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October 2008

October VE Report

The **October 31, 2008**
CKARC Meeting will be
at
**Kansas Wesleyan
University's Peter's
Science Hall Room 211
at 7:30 PM**

Election Night!

For the September 27th session, we had No Candidates for Exams.

For the October 8th session, we had 1 Candidate take 2 Exams, and 6 VE's in attendance. 1 Upgraded to General.

The following upgraded to General:

Dustin Williams, KCØUUF of Superior Nebraska, formerly of Clay Center, Ks.

The upgrade was posted on the 14th of October on the FCC ULS Site.

Thanks to all the VE's who helped with the Exam Session. I appreciate the help, and so do those who took exams this month.

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Next Exams are as follows:

Wednesday November 12th, at 7:00 PM, and a "Special Session" for the Venturing Crew on **Wednesday November 19th**, both at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom.

Sid NØOBM VE Team Leader

Minutes of the September Picnic Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Terry, KCØKCO, at 7:13 pm on September 29th with 35 members and guests present at the Oakdale Park Shelter #1. Terry started off with a round of introductions, followed by a call for anyone to help with election committee, **NO ONE OFFERED TO HELP.**

Alvin WØME passed a sheet for attendance around and also asked minutes of August meeting be approved as printed in QSP, moved and seconded, passed.

Treasurer's report by Neal KBØNOV:

\$600.36 in checking

\$4136.37 in savings

Total Balance of \$4736.73 moved, seconded, and passed.

EC Report:

Sid, NØOBM.

There "may" be a Siren test on October 6, the ARES nets are now on the First Tuesday (instead of the First Thursday) October 7th, If the 146.730 Repeater is not on the air, the nets will be on Simplex on 146.730.

The next VE Test session is October 8th. The October ARES meeting is October 16th, and the CKARC Club meeting is on October 31st, which is the CKARC Election Night.

The Venturing Crew's Ham Class is currently in progress, with 2 sessions on October, on the 1st and the 15th. One more class in November on the 5th, and then they will Test on November the 19th.

Dean & Brian have worked out a deal to get the CKARC's Generator Trailer painted at NO Cost to the Club. We will likely have to pay for any lettering, but the paint job is free!

Wichita area Hamfest on October 4

No other business was reported.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Sec/WØME

Reminders

Salina City Siren Test Net, November 6th at 4:30 PM on the NØKSC Repeater or on 146.730 Simplex ARES Net **November 6th at 8:00 PM** on the NØKSC Repeater (or on 146.730 Simplex if it's not running). **Note change of Date. ARES Nets now on the First Tuesday of the Month.**

Technician Ham Class continues in November on the 5th and the 19th at 7:00 PM Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Classroom. (Sessions 5 & Exam Night)

ARRL-VEC Test Sessions on Wednesday **November 12th at 7:00 PM.**

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

ARES Meeting at 8:00 PM November 20th in the EOC.

CKARC Meeting November 28th at 7:30 PM at KWU's Peter's Science Hall.

► **December CKARC Christmas Meeting / Dinner** is **Thursday December 18th at 6:00 PM**, **Western Sizzlin Steak House** on West Crawford Street. **NO ARES Meeting** this month **(December).**

Full Calendar of events on the CKARC Web site <http://www.centralksarc.com>

A Letter to the Membership

Hello to all CKARC members. It is that time of year again when we have the privilege of electing new officers for our club. As we do so I wanted to give each of you a few things to think about. We have had a lot of good officers over the years and they are the ones who have done a lot of hard work to make sure our club has become as great as it is. If you have held an office anytime in the past, a big **thank you** for your efforts. If you have not held an office for CKARC this is the time for you to consider it. This club is made up of many individuals who have great talents and can contribute so much to our hobby. Does this describe you?

Holding an office for CKARC is a great responsibility. It also means that you are a board member, and part of the government of our organization. It can be a time consuming job, but it is always time well spent. You can make a difference for our club, our hobby, and ultimately for anyone who comes in contact with amateur radio.

If you can not, or will not consider holding an office for CKARC then please support those who have agreed to do so. It is crucial that we offer our support and encouragement, not criticism, to those who have volunteered to hold an office. Most of them have very busy lives but have agreed to offer their time to help CKARC continue to be a great club. While they should accept constructive criticism, or suggestions, they should not be criticized or brought down by others who feel they are not doing a good job. After all, they volunteered to hold the office and we should appreciate their willingness and all of the effort they put forth.

So, as we approach election night I challenge you to think about how you can contribute to this organization. The most important thing I want to emphasize is that regardless of who is elected to office we must all give them encouragement and appreciation. Without those volunteers we would not have a club. It would be nice once in a while to just say "Thank you", or just give them a pat on the back. Let the officers know you appreciate what they do.

A Letter to the Membership, Continued.

Finally, as we approach election night for CKARC please think about where you would like this club to be. What would you like to see it do? What can you do to help? Which office are you willing to hold for the upcoming year? However you contribute to the club, please don't forget to support those who have agreed to devote their time and talents to holding an office. They will greatly appreciate your support.

Mark Boyle KBØMQX

Public Information Officer 2003

Vice President 2004, 2005

President 2006, 2007

Activities Director 2008

Spectrum Defense: "More Work to Do"



From the ARRL Web Site:

Defending and enhancing access to the Amateur Radio spectrum is the primary mission of the ARRL. According to ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, the League has not only protected the bands, but has also added several new ones, despite exponential growth in the variety and number of radio frequency devices in the hands of consumers and businesses. "Even our most disappointing defeat -- the loss of the bottom 40 percent of the 220 MHz band some two decades ago -- gave us upgraded status, from shared to exclusive, in the remaining 60 percent of the band," he said.

Sumner said that amateurs will soon have cause to celebrate: March 29, 2009 marks the date that *high-powered international broadcasting stations will be removed from the heart of the 40 meter band.* "We are working with the broadcasters to make sure the change takes place as agreed at the 2003 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC)," Sumner said. "While it's probably too much to expect 100 percent instant compliance, we know that the responsible broadcasters are preparing to move out of the 7100-7200 kHz segment -- doubling the size of the worldwide 40 meter band and making this popular band more useful than it's been in 70 years."

At the WRC in 2007, the Amateur Radio Service earned its first low-frequency (LF) allocation, 135.7-137.8 kHz; however, here in the United States, amateurs will not gain access to this new band automatically when the Final Acts of the conference take effect on January 1, 2009. "We must petition the FCC to implement the allocation, and we know the petition will not be granted without an argument -- because we've been down this road before," Sumner explained. "Twice in the past, the ARRL has sought an LF allocation. Both times our request was opposed by the Utilities Telecom Council (UTC) -- the same organization that has opposed our efforts to protect radio services from Broadband over Power Lines (BPL) interference."

Sumner recounted that the ARRL's fight against BPL interference has been going on for six years. "Last year, in the wake of Federal Communications Commission decisions that did not adequately protect licensed radiocommunication services from interference from BPL systems, the ARRL even went to court to

challenge the FCC and won!" he said. "On April 25, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit confirmed what the ARRL has been saying for years about how the FCC was handling the BPL interference issue: FCC prejudice tainted the rulemaking process."

On July 9, the Court went one step further, ordering the FCC to pay the ARRL more than \$6000 toward the League's costs in pursuing the appeal. "While this is a tiny fraction of our total investment," Sumner said, "the award affirmed that -- contrary to the 'spin' the FCC had been trying to give to the Court's decision -- the ARRL substantially prevailed in its appeal."

Calling the Court's decision "a tremendous victory for radio amateurs and other licensed users of the radio spectrum -- indeed, for anyone who cares about the federal administrative process," Sumner said that the remand does not guarantee that the FCC will correct its errors. "We face another round of technical arguments," he said. "No doubt the FCC's technical staff, many of whom want to do the right thing, will remain under heavy pressure to ignore the laws of physics and give preference to wishful thinking once again. When the FCC reopens the BPL proceeding as the Court has ordered, we must leave no room for these technical issues to be settled on anything other than technical grounds. There's more work to do. It is only through the support of thousands of ARRL members and friends that we have managed to come this far. But it took great effort, including our frontal assault on the flawed FCC proceedings, to get their attention. Together we can celebrate all that we have accomplished on the BPL front over the past six years!"

"BPL is not the only challenge facing the League", Sumner said, pointing out that preparations for the upcoming WRC in 2011 are already underway. The key WRC-11 issues for Amateur Radio are:

- A possible allocation near 500 kHz. This would provide amateur's first access to the lower part of the medium frequency (MF) band. Sumner said a "600 meter" band offers exciting possibilities for reliable groundwave communication through the application of digital signal processing techniques to a portion of the spectrum that is as old as radio itself.
- Defense against a push to allocate spectrum between 3 and 50 MHz for oceanographic radar applications.
- Support of an initiative to provide better protection for radio services against interference from short-range radio devices.
- Consideration of regulatory measures for software-defined radio and cognitive radio systems, which offer both opportunities and threats to existing radio services.
- Selection of agenda items for the WRC to follow (tentatively planned for 2015).

"ARRL staff and volunteers are hard at work on your behalf, teaming up with International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) volunteers from around the globe to build the strongest possible case for Amateur Radio at WRC-11," he said, calling on all amateurs to help protect Amateur Radio's precious spectrum. "Once again, your financial commitment to spectrum defense is vital to our ability to protect your access to radio spectrum. Your contribution to the 2009 Spectrum Defense Fund will provide the financial resources required for us to represent you at WRC-11, and to respond when the FCC reacts to the BPL remand decision."

To help in the ARRL's ongoing mission to protect our valuable spectrum, please visit the ARRL Office of Development's Web page. You can also reach ARRL Chief Development Office Mary Hobart, K1MMH at 860-594-0397 or via e-mail. New special gifts are being offered for contributions, including a new 2009 mug and pin. More details on thank you gifts can be found on the donation form for the Spectrum Defense Fund.



Congratulations to the Tremblay's on 50 Years Together!

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November Meeting is November 28, 2008

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CKARC November Birthdays

WØOK	Lola Belle	Stephens	11/1
	Dewite	Constable	11/6
	Helen	Tewes	11/12
NØBKD	Milton	Eitel	11/26
KØHIN	Pauline	Eaton	11/28