



# QSP



May 2012

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The May Meeting is  
Friday May. 25th at  
KWU's Peters Science  
Hall Room 211

6:30 PM

Silent Key Pot-Luck  
Dinner

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## May VE Report

### For the May 9th Session:

For the May 9th session Carrol Christian, KDØRZO, of Russell Passed his Technician, and Marlin Woodman KBØRSJ, of Belleville, Passed his General Exam. There was one other that attempted his Technician Exam, but did not pass this time. We suspect that he will be back again soon.

VE's in attendance were: Sid, NØOBM, Harvey, KØRY, Larry, NØGSL, Leon, WAØJFC, Paul, KS1P, Alvin, WØME, Don, KAØEIC, and Mike, KBØLZQ.

The next scheduled session is **Wednesday June 13th, 2012**, at **7:00 PM**, at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom.

Sid NØOBM VE Team Leader

## Minutes of the March Meeting

The Meeting was called to order by Paul, KS1P, the President at 7:30. with Pledge of Allegiance followed by a round of introductions with 16 members and guests present.

Paul started off with New business, about trying to get more young blood into the club. He is working with a scout leader, on the New Morse Code Interpreter badge.

Sid, NØOBM, gave the EC and VE reports and is hoping for good weather for the Monday after-noon siren test. He is also looking for volunteers to help with the Lost and Found at the Smoky Hill River Festival this year.

VP John, KCØJNK, reported that the CKARC Field Day event will be at the KWU football field.

Ron, WAØPSF, reported that the Hamfest this year would be at the Salina Bicentennial Center again.

Mitch, KAØIFW, read the treasurers report:

\$901.84 in the checking account, and \$1051.25 in the savings account.

The Minutes of the March meeting were approved as read by Alvin, WØME.

**Reminder: The May 25th CKARC Meeting is the Annual Silent Key Pot-Luck dinner/ Meeting at 6:30 pm.**

Don KAØEIC has a list of equipment from Mary, xyl of WØOK Now A SK.

Mitch, KAØIFW, had his brother Kevin, KDØKCP, give a very interesting program about finding and using test equipment on Amateur Radio Equipment.

Thanks to hosts Lois and Alvin

## Reminders

**City of Salina Siren Test Net, June 4th** at 4:30 PM **if the Weather cooperates!** June 11th if not.

**Smoky Hill River Festival JAM Thursday June 7th** starting around 6:00 PM at the Eric Stein Stage in Oakdale Park.

**Smoky Hill River Festival Friday June 8th—Sunday June 10th** in Oakdale Park

**ARRL-VEC Test Session** on Wednesday **June 13th at 7:00 PM.**

**Board meeting** follows the exam session on **June 13th** at 8:00 PM (or after Testing—which ever is later) in the Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Classroom.

**ARES Meeting** is **June 21st** at **8:00 PM** in **Emergency Management.**

**Field Day 2012** is **June 23 & 24** at the **KWU Stadium.**

**CKARC Meeting** is **June 29th** at 7:30 PM at KWU Peter's Science Hall Room 211

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

## ARRL Responds to FCC Request for Comments on Impediments to Amateur Radio Communications

05/16/2012

On Wednesday, May 16, 2012, the ARRL filed comments in response to the FCC's Public Notice seeking comments on Emergency Communications by Amateur Radio and impediments to Amateur Radio communications. Known as Docket 12-91, the Commission is soliciting comments from the public as it writes the report they were directed to present to Congress as part of **Public Law No. 112-96.**

At the direction of ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, and the ARRL Board's Executive Committee, the document was drafted by ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, assisted by ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, as well as ARRL Chief Technology Officer Brennan Price, N4QX and several ARRL Headquarters staff members.

Over 1500 e-mails were received at ARRL from amateurs, sharing the details of their various deed restrictions. An additional 350-plus e-mails were also received detailing actual Emergency Communications participation in various events from almost every state in the US as well as several US territories.

"The information provided to the ARRL by its members has provided a strong statement of how the various deed restrictions have negatively impacted the ability of Amateur Radio licensees to maximize their participation in disaster and emergency support communications," said Henderson. "The information provided by the membership not only helps us make the best case to the FCC in this docket, but also begins to lay a good foundation for considering possible rule changes that would enhance Amateur Radio communications beyond this proceeding. I want to thank the hundreds of concerned amateurs who made the effort to provide the ARRL with the facts of their personal set of circumstances. What you shared with us has helped us make a strong argument to present to the Commission," he added.

A copy of **the ARRL's filing** to the FCC may be found on the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System website.

*From the ARRL Website*

## QST Digital Edition Launch Approaching

05/11/2012

We are excited about being able to offer ARRL members access to a brand-new digital edition of *QST*. We expect to launch the digital edition on or about May 23. If you have checked the Notification box on your Member Profile, you will be notified by e-mail as soon as the digital edition becomes available. As a bonus, ARRL members will also have access to the digital archive – the digital editions beginning with the January 2012 issue.

Our thanks to those who have beta tested the digital edition. Your input has been invaluable as we have worked to improve and enhance the digital edition.

For more information, please see the Digital Edition **FAQ**.

*From the ARRL Website*

## ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, Invites Input for 2014 ARRL Centennial

05/11/2012

The ARRL will celebrate its centennial in 2014, and is already making plans to commemorate the highlights of the League's first century -- and looking forward to what the second century may bring. This is *your* League and *your* centennial and ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, is inviting all ARRL members to **provide suggestions** to help make this once-in-a-lifetime event truly special.

"Centennial theme publications and special sections of regular publications are in the works," Craigie noted, "as is an operating event that all members can participate in. We will have centennial merchandise in the ARRL store and artwork you can use to design items for yourself and your club. We'll be drawing on the ARRL's historical collection and the memories of living amateurs."

Local radio clubs are encouraged to develop public relations events in 2014 that are both meaningful to amateurs in your area and that are also tied in to the observance of the ARRL's 100th birthday. "These events could celebrate the anniversary of your club's founding, mark an Amateur Radio-related event in local history or honor outstanding amateurs who have made a contribution to your community through the years," Craigie said. "You could organize and publicize an event for local youth who are amateurs or studying to become amateurs, shining a spotlight on the future of Amateur Radio as we follow in the footsteps of the forward-thinking pioneers of our first century. In all your club public relations and outreach plans, the ARRL encourages you to highlight the technologies and applications that make Amateur Radio just as exciting for Americans today as it was for people 100 years ago."

The ARRL Centennial Celebration Committee wants to hear your ideas and suggestions about how the centennial should be celebrated -- both at the national level and through local radio clubs. What should the League do? What can local clubs do to capitalize on the public relations opportunities of the national organization's centennial?

"Every idea you suggest will be considered, even though it likely won't be possible to implement them all," Craigie explained. "Publications, operating events, public relations opportunities, displays, themes, merchandise, highlights of the past, the excitement of the future -- you're invited to be part of designing the centennial of our League!"

## ARRL EXPO Offers Activities for the DIYer

05/10/2012

When the **ARRL EXPO** comes to the **Dayton Hamvention®** May 18-20, it will bring activities for almost every Amateur Radio activity under the Sun. From radiosport to card checking to scouting to the Youth Lounge, every radio amateur will definitely find something to suit his or her interests. This year -- in addition to our popular kit building station -- watch how "makers" and "hackers" are using Amateur Radio in "Do It Yourself" projects on the DIY Stage in the ARRL EXPO, and hear from hams who are doing-it-themselves. Today's Amateur Radio innovators will demonstrate a variety of creative projects and cool technology right before your eyes!

### The DIY Stage

During the three days of the Dayton Hamvention, hams will share their expertise on the DIY Stage. Topics include:

- Setup and configuration of a router for HSMM-MESH
- Launching balloons into space
- Assembling coax connectors
- Using microcontrollers in ham radio projects
- Doing moonbounce (EME) with a minimal station
- Microcontrollers for station automation
- Wireless antennas
- Designing and building projects with software
- Keyboard-to-keyboard chatting
- Designing a software defined transceiver
- How to get involved as a Technical Mentor or Ground Station Operator with the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) project

### Kit Building at the ARRL EXPO

The popular kit building booth returns for a fourth consecutive year to the ARRL EXPO. Join ARRL Laboratory Test Engineer Bob Allison, WB1GCM, ARRL Laboratory Engineer Mike Gruber, W1MG, and dedicated volunteers, as they guide kit builders as they learn how to solder, use hand tools and follow instructions.

This year, there will be a choice of four kits for sale. Back by popular demand, the ARRL is bringing back three kits that have been offered in the past: the 24 hour digital clock kit, the Morse code practice oscillator and key kit, and the Ten-Tec model 1054 four band shortwave regen receiver kit. A new kit -- the SC1-6 Sound Card Interface kit, made by Unified Microsystems -- is new this year at Dayton.

"We're pleased to offer the interface kit to the kit builders at our booth," Allison said. "This kit is perfect for those wishing to try digital communications such as PSK-31." There is a cost for each kit. The clock is \$25, the oscillator and key kit is \$25, the Ten-Tec kit is \$45 and the sound card interface kit is \$30.

"If you've never built a kit before -- or if you haven't touched a soldering iron in a long time -- stop by the ARRL Kit Building Booth," Allison said. "Children 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling."

*From the ARRL Website*

## June 2012 Contest Calendar

### From the WA7BNM Contest Calendar

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 1
HA3NS Sprint Memorial Contest	1730Z-1800Z, Jun 1 (80m) and 1800Z-1830Z, Jun 1 (40m)
10-10 Int. Open Season <b>PSK</b> Contest	0000Z, Jun 2 to 2400Z, Jun 3
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0800Z, Jun 2
SEANET Contest	1200Z, Jun 2 to 1200Z, Jun 3
<b>Maritime QSO Party</b>	1200Z, Jun 2 to 0300Z, Jun 3
<b>Alabama QSO Party</b>	1600Z, Jun 2 to 0400Z, Jun 3
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 4
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Jun 5
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 8
Portugal Day Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Jun 9
VK Shires Contest	0600Z, Jun 9 to 0600Z, Jun 10
Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB	1100Z-1300Z, Jun 9
GACW WWSA CW DX Contest	1500Z, Jun 9 to 1500Z, Jun 10
REF DDFM 6m Contest	1600Z, Jun 9 to 1600Z, Jun 10
<b>ARRL June VHF QSO Party</b>	1800Z, Jun 9 to 0300Z, Jun 11
NAQCC <b>Straight Key</b> /Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jun 13
CWops Mini- <b>CWT</b> Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 13 and 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 13 and 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 14
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Jun 13
RSGB 80m Club Championship, <b>CW</b>	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 13
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 15
All Asian DX Contest, <b>CW</b>	0000Z, Jun 16 to 2400Z, Jun 17
SARL Youth Day Sprint	0700Z-1100Z, Jun 16
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1400Z-1659Z, Jun 16 (144) and 1700Z-1759Z, Jun 16 (432)
<b>West Virginia QSO Party</b>	1600Z, Jun 16 to 0200Z, Jun 17
Kid's Day Contest	1800Z-2359Z, Jun 16
<b>Feld Hell</b> Sprint	2000Z-2200Z, Jun 16
WAB 50 MHz Phone	0900Z-1500Z, Jun 17
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Jun 18
NAQCC <b>Straight Key</b> /Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jun 21
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 21
Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest	1200Z, Jun 23 to 1200Z, Jun 24
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	1200Z, Jun 23 to 1200Z, Jun 24
Marconi Memorial HF Contest	1400Z, Jun 23 to 1400Z, Jun 24
<b>ARRL Field Day</b>	<b>1800Z, Jun 23 to 2100Z, Jun 24</b>
CWops Mini- <b>CWT</b> Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 27 and 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 27 and 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 28

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## **CKARC June Birthdays**

<b>KAØIFW</b>	<b>Mitch</b>	<b>Johannes</b>	<b>6/5</b>
<b>KSIP</b>	<b>Paul</b>	<b>Collins</b>	<b>6/10</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>
<b>NØMOK</b>	<b>Tom</b>	<b>Blackshire</b>	<b>6/27</b>