

# May 2016 QSP

*Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club*



## Special points of interest:

- May Testing Session
- April Minutes

Change IS Constant!

## May Test Session

The May Test Session, went Very well. We had Four Candidates, All of whom Passed something. James Hawkins, KEØJEM, of Belleville, KS. Passed his Technician, Tim Garman, WØFYX, of Courtland, Ks. passed his Extra, Milt Eitel, NØBKD, of Assaria, Ks. passed his Extra. Leroy Nithman, KDØMAB, of Jamestown, Ks. Passed his Extra.

VE's in attendance were: Sid, NØOBM, Leon, WAØJFC, Alvin, WØME, and Paul, KS1P, The FCC since going "paperless" has slowed down somewhat, and now takes almost 2 weeks to process applications. We hope they get back to the former 1 week turnaround soon.

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## Reminders

Siren Test scheduled for **June 6th**, provided the Weather cooperates! If not, then we will try again on the 13th.

June Test Session is on **June the 8th** at 7:00 PM at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom.

The June CKARC meet-

ing is scheduled for the **24th** of June at **7:30 PM** at KWU's Peters Science Hall. ("Regular" time)

## CKARC April 2016 Minutes

The Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club met in Peters Science Hall (Room 211) on Friday April 29th at 7:30 PM.

President Dennis Kelly, KAØLTQ, called the meeting to order. Last month's minutes were approved as printed in QSP.

### Reports:

Treasurer: Pat - Checking Account Balance is \$421.00 (No change from previous month)

Secretary: David - Minutes approved as printed in QSP, No other reports.

Testing: Sid - Nine candidates tested, All passed "something" a couple of "Guest VE's"

Announcements: Next Month's meeting is the Annual Silent Key Pot-Luck Dinner meeting.

Meeting starts at 6:30 PM because of the meal.

New Business: Discover Salina event in Lakewood Park, May 1. Setup at 8:30 AM, event ends at 4:30 PM. Frequency for the event will be 147.030+ CKARC 2 Meter Repeater.

Field Day: Dennis to contact Salina Parks and Rec. to see if Indian Rock Park Shelter is available for Field Day use this year. Looking for help for Field Day this Year.

### Old Business:

None was presented.

## Siren Test Nets



These are "routinely" held on the First Monday of every Month—Except September - provided that the Weather is in a cooperative mood. If there are too many clouds in the sky, or if it happens to be too Cold (Winter in Kansas can be Very cold) Less than +32 Degrees, the Test will usually be postponed until the following week.

In the event that the Weather still is not in a cooperative mood on the 2nd Monday, the test will be Cancelled for the Month.

Those folks that do check in, we would like the following information: Your Call Sign (obviously), your current loca-

tion (street intersections are good enough) and if you heard a Siren (or more than one). This helps cut down on the number of folks that the Emergency Management Office has to call to see if the Sirens went off or not.

Our help on this event **IS** Greatly appreciated!

## Hollywood Producer, ARRL Patron Dave Bell, W6AQ, SK

05/16/2016

Award-winning Hollywood producer and ARRL benefactor Dave Bell, W6AQ, of Encinitas, California, died on May 13. He was 84 and had been a radio amateur for 65 years. Bell had been suffering from cancer and was in hospice care. An ARRL Life Member and a former chair of the ARRL Public Relations Committee, Bell directed ***Amateur Radio Today*** and produced several other ham radio-related promotional videos and films, starting with *The Ham's Wide World*, a TV documentary filmed in black and white.

"If I have a claim to fame in Amateur Radio, it's probably that I produced the first television documentary about ham radio that got worldwide distribution, and then I made several others before I 'retired' from the ham radio film/video hobby-within-a-hobby and got busy making a living producing TV movies, specials, and documentaries for all of the networks including HBO and Showtime, and made a couple of theatrical feature films — *Nadia* and *The Long Walk Home*," Bell recounted on his QRZ.com profile. He started TV's *Unsolved Mysteries*, and he received an Emmy Award in 1985 for Outstanding Drama/Comedy Special, *Do You Remember Love*. Bell chronicled his filmmaking and his Amateur Radio and professional lives in a memoir, ***World's Best Hobby***.

Last year, Bell and his wife Sam, W6QLT (she's a quilter), donated a signed Andy Warhol print to the ARRL. The artwork — "Myths: Superman 1981" — sold at auction last fall for \$150,000. The proceeds are being used to create "The Dave Bell, W6AQ, Endowment Fund" to benefit the League.

Bell also produced *The World of Amateur Radio*, *This is Ham Radio*, and *Moving Up to Amateur Radio*. He directed the *Amateur Radio Today* video in 2002. The short presentation about emergency preparedness was narrated by former CBS Evening News anchor Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD (SK), written by Alan Kaul, W6RCL, and produced by Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF (SK) and Bill Baker, W1BKR. Bell and Pasternak also created *The DIY Magic of Amateur Radio* in 2011, and he co-produced *The ARRL Goes to Washington*, also voiced by Cronkite. Working on his own, Bell filmed videos for the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) events in 2000 in Slovenia (*The Ham Radio Olympics*) and in 2002 in Finland.

A DXer, casual contester, and a past president of the Southern California DX Club, Bell was a frequent speaker at Amateur Radio gatherings. He was named the 1984 Ham of the Year at Dayton **Hamvention**®, and, in 2003, the ARRL presented Bell with its first Lifetime Achievement Award for his work on films and videos about Amateur Radio. In 2011 he was named to the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame.

Heil Sound Ltd's Bob Heil, K9EID, called Bell "one of the great ones." Heil said Bell's "great smile and laughter" and his "generosity to the hobby" would be missed, "but most of all, we will miss his spirit." — *Thanks to **The Daily DX** for some information*

## ARRL to Offer “Memorandums of Understanding” Webinar

05/13/2016

ARRL will offer a training session for ARES Emergency Coordinators, District Emergency Coordinators, and Section Emergency Coordinators on the subject of local, section, and state-level memorandums of understanding (MoUs) for ARES.

The webinar will take place on Tuesday, May 24, at 2400 UTC. Register for the webinar **here**. The webinar will be recorded and made available online afterward. All ECs, DECs and SECs are encouraged to participate. — *Thanks to Mike Corey, KI1U, ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager*

## New Date for ARRL Understanding Local MOUs Webinar

05/18/2016

The date has changed for an ARRL Headquarters webinar training session on local, section, and state level Memorandums of Understanding for ARES. The training webinar, aimed at for ARES Emergency Coordinators, District Emergency Coordinators and Section Emergency Coordinators, now will take place on Wednesday, May 25, at 2400 UTC.

Register for the webinar **here**. The webinar will be recorded and made available online afterward.

All ECs, DECs and SECs are encouraged to participate. — *Thanks to Mike Corey, KI1U, ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager*

## DX Engineering Announces New Acquisitions

05/18/2016

**DX Engineering** has announced two new acquisitions. It has acquired exclusive rights to Clifton Laboratories' ham radio product line, and it has purchased TW Antennas. Clifton Laboratories manufactured preamplifiers and filters, which DX Engineering will now produce. DX Engineering said that part numbers and design specifications will remain the same. The company will manufacture more than a dozen Amateur Radio products and will offer parts and tech support for owners of Clifton Laboratories legacy products.

TW Antennas is the maker of the TransWorld Antenna and its related components. The TransWorld Antenna is popular with hams who enjoy portable operation, because it's small and easily transported.

DX Engineering said it's tooling up to begin production of Clifton Laboratories' products and of the TransWorld Antenna and accessories by mid-summer.

## Arrrr, Mateys! Pirates Abound:

05/20/2016

*Ahoy!* Ever-persistent Hassan the Pirate from Baghdad, Iraq, continues to plague the Amateur Radio bands. According to **The Daily DX**, this individual has been pirating and bootlegging multiple call signs for several years. He's been heard bootlegging YI1HR, YI1H, YI1HRP, and YI1HI, and pirating the call signs YI1BGD, YI1IRQ, YI1DZ, and, most recently TA7/YI1RZ.

Telecommunication enforcement in Iraq appears to be lax to non-existent, so it's unlikely the government there will do anything about the situation. Hassan operates on 20 meters SSB, usually around 14.178 to 14.188 MHz. The best policy here: Do not engage, do not spot.

Elsewhere, pirate 1A0KM Sovereign Military Order of Malta operations continue and have been spotted. All bona fide 1A0KM activities are publicized in advance on the 1A0KM QRZ.com page. — *Thanks to The Daily DX.*

## Radio Club of America Debuts Updated Website

05/20/2016

The Radio Club of America Inc (**RCA**) has debuted a revamped website. It includes resources unique to RCA and its rich history, while maintaining a focus on items of current and future use. The new website includes an archive of Technical Symposium slides and videos of the 2015 presentations, an updated publications archive, offering instant access to RCA's technical journal *The Proceedings* and quarterly newsletter, *The Aerogram* (login required), an expanded events calendar, and an updated membership list (login required, available to members). A historical archive provides a glimpse of the birth of wireless from the RCA's perspective. Online membership and renewal applications are available.

RCA 2016 President (and ARRL Western Pennsylvania Section Manager) Tim Duffy, K3LR, said he's committed to helping the RCA remain relevant.

"We are working to find new, fresh ways to help members connect with each other and the larger wireless community, and the website is just one piece of the solution that we just unveiled," he said. Founded in 1909, the Radio Club of America is the oldest group of wireless communications professionals in the world, with members in many countries.



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## **Changes!**

Please bear with us as we work out some "New" Bugs!

We are also (as usual) running into "Time" issues—there never seems to be enough of it in a month!

*Sid NØOBM*

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