



QSP



May 2009

May VE Report

The **May 29, 2009**
CKARC Meeting will be
at
**KWU's Peters Science
Hall at 6:30 PM in
Room 211**

Silent Key Pot-Luck
Dinner

For the May 13th Session:

We had Five Candidates, Four of whom were successful in their efforts. New Generals include Traci Winfree, KDØHVA, Salina, Ks., Jay Colt, KDØCVV, Clay Center, Ks., and Jacob Fields, KBØZIA, of Hutchinson, Ks. Jesse Smith, KDØHVB of Chapman is a new Technician.

Traci Winfree, KDØHVA is also the first Salinan to be offered a 6 month CKARC Membership trial, and has also paid her 2010 dues. Traci passed both the Technician and the General Exams.

VE's in attendance: Sid, NØOBM, Leon, WAØJFC, Alvin, WØME, and Don, KAØEIC.

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In a Special test session in Emporia on May 16th, Caitlin Ellison, ACØPC, of Shawnee, KS Passed all 3 Exams in a single session. It took 2 tries to get the Extra, but she did pass all three exams! Caitlin is the "girlfriend" of "BJ" Anderson, KCØIVR. This was the same day that "BJ" Graduated from Emporia State. Caitlin is a Junior at Emporia State.

VE's were Sid, NØOBM, Carl, NØORS, and Carol, NØYBR.

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

Next Exam session is **Wednesday June 10th**, at 7:00 PM, at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom.

Sid NØOBM VE Team Leader

Minutes of the April Meeting

The April minutes were mis-placed by the Editor, and not found as of the date of printing of this issue of QSP.

May Meeting is the Silent Key Pot-Luck

Reminder that the May meeting is the Annual Silent Key Memorial Pot-Luck Dinner. Meeting in the “usual” location at 6:30 PM —Room 211 of Peter’s Science Hall at KWU, on the corner of 4th and Claflin.

Sorry for all the “White Space” this month, but your Editor is busy with the wife’s Dance Studio recital the weekend that QSP is normally published, so not a whole lot of “free time”.

Reminders

May Meeting is the Silent Key Memorial Pot-Luck Dinner. 6:30 PM

City of Salina Siren Test Net, June 1st at 4:30 PM on the NØKSC Repeater (or on 146.730 Simplex) if the Weather cooperates! *[No doubt it will be above 32 degrees!]{NO Guarantee of Cloud Cover, however!} Ed.*

ARES Net **June 2nd at 8:00 PM** on the NØKSC Repeater (or on 146.730 Simplex if it's not running).

ARRL-VEC Test Sessions on Wednesday June 10th at **7:00 PM**.

Board meeting follows the exam session on June 10th at 8:00 PM (or after Testing—which ever is later) in the Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Classroom.

Smoky Hill River Festival Jam June 11th.

Smoky Hill River Festival June 12th — 14th.

ARES Meeting is June 18th at 8:00 PM in the EOC.

Citywide disaster Drill June 22nd at the Smoky Hill Bomb Range.

CKARC Meeting June 26th at 7:30 PM at **Kansas Wesleyan University**.

Field Day at the Airport, June 27th & 28th. North end of Airport Road (off Waterwell Road)

There is a full **Calendar of Events** on the CKARC Web site <http://www.centalksarc.com>

FCC Looks to Raise Vanity Call Sign Fees for Second Consecutive Year

The FCC released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM)* on May 14 seeking to raise fees for Amateur Radio vanity call signs. Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$12.30 and is good for 10 years; the new fee, if the FCC plan goes through, will go up to \$13.40 for 10 years, an increase of \$1.10. The FCC is authorized by the *Communications Act of 1934 (as amended)* to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. Instructions on how to comment on this NPRM are available on the FCC Web site.

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 12 years of the current program -- from a low of \$11.70 in 2007 to a high of \$70 (as first proposed in the FCC's 1994 *Report and Order*). In 2007, the Commission lowered the fee from \$20.80 to \$11.70. The FCC said it anticipates some 15,000 Amateur Radio vanity call sign "payment units" or applications during the next fiscal year, collecting \$201,000 in fees from the program.

Vanity Fee Due for New, Renewal Applications

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, **but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term**. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal three years ago.

Those holding vanity call signs issued prior to 1996 are exempt from having to pay the vanity call sign regulatory fee at renewal, however. That's because Congress did not authorize the FCC to collect regulatory fees until 1993. Such "heritage" vanity call sign holders do not appear as vanity licensees in the FCC Amateur Radio database.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their license expiration date. All radio amateurs must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants can obtain an FRN by going to the ULS and clicking on the "New Users Register" link. You must supply your Social Security Number to obtain an FRN.

ARRL Processes License Renewals, Including Vanities

The ARRL VEC will process license renewals for vanity call sign holders for a modest fee. The service is available to ARRL members and nonmembers, although League members pay less. Routine, non-vanity renewals continue to be free for ARRL members. Trustees of club stations with vanity call signs may renew either via the ULS or through a Club Station Call Sign Administrator, such as ARRL VEC.

League members should visit the "ARRL Member Instructions for License Renewals or Changes" page, while the "Instructions for License Renewals or Changes" page covers general renewal procedures for nonmembers. There is additional information on the ARRL VEC's "FCC License Renewals and ARRL License Expiration Notices" page.

License application and renewal information and links to the required forms are available on the ARRL Amateur Application Filing FAQ Web page. The FCC's forms page also offers the required forms.

[From the ARRL Web site](#)

CKARC Field Day 2009

This year's CKARC Field Day site will be at the North end of Airport Road, on the West side of the Salina Airport. Easiest way to get there is to take either 9th Street (or I-135) South to Water Well Road, Turn Right on Water Well Road, go past the South end of the Airport's Main Runway to Airport Road. Turn Right again and head North—a little less than a Mile if I remember correctly.

Dean Speaks, KDØFRP, has volunteered to be the Cook again this year, and he is supposed to have a new Grill this year. If you are planning on attending the Dinner, please bring a side dish of some sort.

The Emcomm Trailer now sports 2 new (to us) Desktop Computers that we will be using for Field Day logging. They are being set up at this time. There is also some other new equipment in the Trailer—a New Microwave has been purchased and installed. The new one is “slightly” smaller, and consumes much less electricity when it's being used. Also new to the Trailer is a 12 inch Clock, and a 23 inch HDTV that can double as a second monitor—just as soon as we install a new Video Card in the one computer.

Still looking for Operators for Field Day, so please plan to come out and make some contacts for the Club. Still planning on running 2A for the Contest.

June 2009 Contest Calendar

From the WA7BNM Contest Calendar <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0400Z-0600Z, Jun 6
SEANET Contest	1200Z, Jun 6 to 1200Z, Jun 7
ANARTS WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Jun 13 to 2400Z, Jun 14
Portugal Day Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Jun 13
Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB	1100Z-1300Z, Jun 13
GACW WWSA CW DX Contest	1500Z, Jun 13 to 1500Z, Jun 14
REF DDFM 6m Contest	1600Z, Jun 13 to 1600Z, Jun 14
ARRL June VHF QSO Party	1800Z, Jun 13 to 0300Z, Jun 15
SARL Youth Day Sprint	0700Z-1100Z, Jun 16
All Asian DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Jun 20 to 2400Z, Jun 21
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Jun 22
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	1200Z, Jun 27 to 1200Z, Jun 28
Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest	1200Z, Jun 27 to 1200Z, Jun 28
Marconi Memorial HF Contest	1400Z, Jun 27 to 1400Z, Jun 28
ARRL Field Day	1800Z, Jun 27 to 2100Z, Jun 28

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**June Meeting is Friday, June 26, 2009
@ 7:30 PM**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE
JUNE QSP IS JUNE 17, 2009**

CKARC June Birthdays

KCØJNK	John	Burchill	6/18
WØYVR	Glen	Eaton	6/26