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March 2008

Saline Co. Storm Spotter Class well attended

The March 2008 CKARC Meeting will be at 7:30 PM in Room 205 of Peter's Science Hall at Kansas Wesleyan University

HOST: Dennis, KAØLTQ & Cathy



Monday March 24th at Nichell Barracks, there were 172 in attendance at the 2008 Storm Spotter Class for Saline County. The presentation was by Chance Hayes, KCØQBY, and was all new material this year.

NØOBM Photo

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March VE Report

For the March 12th Wednesday evening session, we had 3 Candidates and 5 VE's in attendance. **Mark Looker KBØWEN**, of Junction City, upgraded to General, but did not pass an attempt at Extra—but he had NOT studied for the Extra Exam. **Walter Hunt, KØWJH**, of Anthony, Passed his Extra Exam. A third candidate did not pass her Extra Exam, despite trying twice.

Thanks to all the VE's who helped with these Exam Sessions. I appreciate the help, and so do those who took exams this month.

Next Exam is Wed. April 9th, at 7:00 PM at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom.

Sid NØOBM

Minutes of the February Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice President, Leon Gray, WAØJFC, in the absence of the President. The “Pledge of Allegiance” was followed by a round of introductions of all 30 members and guests present.

Secretary report: In the Secretary’s absence, a motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the February minutes as printed in QSP.

Treasurer’s report: Neal Cox, KBØNOV, gave the balance of checking and savings (Sorry, I didn’t catch those. Please check with him.) Treasurer’s report was accepted as presented.

Repeater Report: Mark Boyle, KBØMQX, reported (in the absence of Eric, NØYET) that the repeaters were both working fine, and that Eric checked the backup battery and it is still charging ok.

Activities Report: Mark, KBØMQX, is looking for volunteers for this year’s field day committee. Contact him or any board member if you are interested.

EC Report: Sid, NØOBM, announced the Storm Spotter meetings, and the planning for the upcoming Eisenhower Marathon in Abilene on April 5.

VE Report As listed in last month’s QSP.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Jerry Mallon, KCØVDX, mentioned that he needs large print tests available when he takes his exams. Sid, the VE liaison, said he can provide these, but that he needs to know in advance that they are needed in order to have them printed in 11 x 17 format.

Dirk Speed, NØKSC, announced that he and Pete, NØOY, will be in Nigeria after March 6th. They will attempt contacts on 15 Meter HF from there. The time will be about 10 to 11 AM our time. Dirk will also be trying to contact people using Echolink on the 146.730 repeater.

Business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Presentation by Mark, KBØMQX was: “Why I need a computer in the ham shack.”

Host: Mark Boyle, KBØMQX

Minutes provided by Mark, KBØMQX, in the absence of Alvin, WØME.

Area Storm Spotter Classes

Tue. Apr. 1 6:30 PM CST Ellsworth County (Kanopolis) at the Community Building

These dates are also listed in the CKARC Calendar, and full listings for all 4 Kansas NWS Offices are on the NØSLN ARES Website <http://www.n0obm.org> see the Main Links Page!

Reminders

2008 Dues are now PAST DUE !

ARES Net April 3 at 8:00 PM on the NØKSC Repeater.

ARRL-VEC Test Session on Wednesday April 9th at 7:00 PM. Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Classroom

ARES Meeting at 8:00 PM April 17th in the EOC.

April 5 is the Eisenhower Marathon in Abilene. Looking for a few Good Volunteers!

Full Calendar of events on the CKARC Web site <http://www.centalksarc.com>



Storm Spotter Class photos by NØOBM

ARRL News



ARRL DXCC Desk Approves Two Operations (Mar 20, 2008) -- ARRL DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, reports that the 2008 VP6DX DXpedition to Ducie Island and the 2008 TX5C DXpedition to Clipperton Island have been approved for DXCC credit. If you have any questions about these operations, please send an e-mail to the ARRL DXCC Desk.

Kansas Section News

HB2805 (Kansas Emergency Communications Protection Act)

Update 3/23: KCØNYS tells us it's time to contact our Senators. The first half of this week is our last opportunity so please pick up the phone or send that e-mail. If you're more inclined to send a paper letter go ahead and get it in the mail today.

The www.hamsforkansas.org site has a sample letter to help you along.

Update 3/13: 10 of us attended the hearing Wednesday, 9 testified. As before, Representative Morrison-KØCVY spoke on our behalf during opening comments. The next step is for the Senate body to vote.

Update 3/6: The Senate Utility committee will hold a hearing March 12 9:30 Am at the capitol.

Update 3/5: The Senate Utility committee has the bill.

Our antenna bill has made it thru the Kansas House of Representatives. It now goes over to the Senate side. On Tuesday afternoon it will be assigned to a committee. It will then get a number and be scrutinized.

It's time to contact our state senators and ask them for their support of the Kansas Emergency Communications Protection Act.

Even if you live in a rural part of the state you might need to move into town at some point. What you do in the next few days might make a difference to you down the road.

Be sure to ask your relatives and friends to help you help them. The links below will help you find contact info for your senator.

<http://www.kslegislature.org/legsrv-senate/searchSenate.do>

<http://www.ipsr.ku.edu/ksdata/vote/>

The PRB-1 committee site has updates and background info:

Centralksarc.com E-Mail re-director reminder

Any CKARC Member can choose to have an e-mail address at the centralksarc.com site. Normal format is yourcallsign@centralksarc.com This is a **FREE** Service. All you need to do is let Sid, NØOBM know that you would like to have the service started, and provide him with the e-mail address that you want the e-mail sent to. E-Mail Sid at N0OBM@centralksarc.com

CHANGING OF THE GUARD: COMMUNICATIONS VISIONARY ARTHUR C. CLARKE - S.K AT AGE 90

The changing of the guard continues. This with word that British science fiction writer, communications futurist and friend of Amateur Radio, Arthur C Clarke, has died in Sri Lanka at the age of 90.

According to news reports, Clarke passed away the morning of March 18, 2008, after suffering from breathing problems. While not a radio amateur, Arthur C. Clarke had some strong albeit unofficial ties to the world-wide ham radio space community. For years he held the honorary AMSAT membership number 2001.

As an author and visionary, Clarke's most famous prediction was his proposal of geostationary satellites for communications published in the Wireless World magazine in 1945. While this proposal was not taken seriously at the time, his orbital dream became a reality about two decades later with the launch in 1965 the first commercial geostationary communication satellite Intelsat One also known as Early Bird. In this audio clip from a 1992 interview with the late Roy Neal, K6DUE, Clarke told hams listening to a teleconference radio net how the idea came about:

Clarke: "At the time I was working on a very complex RADAR. It was the first Ground Approach Control flight management system which has about a thousand valves or what you call tubes. At least one would blow out every day , so I couldn't imagine that sort of equipment operating without mechanics on the spot to change them and give it service. So I assumed that these relay stations would be manned space stations, like the Freedom Space Station but at a lower altitude." "What I didn't envision was the incredible revolution in solid state electronics: First the transistor and later the micro-chip. And I have sometimes said though not very seriously that the invention of the transistor was a major catastrophe for astronautics because if we hadn't invented the transistor we would have had to build manned space stations and we would have been half way to Mars by now (giggle)."

For his effort, the geostationary satellite orbit known as the Clarke Belt was named in his honor. And while he had moved away from the United Kingdom years ago, in 1988 was knighted by England's Queen Elizabeth.

Arthur C. Clarke, visionary, writer and longtime friend of radio amateurs word wide, dead at age 90. (ARNewsline™, published reports)

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April Meeting is April 25, 2008

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE
APRIL QSP IS APRIL 15, 2008**

CKARC April Birthdays

F/Member	Merlene	Cornwell	4/1
F/Member	Ellen	Spaulding	4/2
KCØTKA	Larry	Coates	4/6
KCØHHU	Sharon	House	4/7
F/Member	Diana	Gray	4/13
NØXRS	Virgil	Yost	4/19
	Mike	Makins	4/21
KBØNOT	Geraldine	Eitel	4/28
WØME	Alvin	Wiechman	4/30