



QSP



November 2013

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The November Meeting
is
Friday November 22nd
at KWU's Peters Sci-
ence Hall Room 211

7:30 PM

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November VE Report

For the **November 13th** session, we had 2 Candidates. Aaron Rupp, KDØYFX, of Hays went from Zero to Almost Extra! He missed 5 to many to gain his Extra, so he is now a new General! Warren Goth, KDØYFY, of Beloit passed his Technician—and tried for the General Class.

VE's in attendance were: Sid, NØOBM, Paul, KS1P, Alvin, WØME, Don, KAØEIC, and Eric, NØYET.

The next scheduled session is **Wednesday December 11th, at 7:00 PM**, at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom. CKARC Board meeting to follow.

Sid NØOBM VE Team Leader

Minutes of the Meetings

10/25/2013

Alvin, WØME, opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance. 17 members and guests present. There were no minutes from the September meeting as there was no business meeting that month. Eric, NØYET, Secretary / treasurer gave the following report:

Club liability insurance has been paid.

Deposit for 2014 Hamfest venue at Webster Conference Center paid.

Checking balance – \$1861.67

Savings balance – \$1295.87

Sid, NØOBM, gave VE report. Hannah has almost 30 applicants for the assistant position in Emergency Management. (Final number of applicants was 56)

Jon, KCØJNK, reports there is a new tower on the roof of Peters Science Hall. No word yet on when everything will be completed and operational.

The November club meeting is one week early on the 22nd due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Alvin brought up elections. He volunteered to continue as President. Eric volunteered to continue as Secretary / Treasurer. The subject was brought up about possibly eliminating some positions, rewriting the By-Laws and restructuring meeting dates. Mainly due to lack of anyone offering to take office. It is getting extremely difficult to get anyone to volunteer for anything in the club.

This brought up the next point. We should ask other clubs around the state to help with the Hamfest for the same reasons. It is increasingly Difficult to get volunteers. It was mentioned that we may not want to offer a Hamfest this coming year.

The next Board meeting will be on Nov. 13th. The Board will discuss ideas and come to the November meeting with proposals for discussion.

Several comments were made about how to keep clubs alive, and how to get youth interested. Testing sessions, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Reminders

City of Salina Siren Test Net, **December 2nd** at 4:30 PM if the Weather cooperates! Otherwise November 11th.

ARRL-VEC Test Session on Wednesday **December 11th** at 7:00 PM.

Board meeting follows the exam session on **December 11th** after Testing in the Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Classroom.

CKARC December Meeting date/location has not yet been set at "press" time.

2013 ARRL Field Day Results Posted!

11/14/2013

The **results** of the 2013 ARRL Field Day have been posted. Less-than-ideal conditions this past June likely accounted for a slight drop in participation from 2012. Nonetheless, there were more than 2500 entries, and more than 35,500 people participated.

The team at W3AO (**Potomac Valley Radio Club/Columbia Amateur Radio Association**) claimed top honors this year, running class 29A(!) to compile a score of 33,724 points. But small club efforts remain the most popular entries. Class 2A Field Day operations accounted for the greatest number of entries — 440 — by class. By the way, all that activity resulted in more than 1.2 million contacts! Using the **results database**, you can find your club or group's score and compare with others. Time to get ready for the next Field Day. It will take place June 28-29, 2014.

It's a Wrap for K9W on Wake; XRØZR on Juan Fernandez Still Going Strong

11/15/2013

The Daily DX reports that the K9W DXpedition to Wake Atoll is over. A final log upload to [ClubLog](#) is pending. The K9W team logged more than 100,000 contacts with stations in 186 DXCC entities. Meanwhile the XRØZR team on Juan Fernandez reports that it has surpassed 35,000 contacts, and it's beefing up efforts to put even more contacts into the log. The DXpedition has 6 more days to go.

"With the SFI as high as it is, 10 meters was open all night to JA," reported Art Blank, WA7NB, of the XRØZR team. "Also, you can only imagine the intense pileups we are receiving from Europe and Siberia. It is very difficult to pick out calls, because so many are calling, and, because of this, the Q rate is slower than I like to see."

WA7NB said that because bands are staying open all night, the team has adjusted its schedule to staff stations overnight. He said the team has logged some European contacts on 160, and 6 meters has been opening around 2200 UTC to Western Europe and the Southern US. "RTTY is running constantly now. We still need to focus on 40 CW."

He said the team is monitoring the spotting cluster and is taking suggestions under consideration. "I try very hard to accommodate all requests I see on the cluster, so keep the comments coming," he said. — Thanks to The Daily DX

Former Ham-Astronaut Gets Back into Ham Radio

11/18/2013

Former NASA Astronaut Susan J. Helms, ex-KC7NHZ, has renewed her interest in ham radio and now is KK6HNZ. Helms, a lieutenant-general in the US Air Force, now is the senior officer at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. Due to pressing Air Force duties, she allowed her license to expire in 2005, but when the [Satellite Amateur Radio Club](#) (W6AB) hosted a 2013 Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air ([JOTA](#)) activity for several local Scout troops, Helms's interest returned, and she took and passed the Technician examination during a test session at the event. Word is that she's applied to get her old call sign back.

In 2001 during her duty tour aboard the International Space Station, Helms thrilled ARRL Field Day participants by getting on the air from NA1SS in the first Field Day operation from space. She worked several dozen stations as the ISS passed over the US. —

Thanks to Eric Lemmon, WB6FLY

From the ARRL Website

December 2013 Contest Calendar

From the WA7BNM Contest Calendar

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

SARL Digital Contest	1300Z-1600Z, Dec 1
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 3
NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1800Z-1900Z, Dec 5 (CW) and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 5 (SSB) and 2000Z-2100Z, Dec 5 (FM) and 2100Z-2200Z, Dec 5 (Dig)
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 6
ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Dec 6 to 1600Z, Dec 8
TARA RTTY Melee	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 7
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0629Z, Dec 7 and 0630Z-0659Z, Dec 7 and 0700Z-0729Z, Dec 7 and 0730Z-0800Z, Dec 7
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Dec 7 to 2400Z, Dec 8
TOPS Activity Contest	1600Z, Dec 7 to 1559Z, Dec 8
EPC Ukraine DX Contest	2000Z, Dec 7 to 1959Z, Dec 8
AWA Bruce Kelley Memorial CW Contest	2300Z, Dec 7 to 2300Z, Dec 8 and 2300Z, Dec 14 to 2300Z, Dec 15
Ten-Meter RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 8
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 11
CW ops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 11 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 11 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 12
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 13
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 14 to 2400Z, Dec 15
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 16
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Dec 16
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 18
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 20
AGB-Party Contest	2100Z-2400Z, Dec 20
Feld Hell Sprint	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 21
OK DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 21
Croatian CW Contest	1400Z, Dec 21 to 1400Z, Dec 22
ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	1800Z-2359Z, Dec 22
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Dec 25
DARC Christmas Contest	0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 27
RAC Winter Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 28
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 28 to 1500Z, Dec 29
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Dec 28 to 1500Z, Dec 29
RAEM Contest	0000Z-1159Z, Dec 29

Membership Renewal Form

CKARC, Inc.
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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: ____/____

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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