



QSP



May 2007

Annual Silent Key Pot Luck Dinner

- The May CKARC Silent Key Pot Luck Dinner Meeting is on May 25, 2007 at **6:30 PM** in Room 211, Peters Science Hall at KWU.

Keeping with tradition, the May 2007 CKARC Meeting will once again be the Silent Key Memorial Pot Luck Dinner.

Remember, this meeting (the dinner portion) starts at 6:30 PM

Please attend this month's meeting and bring something to share with others, in order that we can remember those who have gone before us. sk

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The 2007 Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club Field Day site will be in Oakdale Park, in the vicinity of the Tennis Courts. "We have Shelter #3 (by the Mulberry entrance) and the storage area by the rest-rooms reserved for Field Day weekend. I told them Noon on Sat, but we can probably get there sooner. There is a wedding at the gazebo area, but he said we should not be in the way. They even blocked off the tennis courts so that nobody can schedule a tennis tournament while we are there." said President Mark, KBØMQX in an e-mail sent to Field Day Committee members.

Salina Parks & Recreation's Steve Schneider requested that we not "camp" in the park, so **"keep your sleeping bags out of site!"** Steve also indicated that he would notify the Police Department of our presence and permission to be in the park. HE also indicated an interest in "what we do" so be prepared for a site visit by a few Salina and Saline County Officials (always good for some extra points!).

We will have the Saline County Emergency Management Trailer (and tow vehicle) for our use, and "someone" is negotiating with U. S. Towers in Lincoln, Ks. To see if they might loan us a portable tower again this year.

It is rumored that there may be a new Cook for this year's event, so stay tuned—and come hungry and ready to get on the Air!

VE Report

DeWite, WØOK, reported that there were four candidates for testing this month.

1 person passed the General Class Exam.

1 person passed the Extra Class Exam.

1 person attempted the Technician Exam and did not pass, and one person attempted the General Class exam two times, and did not pass either, but was “extremely close” on her second attempt.

4 Testers Total.

1 upgrade to Extra

1 upgrade to General

Reported by Sid and DeWite.

Minutes of the April Meeting

Meeting for April 27th 2007 was called to order by Mark, KBØMQX at 7:30 PM the flag salute

Followed by a round of introductions with first and last name.

Mark gave several announcements,

Minutes for March meeting approved as printed on QSP.

Treasurer’s Report approved as printed in QSP.

EC report from Sid NØOBM

Up coming events: ARES net May 3, Siren test May 7, VE testing May 9 - also Board meeting after testing, ARES Meeting May 17, and next club meeting will Be on May 25th, and that it is the Silent Key Pot-Luck dinner Meeting.

VE report WØOK

2 tested, 1 upgrade, and one new license.

Repeater report by NØYET

The repeaters have both been worked on extensively by both Eric, NØYET and Dirk, NØKSC, and that they are now both “much improved” over their previous condition. He also reported finding the old Repeater Service log in the Equipment Cabinet.

Ron WAØPSF says to put August 19th on your calendar. (Kansas State Convention / **Salina Ham Fest**)

Old business

Anyone wanting to help with field day get with anyone on the committee: Sid, NØOBM, Mark, KBØMQX, Marty, KGØMT, Dan, AAØTT or Mike, KBØLZQ and let them Know where or what or why...

New business

No new business reported.

Program on Dxing, by Dan, AAØTT

Eric, NØYET for Alvin, Sec/WØME

CKARC Treasurer's Report

May 15, 2007 CKARC Treasurer's Report

Corrected Balance as of April 16, 2007

Checking

April Debits	\$ 109.22
April Credits	\$ <u>30.00</u> (credits were placed in the Savings Act)
Balance	\$ 550.00

Savings \$3,630.97

March Credits	\$ <u>52.44</u>
Balance	\$ 3,683.41

Combined Balance: \$ **4,233.41**

May Activities

Checking

May Debits	\$ 62.00
May Credits	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Balance	\$ 488.00

Savings \$ 3,630.97

May Credits	\$ <u>100.25</u>
Balance	\$ 3,783.66

Combined Balance: \$ **4,271.66**

Expenses:

ARRL VEC (5 examinees) fees and W5YI VEC (1 examinee)
10-10 International Net, Inc. membership for Club

Credits:

1 member dues
2 2007 new member dues needing to be voted on by club at May meeting
W5YI VEC (3 examinees) testing fees allowed to offset incurred expenses

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to everyone. Once again I would like to thank those of you who have invited people to our club meetings. It is always good to see some new people attending. Thank you to those who have helped recruit new members. It is so good to see the number of visitors and members increasing each month. Please consider inviting someone, or bringing someone to our next CKARC club meeting. I would also like to thank those members who have stepped up and volunteered to help. We have seen some new volunteers helping with many of the things in the club, such as Field Day planning, putting on programs at the meetings, and volunteering for positions needing filled. It is always good to see members getting more involved in our club, and we really appreciate it. Thank you for your help.

Just a reminder that the next club meeting will be at 6:30 instead of 7:30. It is our annual “silent key night”. Please bring a dish and your own table service, as this will be a pot luck dinner. We hope everyone will attend and we can have another great meeting.

Another thing to keep in mind is that Field Day is coming up next month. We always have a great time and some of us learn a thing or two as well. If you have a special area of interest that you would like to show off (such as digital modes, satellite operation, solar powered radios, etc.) then please get in touch with me, or any member of the Field Day committee. We would love to have you set up an area and teach others about your interest.

It has really been great to see the interests of our club growing. We are seeing more new hams and new interests, and I am pleased to see the club members offering their help and support to these individuals. Thank you to each and every one of you for making this a great club. Keep up the good work, and let’s all continue to think of what we can do to make CKARC a bigger and better amateur radio club.

Mark Boyle
KBØMQX
CKARC President

Amateurs Serve those Displaced by Kansas Twisters



NEWINGTON, CT, May 7, 2007 – A tornado with a magnitude of EF5 swept through southwestern Kansas this past weekend, almost completely wiping out the town of Greensburg. The town, population 1500, lost its hospital, schools, churches and all of its business and infrastructure, according to Greensburg Town Administrator Steve Hewitt. Hewitt lost his home in the storm. A National Weather Service meteorologist called the tornado “...one of the most destructive tornadoes in the last 10 years.”

EF5 is the highest level of a tornado on the Enhanced Fujita Scale, a classification system used by the National Weather Service. An EF5 tornado has wind speeds over 200 MPH. The Enhanced F-scale is a set of wind estimates (not measurements) based on damage. The tornado’s damage path at its widest point was about 1.7 miles, and it tracked for 22 miles, moving at an average speed of about 20 MPH; it took about 15 to 20 minutes to wipe out the town, according to a National Weather Service meteorologist.

A team of hams entered the area on Saturday morning and began setting up communications, according to District 6 Emergency Coordinator Godfrey Flax, KCØAUH. District 5 Emergency Coordinator Robert Hanke, WGØQ, activated ARES in Pratt, Stafford, Reno and Barton Counties over the weekend. There are now hams in both Greensburg and Haviland, and Net Control operations have been established in Pratt.

According to ARRL Kansas Section Manager Ron Cowan, KBØDTI, there are repeaters on the air, but they are some distance from the affected area. He and other hams were monitoring 3.920 MHz early Saturday morning in case there was radio activity.

The Salvation Army is conducting logistics nets at 9 AM, 3 PM and 9 PM each day on 3.920 MHz, and HF and 2 meter operations have been established in Haviland. Kansas and Western Missouri SATERN Coordinator June Jeffers, KBØWEQ, says SATERN members will be utilized in Kiowa County to support Salvation Army canteens and the Service Center in Haviland.

“Virtually the entire city has been destroyed,” said Maj Gen Tod Bunting of the Kansas National Guard on Monday. “It’s as bad as anything I’ve seen.” He said in some ways the damage is worse than Hurricane Katrina, because the entire city of Greensburg is in ruins. “There’s no place to go to stage to rebuild,” said Bunting, a nearly 30-year veteran of the Guard. “We’ll have to create that.”

Twelve people were killed in the twister, 10 from Greensburg. The town is located at the junction of Routes 54 and 183, about 45 miles east of Dodge City. It is the county seat for Kiowa County. An 11th person died in nearby Pratt County and a 12th in a separate tornado in Ottawa County.

The Red Cross said about 90 percent of Greensburg was destroyed or heavily damaged. The storm stripped trees of most of their branches and destroyed all the town’s churches, the Associated Press reported. Gov Kathleen Sebelius told the AP on Sunday that Kansas’ response to the disaster will likely be hindered because equipment such as tents, trucks and semitrailers are now in Iraq, saying Kansas lacks about half the large equipment it could use for recovery efforts and debris removal, including dump trucks and front loaders. More than 20 percent of the state’s Humvees and 15 of 19 helicopters were sent to Iraq, according to officials with the Kansas National Guard. Nearly 70 Kansas National Guard troops arrived in Greensburg on Monday to supplement about 40 troops already on the ground.

The entire town was evacuated Friday night. More than 400 people are in shelters in the town of Haviland, about 11 miles east of the devastated town, and Pratt, about 31 miles east. The Salvation Army dispatched canteen units from Dodge City and Hutchinson, about 87 miles east of Greensburg. A shelter was also opened in Mullinville at the high school gym, about 10 miles west of Greensburg. On Sunday night, the Red Cross requested operators to provide communications between the hospital in Pratt and the shelter in Haviland.

Greensburg residents were expected to be allowed to return to what's remaining of their homes Monday morning, according to The Associated Press. Searchers spent the weekend sifting through the debris and are still hoping to account for residents who fled as the storm approached.

"Some of this rubble is 20, 30 feet deep and that's always a challenge, Bunting said Monday. "That's where we've spent all our efforts, and we'll do it again today."

Hewitt said it's "hard to tell" if anyone is trapped in the rubble, but "it's a possibility. The search and rescue continues and it will continue until ... we find everything and have everything organized. We need to make sure we've found everybody and everybody is safe and accounted for."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is on site with two mini Emergency Operations Vehicles (EOV), and two mobile Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) with satellite communications. They are currently considering staging areas for travel trailers and mobile homes. In anticipation of state requests, water, MREs, and tarps are waiting in Pratt.

President Bush declared Kiowa County, Kansas, a major disaster area, making federal aid available to people and communities affected by the storm. "Our hearts are heavy for the loss of life in Greensburg, Kansas," Bush said Sunday. "I declared a major disaster for that community, and I hope that helps. It's going to take a long time for the community to recover."

Some information from www.cnn.com and the FEMA National Response Coordination Center (NRCC).



Field Day 2007 T-Shirts and Pins

-- 2007 ARRL Field Day is June 23-24



Show off your support for ARRL Field Day with official T-shirts and Pins.

The T-shirts and pins are a great way to recognize your involvement in this popular, annual operating event. Distinctive pins are also available to help identify GOTA (GET ON THE AIR) operators. Make sure you have these attractive keepsakes in time for Field Day!

Clubs, order early! Collect orders from members, and place a single order (only \$12 shipping within the US for T-shirt orders over \$75).

\$12.95 each. Unisex sizes:

- Small #1057-S
- Large #1057-L
- 2X-Large #1057-2XL
- 4X-Large #1057-4XL
- Medium #1057-M
- X-Large #1057-XL
- 3X-Large #1057-3XL

- 2007 Field Day Pin #1062--\$5/ea



- Field Day Water Bottle #1071--\$3.95/ea

20 oz. white bottle with blue screw on push-pull cap.



- Field Day Outdoor Kit #1083--\$8.95

This reusable nylon pouch includes a granola bar, insect repellent, sunscreen, lip ointment, sting swab, wash-up towellettes, antiseptic wipes, lens wipes, bandage strips, safety pin.

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE
QSP IS JUNE 19, 2007**

Amateur Radio News

DXCC Desk approves operation for DXCC credit (May 11, 2007)

The ARRL DXCC Desk has approved the BS7H Scarborough Reef 2007 operations for DXCC credit. For more information, visit the **DXCC Web page**. "**DXCC Frequently Asked Questions**" can answer most questions about the DXCC program. ARRL DX bulletins are available on the **W1AW DX Bulletins** page.