



# QSP



May 2008

## April VE Report

The **May 30, 2008**

CKARC Meeting will be at **6:30 PM** in Room 205 of Peter's Science Hall at Kansas Wesleyan University

**Silent Key Pot-Luck Dinner**

For the May 14th Wednesday evening session, we had 9 Candidates and 4 VE's in attendance. 7 New Technicians, 1 Upgrade to General, and 1 Upgrade to Extra! Everybody passed the exams that they took.

Daniel Soldan, Hillsboro, **KB0OTV**, is now an Extra,  
 Ethan Green, Abilene, **KD0BPG**, upgraded to General—  
 and is now **KD0EDF**.

The following are the New Technicians:

Jason Core, Salina, **KD0EDE**,  
 Mark Minneman, Salina, **KD0EDD**,  
 Bryce Hullet, Hutchinson, **KD0EDC**,  
 Ryan Woellhof, Salina, **KD0EDB**,  
 Andrew Keenan, Salina, **KD0EDA**,  
 Jason Brady, Salina, **KD0ECZ**, and  
 Kody Sorrell, Abilene, **KD0ECY**.

Congratulations to all!

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

Next Exam is Wed. June 11th, at 7:00 PM at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom.

Sid N0OBM

## Minutes of the April Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the President, Terry Moyer, KCØKCO, with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the introductions of members and guests, with 29 present.

### Reports:

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

Treasurer's report by Neil, KBØNOV: Checking Account balance of \$ 415.05, and a Savings account balance of \$3791.37. Total Treasury balance of \$4206.42.

Approved as read.

No repeater report

VE report father and 2 sons all passed Technician exams and father passed General.

No EC Report.

### New Business:

Moved and Seconded to renew the CKARC's 10 10 membership for one year.

The Red Cross Memorandum of Understanding that was printed in QSP was tabled until the next meeting.

Mark KBØMQX thanked Don KAØEIC for his hard work on club history with a certificate.

Moved and seconded that KAØKWU (Kansas Wesleyan Radio Club) become a Club member station.

### Announcements & Questions:

On June 21st, from 8 AM to 12 Noon, Radio Shack of Derby, Ks. Will be holding a Tailgate party.

Robert, KBØWTM, asked if the club had ever talked about putting up a 6 Meter Repeater.

### Next club meeting May 30, 2008 at 6:30pm pot luck at KWU

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Program By John, KCØJNK.

History of KWU and plan for radio club to attract more students.

Thanks to John for good program!

Thanks to Terry KCØKCO for host.

Alvin, WØME.

## Reminders

ARES Net **June 5 at 8:00 PM** on the NØKSC Repeater.

**ARRL-VEC Test Session** on Wednesday **June 11th at 7:00 PM**. Board meeting follows at 8:00 PM in the Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Classroom.

**Smoky Hill River Festival Jam** June 12th.

**Smoky Hill River Festival** June 13 through 15.

**ARES Meeting** at **8:00 PM June 19th** in the EOC.

**CKARC Meeting** June 27th at 7:30 PM.

**CKARC Field Day** in Kenwood Park (By Shelter #2) June 28 & 29

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

## It Takes a Club

From the May 2008 QST By David Sumner, K1ZZ

May 01, 2008

Looking at variations in Amateur Radio licensing activity and new ARRL membership around the country, it's apparent that there are "hot spots" where newcomers are joining our ranks in relatively large numbers compared to other areas.

What does it take to make such a "hot spot"? One answer is that it takes a local radio club -- but not just any club. It takes a club that has made a commitment to reach out to the community or communities that it serves, with a program to bring friends and neighbors from a vague awareness of Amateur Radio all the way to being active radio amateurs.

Such clubs don't just happen. It takes vision, leadership and a lot of hard work. It takes club officers and members who are willing to venture beyond their normal comfort zone. It takes a welcoming, supportive and non-judgmental attitude on the part of everyone in the club that a newcomer is likely to encounter.

The good news is that once you have such a club it becomes -- almost -- a perpetual motion machine. Here's how it works.

Assuming that your community has a radio club and that you're a member, the first step is to develop a culture of outreach and welcome within the club. This takes conscious effort, especially if your members are in the comfortable rut of talking to the same group of friends all the time.

Imagine that you're listening to the club's repeater for the first time, as an amateur who is either new to the community or a new licensee. Would you feel welcome to join in the conversation, or would you feel that you would be regarded as an intruder? Now, imagine that you're attending a club meeting for the first time. You walk in and see knots of people talking among themselves. Would anyone greet you and introduce them-selves or would you be left standing by yourself? Before you're ready to make a serious outreach effort you must be able to answer these questions positively.

Being friendly and welcoming is necessary, but not sufficient. Does your club offer licensing classes? Do you help new licensees get over the many other hurdles -- selecting and installing antennas, learning how to use equipment, debugging interference to and from consumer electronic devices, and so on -- that stand in the way of aspiring operators? Do you make sure that their first on-the-air contact is a positive experience, and offer nets and roundtables that they will want to join? Do you expose them to the wide variety of activities that they can pursue as radio amateurs? Do you encourage ARRL membership, so they will enjoy full access to membership benefits and will receive the monthly stimulus of QST?

If you have all of these bases covered, congratulations! Your club is ready to promote itself to the community. Most clubs already have some experience doing this, with varying degrees of success. While a full discussion of the do's and don'ts is more than this page can accommodate, here are a couple of thoughts.

There are many amateur licensees in your community who are not presently active. With the caveat that some are Silent Keys and others have not kept their addresses current in the FCC data base, it's easy to compile a mailing list for an invitation to an Open House or other special event. If you succeed in reactivating them, their renewed enthusiasm may infect their friends and family members.

If you invite the general public to come and see your club, make sure there's something for them to look at. Even a static display with some QSL cards and photos of past club events can be an ice-breaker, giving your greeters something to talk and invite questions about.

Field Day is just around the corner. With proper planning it can be an ideal event for introducing Amateur Radio to your community, and your club to existing and prospective licensees. This year there is a new, easy-to-use tool for publicizing your club's Field Day site: the ARRL Field Day Station Locator Web Site, [www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php](http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php). But remember -- an invitation to visit your site carries with it the responsibility to ensure that visitors (including children) are safe and that they have a positive, informative experience. **If your Field Day operation is open to the public, the proper greeting of visitors cannot be left to chance -- it's as important a part of Field Day planning as the antennas, equipment, operators and food.**

Every club has its ups and downs. If yours has been in the downward part of the cycle, now is a good time to take stock -- to capitalize on the strengths and overcome the weaknesses. The opportunities for club growth, in quality as well as quantity, have never been greater.

Oh, about that "perpetual motion machine." Have you ever attended a club meeting where there was to be an election of officers, but there were more offices than candidates? If not, you're fortunate. Many clubs with static or shrinking membership lists find that it's difficult to fill club offices or undertake new projects. Once a club finds the formula for attracting and nurturing new members, maintaining the club's vibrancy and activity becomes much easier.

The best local clubs provide a logical path for identifying and developing their future leaders, from student to new member and in succession to greeter, committee member, committee chairman, and officer. Your club's president for 2012 may be someone who sees Amateur Radio in action for the first time on Field Day -- or may be sitting in your licensing class right now!

*"It Seems to Us" QST May 2008*

## American Red Cross Responds to ARRL Concerns Regarding Background Checks

In November 2007, ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, wrote to the American Red Cross (ARC) regarding concerns voiced by ARRL volunteers. In 2006, the Red Cross stated it would implement background checks that included, among other things, a credit check and a "mode of living" check for its staff and volunteers, including ARES volunteers providing services to the Red Cross during disasters. ARRL saw these portions of the background check as unneeded and inappropriate for ARES service.

In a letter dated May 8 of this year, Armond T. Mascelli, ARC Vice President for Disaster Response Services replied to President Harrison: "I can now report back to you that [these] actions have been completed and changes have been instituted which I trust resolves the concerns detailed in your letter. This effort took considerably more time and attention than originally envisioned, but I believe the results will now benefit our respective organizations.

"A new background consent form now [is] to be used by all Red Cross chapters for ARRL members and other partner organizations. The form and related process is limited to the name and social security number verification of the individual, and a criminal background check. References and suggestions to other related investigative possibilities have been stricken."

ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager Dennis Dura, K2DCD, announced the resolution at the ARRL ARES forum at the Dayton Hamvention® and received hearty applause.

"We are very pleased that the American Red Cross has addressed some of the issues that we raised regarding their background investigations and that we can move forward in a relationship that has existed for a long, long time," Harrison said. "The American Red Cross and the ARRL have shared a productive relationship for many years which has been of benefit to both the organizations and to the public. We are glad that throughout the past months we have been able to negotiate the issues that we had and have finally come to a resolution."

### What's Next?

With the background check issue apparently resolved, the ARRL will be working with the ARC in the negotiation and creation of a draft for a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or similar document to replace the one which expired last year; Dura and Keith Robertory of the ARC will be leading the effort. When complete, the draft of the MOU will be presented to the leadership of both organizations for approval.

"The ARRL is very pleased that the American Red Cross has responded appropriately to our concerns about the background check issue," said ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ. "We believe it now will be possible to go forward to negotiate a statement of understanding between the two organizations. We look forward to renewing and expanding the relationship with the Red Cross."

## A note from the Activities Director

Hello everyone. It has been a busy few months getting things put together for Field day. The field day committee will be making a presentation at the May 2008 CKARC club meeting. We hope to answer all of your questions then.

It has always been hard to find volunteers to help put an activity together, whether it is a small one or the largest one we do all year. Most people have been busy with other obligations, don't have any spare time, or are simply not interested in helping out. That always makes it a tough job to accomplish a task, such as field day. There has been a lot of planning necessary to make certain that this year's is just as enjoyable as years before.

I would like to take this time to thank those who have volunteered to help, either with the planning, operations, or some other aspect relating to this year's field day.

A BIG thank you to the following CKARC members for their assistance:

Virgil Yost	NØXRS
Sid Ashen-Brenner	NØOBM
Terry Moyer	KCØKCO
Steve Hendrix	KAØDEK
Dennis Kelley	KBØLTQ
Pete Sias	NØOY
Eric Boyle	NØYET



**I am sorry if I have forgotten anyone.**

Please remember that the main purpose of Field Day is "To demonstrate to the public the capabilities of amateur radio and its operators." **Also, it is to have fun.** I encourage everyone to think about coming out to help somehow this year, whether it is to set up, operate, work the "overnight shift", or tear down. We will need help in all of these areas, and more. Of course, we also want to make certain that we have members willing to explain to the public exactly what is going on. We strive to do a better job of this each year, and I feel that we are accomplishing it.

Again, I want to thank everyone who has taken time out of their busy schedules to assist in making this year's field day a good one.

Oh, and by the way.....it isn't too late to volunteer to help out.

Thank You

Mark Boyle  
KBØMQX

## John J. Shoultys, Jr. WDØBNC SK

Funeral Services: Friday, May 23, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ryan Mortuary, 137 North Eighth St., Salina, Kansas 67401.

Interment: Burial will be in the Roselawn Cemetery, Salina, Kansas

Visitation: Thursday, May 22, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Ryan Mortuary.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers John asks donations be made to the organizations that he was a member with or the Kaye Pogue Hospice Center in Salina, Kansas.

Birth date/place: March 26, 1932, in Akron, Ohio

Death date/place: May 20, 2008, at Salina, Kansas

Biographical information: John was the son of John J. and Kathryn Shoultys, Sr. He graduated in 1950 from Akron East High School. He enlisted in the Marine Corp. in June of 1950, graduating from Parris Island Boot Camp in South Carolina. He served in the Korean War and in Vietnam as an electronics communications specialist, and retired after 21 years as a Captain. John moved his family to Salina, Kansas in 1971, and joined the Salina Police Force. John worked as a Patrolman until 1974. He had many other pursuits including owning Electronics, Inc. from 1978 until 1982. He eventually returned to police duty where he worked from 1991 until he retired from the evidence room in 2002, having spent approximately 13 years on the Force. John was a gifted photographer, and stained glass artist. He loved to play golf, and was a Ham Radio Operator for 25 years Call sign WDØBNC. He was a member of the Audubon Society, and was a self taught Military Historian and Naturalist. John was a life member of the Marine Corps. League Tri-Rivers Detachment, the VFW, and the AMBUCS.

Survivors: Wife of 51 years: Mary Peer Shoultys of Salina, KS.

Five Children: Maria Shoultys of Salina, KS.

Natasha Smith and her husband Allen of Mechanicsburg, PA.

Shawn Shoultys of Fairbanks, AK

Mai-ling Ulmo and her husband Dana of Belton, MO.

Heidi Faulk and her husband Greg of Topeka, KS.

Grandchildren: Martin, Alex, Hannah, Gregory, Jacob, Nate, and Ryan.

Great-Grandchildren: Jordyn, Olivia, and Joshua, and their parents Kristina Jackson and Bradley Johnston.

He is also survived by his loyal companion Biscuit.

Preceded in death: Parents: John J. and Kathryn O Brian Shoultys Sr.

Sister: Marilyn O Leslie

ALL YOU MARINES DO NOT BE IN A HURRY TO RELIEVE ME OF MY GUARD DUTY AT THE PEARLY GATE. SEMPER FI.

Source: KSALLink.com

## Silent Keys

<b>KØBKO</b>	<b>Dan S. Geis</b>
<b>KØFPC</b>	<b>Bob Davis</b>
<b>KØQOV</b>	<b>Max S. Lake</b>
<b>KØRFL</b>	<b>Raymond Lund</b>
<b>KØTTY</b>	<b>Harold Jones</b>
<b>KØYEM</b>	<b>Bob Neal</b>
<b>KBØBSX</b>	<b>Neal F. Swander Sr.</b>
<b>KBØEC</b>	<b>Scott Kohr</b>
<b>KBØEY</b>	<b>William E. Oehlert</b>
<b>KBØRNF</b>	<b>Richard Shannon</b>
<b>KBØPHS</b>	<b>Linda Davis Grieve</b>
<b>KBØVXU</b>	<b>Richard Swaringen</b>
<b>KCØGPW</b>	<b>Charles "Mike" Horn</b>
<b>NØBCI</b>	<b>Helen Grauer</b>
<b>NØNQN</b>	<b>Frederick A. "Doc" Gans Sr.</b>
<b>NØTSY</b>	<b>David Richter</b>
<b>NØWOG</b>	<b>Gene Flohrschutz</b>
<b>NØZTL</b>	<b>Kenneth Turner</b>
<b>NBØL</b>	<b>Sherwood R. Parks</b>
<b>WB5MWO</b>	<b>Beryl "Sue" West</b>
<b>W9LRU</b>	<b>Bob "Lurch" French</b>
<b>WØCR</b>	<b>Charles Svoboda</b>
<b>WØCY</b>	<b>James E. McKim</b>
<b>WØME</b>	<b>M.T. "Buzz" Baer</b>
<b>WØXJ</b>	<b>Ross Stevens</b>
<b>WØAMJ</b>	<b>Norman Johnson</b>
<b>WØBXW</b>	<b>Blanche Johnson</b>
<b>WØCHJ</b>	<b>Steve Schultz</b>
<b>WØFIR</b>	<b>Paul Grauer</b>
<b>WØINW</b>	<b>Quentin Engwall</b>
<b>WØIYR</b>	<b>Charles Hardman</b>
<b>WØLXA</b>	<b>L.L. "Red" Lamer</b>
<b>WØPKD</b>	<b>Joseph W. Addison</b>
<b>WØSTC</b>	<b>E.E. "Doc" Gemmill</b>
<b>WØUUh</b>	<b>Lafe Rees</b>
<b>WAØRCZ</b>	<b>Karl Gordon</b>
<b>WAØRML</b>	<b>Fred Karban</b>
<b>WAØYML</b>	<b>Robert T. Kresky Jr.</b>
<b>WBØBCL</b>	<b>Albert Graham</b>
<b>WBØOQB</b>	<b>William Peck</b>
<b>WDØBNC</b>	<b>John J. Shoultys, Jr.</b>
<b>WDØBSE</b>	<b>Royal Cutler</b>
<b>WDØCFZ</b>	<b>James O. Armes</b>
<b>WDØFWM</b>	<b>John S.W. Overstreet</b>

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**June Meeting is June 27, 2008**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE  
JUNE QSP IS JUNE 17, 2008**

## **CKARC May Birthdays**

<b>AAØTT</b>	<b>Daniel</b>	<b>Cook</b>	<b>6/5</b>
<b>KCØJNK</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>Burchill</b>	<b>6/18</b>
<b>WØYVR</b>	<b>Glen</b>	<b>Eaton</b>	<b>6/26</b>