio Street Exit.

Siren Test Nets

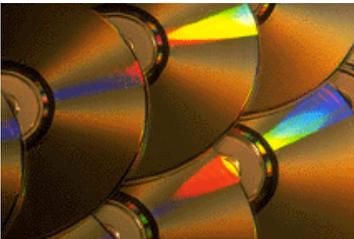
These are "routinely" held on the First Monday of every Month—provided that the Weather is in a cooperative mood. If there are too many clouds in the sky, or if it happens to be too Cold (Winter in Kansas can be Very cold) Less than +32 Degrees, the Test will usually be postponed until the following week. In the event

that the Weather still is not in a cooperative mood on the 2nd Monday, the test will be Cancelled for the Month.

Those folks that do check in, we would like the following information: Your Call Sign (obviously), your current location (street intersections are

good enough) and if you heard a Siren (or more than one). This helps cut down on the number of folks that the Emergency Management Office has to call to see if the Sirens went off or not.

Our help on this event IS appreciated!



A photo of a Storm siren would go here (IF I had one)

Minutes of the May Meeting

7:29 pm. – President, Dennis, KAØLTQ – Opened with Pledge Of Allegiance

There were 24 members and guests present. Dennis had everyone introduce themselves and say who their Elmer was.

The current Silent Key list was passed around.

Secretary report – No minutes from the last meeting.

Treasurers Report – Fred, KØ-DIX, reported The non profit report for the club was filed with

the state. The \$50 equipment Insurance bill was paid.

VE / EC Report – Sid, NØOBM – reported that 1 candidate passed the technician exam at the May test session. The next session is June 10th. This is also the setup day for River Festival. Sid gave a brief account of what the CKARC does for the River Festival and what the Siren test net is.

Roger, KEØBRV, Field Day chairman, noted that we may not use the trailer this year for Field

Day since we would need someone to stay overnight Friday, Saturday and Sunday to babysit it.

No new Business.

No Hamfest Report, due to Tom, NØMOK, not being at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Minutes presented by Eric, NØYET

Field Day 2015—New Location. Dr. Smith's House

Field Day this year will be held at the Home of Dr, Brian G Smith, at 2096 South Woodward Road. This is on South Woodward Road between East Cloud Street and East Magnolia Road. It is important that we remember that this is IN someone's home, and that we remember to respect the family's privacy!

Once I get more used to this

new version of MS Publisher (and the new layout) I "should" be able to insert a map here instead of the Quote on the Right side of the page!

Unfortunately, I will not be able to participate in Field Day this year, someone booked me for a Wedding this weekend!

Sid

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Amateur Radio Newline Co-Founder, Editor Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, SK

06/12/2015

A well-known voice in the Amateur Radio news media has gone silent. Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, of Santa Clarita, California, died June 11 following a period of ill health. He was 73. Pasternak was co-founder (with Jim Hendershot, WA6VQP)

of *Amateur Radio Newline™* (formerly *The Westlink Report*) ham radio news webcast and a frequent presence at Amateur Radio conventions. Pasternak served as *Newline's* managing editor and occasional newscaster for the program. Even while hospi-

talized earlier this year, he kept his ear to the ground for news from the Amateur Radio community, so he could pass it along to those who had taken over *Newline* during his illness — discovered after he broke two ribs in a fall. ARRL Rocky Mountain

Division Director Brian Milesosky, N5ZGT, got acquainted with Pasternak at the Albuquerque hamfest and in 1997 was named *Newline's* "Young Ham of the Year" (YHOTY). "An incredible man, ham, and one of Amateur Radio's too-few giants, who

who woke up every day to make the hobby better for everyone, especially its legacy — youth,” Milesosky said. “I’ve enjoyed the energy he put into keeping hams informed via *Newsline*, and have been honored to give back to his *Newsline* Young Ham of the Year Award program, since being asked by him to sit on its judging panel well over a decade ago.” ARRL Public Relations Committee Chair Katie Allen, WY7YL, said Pasternak would be missed by those within and outside the Amateur Radio community. “He truly was one

of the good ones,” she remarked on [Pasternak’s Facebook page](#). “Thank you for sharing your light with us, Bill.” A Brooklyn, New York, native, Pasternak became a radio amateur in 1959 as WA2HVK and once was very active on 6 meters. “I love the hands-on approach to ham radio and built my very first transmitter using parts salvaged from an old Dumont television set,” Pasternak recounted in an online [biography](#). “It was a modification of a design by Bill Orr, W6SAI, published in his famous *Novice and Technician Handbook*. A crystal-

controlled, low-power 6 meter AM transmitter that doubled in the final, was screen grid modulated, and put out almost no output power.”

He eventually got into broadcasting and made his career in television engineering and production. He retired as a broadcast engineer with KTTV in Los Angeles in 2012 but continued as a broadcasting consultant.

Pasternak was the spark plug behind the all-volunteer *Amateur Radio Newsline* bulletin — which was relayed on repeaters around

around the US and elsewhere — as well as the creator and administrator of the annual YHOTY. He was the author of three books and served as a writer/producer on several educational films and videos, including the award-winning “Amateur Radio Today.” In earlier years, he wrote the “Looking West” column for *73 Amateur Radio Today Magazine* for 26 years and penned a “VHF, FM and Repeater” column for *WorldRadio*. He also contributed to broadcast trade publications as well as to CQ.

In addition to the ARRL, Pasternak belonged to the Radio Club of America and the Quarter Century Wireless Association. He also enjoyed flying, including stunts getting on the air from thousands of feet up.

He was the only person ever chosen to receive the Dayton Hamvention Special Achievement Award (1981) and Radio Amateur of the Year Award (1989). In 1995, the League presented him with an ARRL National Certificate of Merit in recognition of his contributions to the “furtherance of the goals of the Amateur Radio Service.”

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Sharon, KD6EPW.

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The Future

In the future, it is likely that this is where the Birthday announcements will go—or maybe something else. At this point in time, Time is something that I am running out of (again)

I'm not 100% sold on the multi-column look, but it was a "starting point" to go from.

There is a lot more to polish in future issues, but this IS a new beginning.

As we upgrade software platforms, change is inevitable (like it or not) it is being forced upon us. We must all adapt. Hopefully, in the future, larger and easier to read type sizes. Sorry for the small "default" fonts, but it is a beginning!
