



# QSP



November 2010

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## November VE Report

The October Meeting is  
Friday, November 26,  
2010  
@ 7:30 PM, at KWU  
Peters Science Hall  
Room 211

Host: Bob, KCØVRC

### For the November 10th Session:

For the first time in several months, we had No Candidates for this month's session. We did, however, have several VE's present!

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

Next Exam session is:

Wednesday December 8th, 2010, at 7:00 PM, at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom.

Sid NØOBM VE Team Leader

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## CKARC Election Results

The new Officers of the CKARC for 2011 are as follows:

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| President:        | Mark Boyle, KBØMQX      |
| Vice Pres:        | Leon Gray, WAØJFC       |
| Secretary:        | Alvin Wiechman, WØME    |
| Treasurer:        | Mitch Johannes, KAØIFW  |
| Activities:       | Michelle Vought, KDØKYD |
| Trustee:          | Eric Boyle, NØYET       |
| Hamfest Chairman: | Ron Trembly, WAØPSF     |

## Minutes of the September Meeting

October meeting of the CKARC was held on 10/29/2010 at Peter Science Hall at 7:30. We started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a round of introductions with 26 members and guests present.

The secretary asked that the minutes be approved as printed in QSP, moved and seconded.

Treasurer's report by KAØIFW, Mitch \$1160.68 savings and \$1043.38 checking, moved and seconded as read.

EC report by NØOBM, Sid

The Emcomm Trailer was out for Boy Scouts 100 Anniversary Camporee, and we will be taking it out on Saturday to Kmart for a Public Display. Please come out and help set it up and show.

The ARES meeting will be at the airport this month to get trailer ready for the "Parade of Lights" on Nov. 20th.

Nov. 10 Wed. evening VE testing and Board meeting

Repeater report we have new antenna and will be up soon, old 440 repeater back to Great Bend to the owner.

Election was held for the coming year with the following results:

President: Mark, KBØMQX, Vice President: Leon, WAØJFC, Sec. Alvin WØME, Treasurer: Mitch, KAØIFW. All but the President's position were un-opposed. There were three candidates for the President's position: Mark, Robert, and Tanner, with Mark winning the Election.

Christmas Party WHEN AND WHERE To be announced.

No old business

New business Robert, WBØWTM was wondering if any one was interested in starting a DX club, no action.

Thanks to Mitch, KAØIFW as our host

Ed Fischer, KCØPHH had a short story of his and 171 other Veteran's "Honor Flight" to Washington, DC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Alvin WØME Sec.

## Reminders

**City of Salina Siren Test Net, December 6th** at 4:30 PM on the NØKSC Repeater (147.270+) **if the Weather cooperates!**

ARES Net **December 7th at 8:00 PM** on the NØKSC Repeater (147.270+)

**ARRL-VEC Test Session** on Wednesday **December 8th at 7:00 PM.**

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

**ARES Meeting is December 16th at 8:00 PM in Emergency Management.**

**CKARC Christmas Dinner: Time, Date, and Location To Be Announced on the CKARC Repeater.**

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

## SKYWARN Recognition Day Set for December 4

11/18/2010

The 12th Annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) Special Event will take place Saturday, December 4, 2010. SRD is co-sponsored by the ARRL and the National Weather Service (NWS) as a way to recognize the commitment made by Amateur Radio operators in helping to keep their communities safe. According to SRD Coordinator David Floyd, N5DBZ, Amateur Radio operators can visit their local participating NWS office, working as a team to contact other hams across the world throughout the 24 hour event.

The idea for the first SRD took shape in the summer of 1999. Meteorologist-in-Charge of the Goodland, Kansas NWS office Scott Mentzer, NØQE, tried to find a way to recognize the valuable contributions storm spotters make to the National Weather Service. "Since many of those storm spotters were also hams," Floyd told the ARRL, "it seemed like a natural fit for the recognition to be centered on Amateur Radio."

With the approval of NWS headquarters and a commitment to participate from many local NWS offices across the country, the first National Weather Service Special Event took place on November 27, 1999. "At the end of the event, almost 16,000 QSOs were logged, with contacts made to all 50 states and 63 countries," Floyd recounted. "The Des Moines forecast office took the honor of making the most contacts of any office that first year with 761 QSOs, and went on to lead the pack until 2003 by logging between 1300-1500 contacts each year."

Floyd said that feedback from that first event was “overwhelmingly positive” from both the NWS staff and the local ham clubs: “Many local club members who came to that first event had never visited an NWS office before. When they came for the special event, they learned the value of their reports and how they were used in conjunction with existing technology.” And so began an annual tradition. The following year, 85 of the 122 NWS offices -- almost 70 percent -- participated in the event, making nearly 24,000 QSOs.

In 2001, the name of the event was changed to SKYWARN Recognition Day, a name Floyd said better relayed what the day was all about: “Each year since the inception of SRD, the number of NWS offices participating with local ham clubs has increased; more than 100 offices sign up each year to take part. The most contacts made during any SRD occurred in 2006 when -- thanks to and local hams in the Grand Junction, Colorado area -- 1640 QSOs were logged!”

Station call signs have also changed over the years. Floyd said that some NWS offices and clubs apply for a special event call sign, “such as W3B in Brownsville or NØY in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Other call signs hint at office location, including WX9GRB in Green Bay and WX4NHC at the National Hurricane Center. Still others represent more of the big picture, as in KCØSKY in Pleasant Hill, Missouri.”

Floyd said that as SKYWARN Recognition Day has grown throughout the years, he has seen a greater use of digital communications in addition to CW, RTTY and packet radio: “Each year, more and more contacts are being made using EchoLink, *Winlink* and the use of e-mail reflectors.” In keeping with the NWS setting, stations are asked to include a weather report of their location in their exchange.

In 2009, the Melbourne, Florida office (WX4MLB) reported the most QSOs -- 1373 QSOs -- than any other NWS office; the Des Moines, Iowa office (KØDMX), with 912 QSOs, placed second. Melbourne also contacted 77 NWS offices, the most reported. Lincoln, Illinois (WX9ILX) was close behind, with 72 QSOs to other NWS offices.

2010 SKYWARN Recognition Day will be held on December 4 from 0000 UTC-2400 UTC. Last year, contacts were made in all 50 states and more than 40 countries during the 24 hour event. Even if you make just one QSO to an NWS office, you are eligible to receive a certificate. Just submit a list of the station(s) you worked (along with a self-addressed stamped envelope) to SKYWARN Recognition Day, 920 Armory Rd, Goodland, KS 67735. Many NWS offices also send out special QSL cards for this event. If you haven't yet joined in the fun of SKYWARN Recognition Day, make 2010 your year to do so!

*From the ARRL Web site*

## December 2010 Contest Calendar

From the WA7BNM Contest Calendar

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

QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 1
ARCI Topband Sprint	0000Z-0600Z, Dec 2
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 3
ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Dec 3 to 1600Z, Dec 5
TARA <b>RTTY</b> Melee	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 4
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0629Z, Dec 4 and 0630Z-0659Z, Dec 4 and 0700Z-0729Z, Dec 4 and 0730Z-0800Z, Dec 4
TOPS Activity Contest	1600Z, Dec 4 to 1559Z, Dec 5
AWA Bruce Kelley Memorial <b>CW</b> Contest	2300Z, Dec 4 to 2300Z, Dec 5 and 2300Z, Dec 11 to 2300Z, Dec 12
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 7
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 8
<b>CW</b> ops Mini- <b>CWT</b> Test	1100Z-1200Z, Dec 8 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 8 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 9
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 10
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 10
MDXA <b>PSK</b> Death Match	0000Z, Dec 11 to 2400Z, Dec 12
<b>Feld Hell</b> Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 11
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 11 to 2400Z, Dec 12
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 12
CQC Great Colorado Snowshoe Run	2100Z-2259Z, Dec 12
<b>NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint</b>	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 15
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 15
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 17
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 17
AGB-Party Contest	2100Z-2400Z, Dec 17
RAC Winter Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 18
OK DX <b>RTTY</b> Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 18
Croatian <b>CW</b> Contest	1400Z, Dec 18 to 1400Z, Dec 19
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 18 to 1500Z, Dec 19
ARRL Rookie Roundup, <b>CW</b>	1800Z-2359Z, Dec 19
ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2400Z, Dec 19
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 20
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Dec 22
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 22
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 24
DARC Christmas Contest	0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 29
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 31

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE  
DECEMBER QSP IS DEC. 23, 2010**

## **CKARC December Birthdays**

<b>NØKSC</b>	<b>Dirk</b>	<b>Speed</b>	<b>12/3</b>
<b>NØYET</b>	<b>Eric</b>	<b>Boyle</b>	<b>12/7</b>
<b>KBØMQX</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Boyle</b>	<b>12/7</b>
<b>F/Member</b>	<b>Kelley</b>	<b>Bieberle</b>	<b>12/10</b>
<b>KCØVSF</b>	<b>Timothy</b>	<b>Pauls</b>	<b>12/21</b>
<b>KØDIX</b>	<b>Fred</b>	<b>Gamer</b>	<b>12/29</b>