



QSP



November 2012

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The November Meeting
is
Friday November 16th
at KWU's Peters Science Hall Room 211

November VE Report

7:30 PM

The November VE Test Session will be reported on at the meeting, since this issue of QSP goes to "press" before the Exam session.

Election of Officers

For the **October 10th** session, we had 2 Candidates. Jeremy Wiebke, KDØTKA, of Lincoln, is a New Technician, and Richard Schultz, KDØTDE, of Lincoln upgraded to General. (Richard got his Tech license with us Last Month!) Both also attempted the next higher class exams, but were short of passing.

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VE's in attendance were: Sid, NØOBM, Ron, WAØPSF, Paul, KS1P, , Don, KAØEIC, Alvin, WØME, and Leon, WAØJFC.

The next scheduled sessions are **Wednesday November 14th**, and **Wednesday December 12th** both at 7:00 PM, at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom.

Sid NØOBM VE Team Leader

The November session looks like we are going to have a "Special Needs" applicant, so please plan to attend if you are a VE!

Minutes of the October Meeting

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

Mitch, KAØIFW, gave the treasurers report, checking \$1160.80 and savings \$853.75, total \$2014.55

Alvin, WØME, received a thank you note from Lola Belle Stephens for the donation for memorial to D.A.V. in honor of Charlie L. Stephens, KBØRNC, and as Alvin was asking if the club could cover the donation, a donation came from Shawn, N5ZRU, a guest at this evening's meeting. Thank you Shawn.

VE report Sid, NØOBM, One new Tech and one upgraded to General.

Nov. 5th Siren test, (Weather permitting)

Nov. 14th is the next VE testing and board meeting,

Nov. 15th is the ARES meeting and the CKARC November club meeting is on Friday the 16th.

Christmas meeting and Dinner **Saturday Dec. 15 at 6:00pm**, at Paul Collins's, KS1P, house—South of Salina.

Election: No one was wanting to accept an office so the election was postponed till the November meeting.

Robert, WBØWTM, will be working with Access TV And may want some help with a program

Alvin WØME, sec.

As a side note, Sid, NØOBM, will not be available this year for Field Day 2013. The Dance Studio's Disney trip will not get him back in town in time for Field Day. Also, his term of Office for EC and DEC ends December 31, 2012.

Reminders

City of Salina Siren Test Net, December 3rd at 4:30 PM **if the Weather cooperates!**

ARRL-VEC Test Session on Wednesday **December 12th** at **7:00 PM**.

Board meeting follows the exam session on **December 12th** at 8:00 PM (or after Testing—*which ever is later*) in the Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Classroom.

ARES Meeting is **December 20th** at **8:00 PM** in **Emergency Management**.

CKARC Meeting is **December 15th** at 6:00 PM at KS1P's home, South of Salina (Note the Date Change and Location!!)

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

USPS Seeks to Phase Out IRCs

11/06/2012

If the US Postal Service (**USPS**) gets its way, it will no longer sell International Reply Coupons (IRC) after January 27, 2013. According to the **October 23 edition of the Federal Register**, there is not sufficient demand for the USPS to continue offering IRCs to customers; however, per the Universal Postal Union (**UPU**) **regulations**, the USPS must continue to exchange (redeem) IRCs that have been purchased in foreign countries and presented at USPS facilities. The current Nairobi model is valid through December 31, 2013. Comments on this proposed change **will be accepted** through November 23, 2012.

IRC) provide foreign addressees with a prepaid means of responding to inquiries, solicitations or other types of communications -- such as QSL cards -- that are initiated by US senders. IRCs are exchangeable for postage stamps by postal administrations in member countries of the UPU. Each IRC is equivalent in value to the destination country's minimum postage price for an unregistered airmail letter. The purchase price in the US is currently \$2.20 per IRC. -- *Thanks to The Daily DX for some information.*

From the ARRL Web Site

Membership Renewal Form



CKARC, Inc.
P. O. Box 2493
Salina, Kansas 67402-2493

Name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

ARRL Member No.: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Birthday: ____/____ (Month & Day ONLY)

Spouse Name: _____ Call: _____

ARRL Member No.: _____ Birthday: ____/____

May we publish your Phone & Email in the CKARC Rosters? Y N

Roster will **NOT** be published on the Web site (Please circle Y for Yes or N for No)

QSP is the CKARC Newsletter, do you wish to receive the QSP via Email or Postal Delivery? Email Postal (Check one or the other)

While ARRL Membership is not a Requirement for membership in the CKARC, Inc. **it is highly recommended.** In order to retain "Special Service Club" status, we must remain a minimum of 51% ARRL Membership.

CKARC Dues : \$15.00/Year Family Member: \$5.00

ARRL Dues : \$39.00/Year

* For additional years, or Family Membership Information, please contact the Treasurer.

December 2012 Contest Calendar

From the WA7BNM Contest Calendar

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

TARA RTTY Melee	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 1
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Dec 1 to 2359Z, Dec 2
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0629Z, Dec 1 and 0630Z-0659Z, Dec 1 and 0700Z-0729Z, Dec 1 and 0730Z-0800Z, Dec 1
TOPS Activity Contest	1600Z, Dec 1 to 1559Z, Dec 2
SARL Digital Contest	1300Z-1600Z, Dec 2
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 4
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 5
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 7
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 7
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 8 to 2359Z, Dec 9
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 9
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 12
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 12
CWops Mini- CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 12 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 12 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 13
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Dec 12
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 14
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 14
Feld Hell Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 15
OK DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 15
Croatian CW Contest	1400Z, Dec 15 to 1400Z, Dec 16
ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	1800Z-2359Z, Dec 16
QRP ARCI Holiday	
Spirits Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2359Z, Dec 16
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 17
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 19
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 21
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 21
AGB-Party Contest	2100Z-2400Z, Dec 21
RAEM Contest	0000Z-1159Z, Dec 23
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Dec 26
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 26
DARC Christmas Contest	0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 27
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 28
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 28
RAC Winter Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 29
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 29 to 1500Z, Dec 30

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CKARC December Birthdays

NØKSC	Dirk	Speed	12/3
NØYET	Eric	Boyle	12/7
KBØMQX	Mark	Boyle	12/7
F/Member	Kelley	Bieberle	12/10
KØDIX	Fred	Gamer	12/29