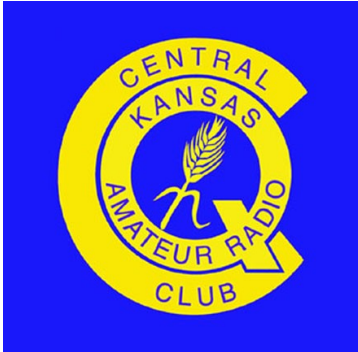


# June 2017 QSP

*Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club*



## June Test Session

The June Test session had Two candidates, David Hanson, KEØNUE, of Salina passed his Technician Exam, as did Rocco Mallardi, KEØNUF, of Hays. Congratulations to Both!

VE's in Attendance were: Sid, NØOBM, Ron, WAØPSF, Leon, WAØJFC, and Eric, NØYET.

### Special points of interest:

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## Reminders

Siren Test scheduled for **July 3rd**. In the event the weather does not cooperate, we will try again on the 10th.

July Test Session is on

July 12th at 7:00 PM at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom. Board Meeting at 6:30 PM.

The July CKARC meet-

ing is scheduled for the 28th of June at **7:30 PM** at KWU's Peters Science Hall in Room 211.

## CKARC May 2017 Minutes

The Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club met in Peters Science Hall on Friday, May 26 at 7:30 pm. President Dennis Kelly, KAØLTQ, called the meeting to order. Last month's minutes were approved as published in QSP.

### Reports:

Treasure: Absent.

Secretary: David, KEØDPU, -Paperwork has been submitted to Salina Parks and Rec. for field day.

EC/VE: Sid, NØOBM, - Had two candidates both pass technician exams. The New Replacement sirens are at least 2/3 through being replaced.

Hamfest: Absent.

### Old Business:

Participated in Discover Salina Naturally event, had much better weather this year than last year!

### New Business:

The list of Silent Keys was read, John, KCØJNK played "Amazing Grace" on his bagpipes.

Field day is coming up on June 24-25<sup>th</sup>, looking for help. Location at Indian Rock Park.

River fest is June 8-11<sup>th</sup>, have buttons, need help with the lost kid activity, as always.

## Siren Test Nets



These are "routinely" held on the First Monday of every Month—**Except September** - 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** Greatly appreciated!

Most of the New Sirens Have been Installed!

## Hamvention Improvements Already in the Works for 2018!

06/08/2017

Even before Hamvention® 2017 had wound down at its new Xenia, Ohio, location, plans were on the drawing board to enhance next year's show. Hamvention 2017 "went reasonably well," spokesperson Mike Kalter, W8CI, allowed, but he acknowledged that there are still a "lot of things to work on" for 2018. Kalter, who lives in Xenia, made the remarks in a **video interview** with DX Engineering's Tim Duffy, K3LR, in the wake of the May 19-21 show, which is sponsored by the Dayton Amateur Radio Association (**DARA**).

Kalter told Duffy that the staff of the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center on its own initiative met with him, Hamvention General Chair Ron Cramer, KD8ENJ, and others to say they were already formulating plans for improvements. The food and forum venues at the new location got high marks, Kalter told Duffy, but the flea market suffered badly from the effects of heavy rainfall.

"It rained hard, and it rained a lot," Kalter recounted, adding that the flea market area was not as well drained as organizers had expected. "What exactly we're going to do at this point, I don't know," he conceded. "We felt bad about that."

The exhibitor tents were another issue, with crowded quarters, wind-blown rain getting into booth spaces, and a lack of lighting. Kalter told Duffy that DARA didn't get the tents it wanted, and that more and better tents are high on the list for next year. DARA also has asked the Greene County Commission to purchase another building for the site, and the Commission will be installing air handlers in buildings for 2018.

On-site parking improvements also are in the works, after a massive traffic jam on opening day. "Traffic on Friday morning was pretty rough, for those that got caught in that, but we worked with the officials...and they fixed it overnight," Kalter said.

"We know that we are stewards of a very important event [for Amateur Radio]," Kalter told Duffy. Hamvention "is not just DARA's show," and exhibitors and organizers alike are buying into the concept of "our Hamvention" and contributing to an effort to improve the event. Kalter called Hamvention "a pillar" that helps to keep Amateur Radio alive and "growing and functioning at a much higher level" than anywhere else.

"We're out in front of it," Kalter assured, "and I want to thank all of our volunteers," referring to the 657 individuals who made Hamvention 2017 happen. "Most of what I heard was very positive."

In a **separate interview** with *HamRadioNow*'s Gary Pearce, KN4AQ, Kalter said that while he could offer no firm numbers, attendance was "the biggest I've seen at any Hamvention I've ever been to. It was absolutely wall to wall, from one end to the other."

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## FCC Chairman to Appoint New Enforcement Bureau Chief

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FCC Chairman Ajit Pai has **announced** that he intends to appoint Rosemary C. Harold to serve as chief of the Enforcement Bureau. Michael Carowitz, who has been serving as acting bureau chief, will become the Bureau's deputy chief. Harold is an attorney with experience within the FCC agency and in private practice; she's also a former journalist.

"This agency has a critical role to play in enforcing the law to protect consumers and support competition in the communications marketplace," Pai said "Our Enforcement Bureau has been getting back on track in recent months, and I am confident in Rosemary's ability to continue this progress."

Pai also praised Carowitz's work as acting chief. "Michael's steady hand at the helm of this important Bureau has helped us stay on task in protecting consumers and enforcing the law," he said.

The Enforcement Bureau is charged with enforcing the Communications Act, FCC rules, and various licensing terms and conditions. It also investigates instances of possible unlawful conduct involving the regulated RF spectrum.

## 13 Colonies Special Event Returns July 1-7

06/20/2017

The ninth annual **13 Colonies Special Event** will take place July 1-7, with activity starting at 1300 UTC on July 1 and continuing until 0400 on July 7 (the evening of July 6 in US time zones). Participating stations try to contact all 13 Colony Stations plus two Bonus Stations — a clean sweep, a la ARRL November Sweepstakes. Stations in each of the original 13 colonies will be on the air using 1 × 2 special event call signs. The bonus stations will be WM3PEN in Philadelphia and GB13COL in Durham, England.

Call signs and their respective states are K2A, New York; K2B, Virginia; K2C, Rhode Island; K2D, Connecticut; K2E, Delaware; K2F, Maryland; K2G, Georgia; K2H, Massachusetts; K2I, New Jersey; K2J, North Carolina; K2K, New Hampshire; K2L, South Carolina, and K2M, Pennsylvania. **Additional information** is on the 13 Colonies website.

## US Fish and Wildlife Service Okays Baker Island DXpeditions, with Strict Conditions

06/20/2017

The US Fish and Wildlife Service (**FWS**) has agreed that a DXpedition to Baker and Howland Islands (KH1) — the fourth most-wanted DXCC entity — would be an acceptable use, but has detailed strict conditions under which it would issue a special use permit (SUP) to allow such use. The FWS recently completed a compatibility determination for Amateur Radio operation on Baker Island National Wildlife Refuge, and two dozen **comments** showed “strong support” for Amateur Radio operation on the ecologically sensitive island refuge, the FWS said. Baker Island is 1,830 nautical miles southwest of Honolulu — an 8-day voyage.

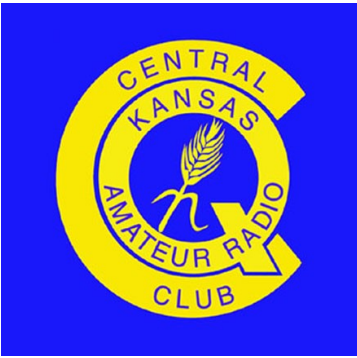
“While...not a wildlife dependent public use according to National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act of 1966, as amended, Amateur Radio operation is a use that assists in the management of the resources indirectly,” the FWS said in its **Compatibility Determination**, released on June 8. “By allowing Amateur Radio operators to visit the PRIMNM refuges, the refuges benefit through the ability of staff to visit remote island sites to monitor wildlife populations, habitats, detect invasive species introductions, and perform management actions that would otherwise require the Service to charter a vessel.”

Citing an estimated cost of at least \$250,000 to charter a vessel with a 14-day layover, the FWS noted that “most of the remote island refuges within the PRIMNM are rarely visited due to budget constraints.”

Baker and Howland Islands are part of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument (**PRIMNM**), created by former President George W. Bush under the authority of the Antiquities Act of 1906. The monument was expanded by President Barack Obama.

The Compatibility Determination mandated 18 stipulations for Amateur Radio DXpeditions visiting the Refuge. Among them: “All General Conditions of the SUP would apply to Amateur Radio operator expeditions. This includes the Special Conditions that stipulate stringent quarantine procedures, vessel inspections and certifications, anchoring and landing requirements, wildlife avoidance measures, zero-impact requirements, and reporting requirements. Biosecurity requirements will be part of the SUP.”

A DXpedition to the Refuge could last up to 14 days, with only 12 days of radio operation, given that deployment and breakdown of the camp and radio equipment usually takes 2 days on each end of the trip, the FWS has estimated.



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"Complete avoidance of seabird colonies will minimize nest disturbance and prevent burrow nest cave-ins," the FWS said in its Compatibility Determination. "Activities on Baker Island will always attract the land crabs that inhabit this location. All efforts must be taken to avoid inadvertently feeding or entrapping these animals."

The FWS would also have to approve QSL cards to ensure that they include "an informative or educational statement about the Refuge." The FWS called QSLs "a valuable outreach tool."

The K1B Baker Island DXpedition logged 96,000 contacts. — *Thanks to **The Daily DX**, FWS*

**June Meeting is June 30th at 7:30 PM at KWU's Peters Science Hall in Room 211**

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