



QSP



October 2009

October VE Report

The **October 30, 2009**
CKARC Meeting will be
at
**KWU's Peter's Scinece
Hall Room 211
At 7:30 PM**

For the September 26th Session:

We had No Candidates.

For the October 14th Session:

We had One Candidate: David Jackson, KD7MOG, of Mesa, Az. Passed his General upgrade. No other Candidates were present.

VE's present were: Sid, N0OBM, Larry, N0GSL, Ron, WA0PSF, Leon, WA0JFC, Harvey, K0RY, and Don, KA0EIC

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

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Next Exam session is **Wednesday November 11th**, at 7:00 PM, at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom.

Sid N0OBM VE Team Leader

CKARC Election Results in Next Month's QSP

Minutes of the September Meeting

The club meeting and picnic was moved from Jerry Ivy Park to Kansas Wesleyan University. The Day had been wet and windy all day, thus the move indoors.

The Meeting was called to order by President Robert, WBØWTM at 6:25 pm with pledge of allegiance and a round of introductions with 25 members and guests present.

Then all went to partake of picnic food. After everyone was full the meeting reconvened.

Robert, WBØWTM, called for the minutes of the previous meeting.

Alvin, WØME asked that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as printed in QSP, moved and approved.

The Treasurer's report given by Alvin, WØME, since Virgil, NØXRS, was in Colorado, Checking Account Balance: \$295.90, Savings Account Balance: \$4980.93 and Total Balance of :\$5296.83, moved and accepted.

EC Report by Sid, NØOBM. The Monthly Siren test is scheduled for Oct. 5th , provided that the weather cooperates. The ARES Net is on Oct. 6th, There will be a VE Testing Session on Oct. 14th , and the Monthly ARES meeting is on Oct. 15th. The next CKARC club meeting is Election Night, on Oct. 30th .

There is a Saturday Afternoon Test session is scheduled for 1:00 PM on Sept. 26th.

There was some discussion about Area repeaters and linking. Question do we need more or what? Ended up with the current numbers of local hams, probably not at this time. Maybe we need to work on increasing total membership.

Repeater Report:

The Repeaters both have locked up several times this past month. Eric and Justin are looking into the problems.

No activities report

New business, Volunteers are being sought for the Election Committee, and the Joe Addison committee members have yet to be appointed.

Dean, KDØFRP, gave a EOC report and would like to see activity to use EOC trailer at least 4 or more times a year for showing off Amateur Radio.

Hamfest in Wichita Oct. 3rd
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Alvin WØME/sec

Reminders

City of Salina Siren Test Net, November 2nd at 4:30 PM on the NØKSC Repeater (147.270+) if the Weather cooperates! *[If it's above 32 degrees!]*

ARES Net **November 3rd at 8:00 PM** on the NØKSC Repeater (147.270+ no tone)

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

Board meeting follows the exam session on **November 11th** at 8:00 PM (or after Testing—which ever is later) in the Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Classroom.

ARES Meeting is **November 19th at 8:00 PM** in the EOC.

CKARC Meeting **November 27th** at 7:30 PM at KWU's Peters Science Hall.

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

FCC Issues *Public Notice* on Amateur Service Communication During Government Disaster Drills

On Tuesday October 20, 2009 the FCC released a *Public Notice* clarifying the Commission's rules relating to the use of Amateur Radio by licensed amateurs participating in drills and exercises on behalf of their employers. Entitled *Amateur Service Communications During Government Disaster Drills*, the *Public Notice* addresses participation **by paid employees of organizations taking part in drills.**

The Public Notice -- **DA 09-2259** -- affirms that the Commission's rules "**specifically prohibit amateur stations from transmitting communications 'in which the station licensee or control operator has a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer.'**"

ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, offered "This *Public Notice* is intended to clarify a difficult issue. A wide range of unofficial -- and frankly some incorrect -- interpretations have been offered on this topic in various public forums recently. **DA-09-2259** is the official FCC notice on this issue. Though issued jointly by the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB), the Enforcement Bureau (EB) and the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) under delegated authority from the Commission, the *Notice* makes it clear that WTB is the Bureau at the FCC with jurisdiction over the Amateur Radio Service rules and their interpretation."

The *Public Notice* states that, in order to facilitate participation by employees who wish to engage in government-sponsored drills and emergency exercises on behalf of their employers, a waiver can be requested from the WTB **by the government agency sponsoring the drill or exercise (and not by the individual who wishes to participate in the drill or exercise)**. Such a request must follow established procedures for requesting a temporary waiver of the Commission's rules. The government entity conducting the drill must include in its waiver application the following information:

- When and where the drill will take place,
- Identification of the amateur licensees expected to transmit amateur communications on behalf of their employer,
- Identification of the employer(s) on whose behalf the amateur(s) will be transmitting, and
- A brief description of the drill.

"It should be noted," Henderson said, "**that the waiver request must be filed and acted upon *in advance of the drill*. The waiver must be actually granted by the Commission *before* the amateurs participate in the drill. It is not enough to apply -- the waiver must be granted first.**"

The public notice also emphasizes that in an *actual emergency*, the Part 97 rules "provide that an amateur station may use any means of radiocommunication at its disposal to provide essential communication needs in connection with the immediate safety of human life and the immediate protection of property when normal communications systems are not available. In those specific circumstances, rule waiver is not necessary."

In September, the ARRL released guidelines that address numerous aspects of the issue of business communications in the Amateur Service.

University Researchers Need Your Help as they Study Early Amateur Station Logs

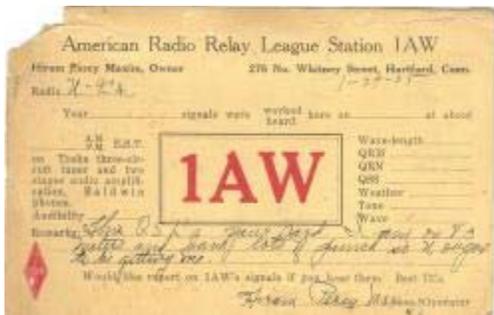
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"Early hams laid the foundation for the now-ubiquitous use of technology for communications and entertainment," said Director of Engineering and Operations for Wisconsin Public Radio Steve Johnston, WD8DAS. "Many operators did not work in a technical field, but pursued Amateur Radio as a hobby for its own sake. This is a true success story about how a pastime can develop into an entirely new commercial and social phenomenon."



This 1XM log from the Second Trans-Atlantic Test is signed and certified by Marconi Inspector and test referee D.E. Pearson. [Log courtesy of the MIT Radio Society] 1XM's log from the Second Trans-Atlantic Test, dated December 15, 1921, certified by Marconi Inspector and test referee D.E. Pearson.



Researchers have noted that diaries, letters, QSL cards and station logs can contain valuable insights into the link between an individual's occupation, hobbies and friends. ARRL co-founder and its first President, Hiram Percy Maxim, sent this QSL card out in January 1925. [Photo courtesy of Anthony Quest, G4UZN]

Phil Kim, an Assistant Professor at the Wisconsin School of Business, has noted that diaries, letters, QSL cards and station logs can contain valuable insights into the link between an individual's occupation, hobbies and friends. Early in Amateur Radio history, thousands of ham radio enthusiasts were licensed by the government to comply with the Radio Act of 1912, and began to more carefully document the new communications era.

"Amateur Radio operators during this time period were on the forefront of a new method of communication and social interaction, similar to how social media is evolving today," Kim said. "We notice a lot of similarities between these two groups, even across time."

Steve Lippmann, an Assistant Professor at Miami University of Ohio, concurred: "We can learn a lot about ourselves -- and our own interactions -- from how these pioneers pursued their hobby and expanded their social networks."

In an effort to uncover new information about approaches to work and leisure time and the development of social networks, Kim, Lippmann and Johnston are comparing early ham licensing records from the Department of Commerce with detailed information in amateur operators' station logs. If you happen to have an old ham station log from the period (1913-1927) that you would like to include in this study, please contact Steve Johnston, WD8DAS, via e-mail or by telephone at (608) 262-5584.

Four Radio Amateurs Killed in Plane Crash While En Route to CQWW Phone Contest

Just after take-off, a twin-engine plane carrying four Amateur Radio operators crashed into the woods, only 250 yards off the end of the runway in Jedburg, South Carolina, about 20 miles northwest of Charleston. The plane -- piloted and owned by Peter Radding, **W2GJ** -- carried Ed Steeble, **K3IXD**, Dallas Carter, **W3PP**, and Randy Hargenrader, **K4QO**. The four men were on their way to the Bahamas to operate in this weekend's CQ World Wide Phone Contest as **C6APR**, competing in the Multi/2 category.

Hargenrader, of Summerville, was 55; Radding, of North Charleston, Steeble, of Summerville, and Carter, of Laurel, Delaware, were in their 50s and 60s. According to Dorchester County Coroner Chris Nisbet, the four hams had made this trip before with Radding piloting the plane. Nisbet said that earlier this week, Radding flew to Delaware to pick up Carter.

"How quickly can a joyous event -- setting off with close friends in anticipation of a weekend of intense radio activity -- turn to unfathomable tragedy," said ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, **K1ZZ**. "As we mourn the loss of these four well-known members of our global Amateur Radio community, our hearts go out to their families."

Dorchester County Administrator Jason Ward characterized the crash site 250 yards east of the runway as "extremely severe" and that the plane was fully engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived; investigators were hindered by the flaming wreckage and "charred foliage" at the scene. A crew from the county public works department had to create a path to the wreckage. Chief Deputy Sheriff Sam Richardson said there was damage to treetops in the area of the crash. The coroner said it appears the severity of the crash, and not the fire, is what killed the men.

One of the victims was found beneath some of the wreckage, Ward said. Debris was spread around an area several yards wide at the crash site, and the wrecked plane was apparently upside down, he said.

It was extremely dark when the plane took off, Ward said. Airport Manager Don Hay said the weather was clear at the time. "[Radding] was a very experienced pilot who knew the area," Ward said. "He had been flying for over 40 years." Nisbet said Radding filed a flight plan detailing his route and who was on board, but the plane never climbed high enough for those plans to be activated.

Radding's neighbor, Jim Deaton, said the man and others planned to stop in Florida, pick up more passengers and then head to the Bahamas.

Stella Bazzle, who lives about a half-mile from the airport, described to *The Summerville Journal Scene* what she heard right before the plane went down: "The motor sounded like it was coming over the house. I heard the first explosion...then the second (explosion) wasn't as loud." She described the engine noise as "kind of a funny noise, like a grinding type thing." Bazzle said she then heard ambulances and called her neighbor, who'd heard similar noises.

Carter, Steeble and Radding were members of the Potomac Valley Radio Club (PVRC); Carter and Radding were also members of the Frankford Radio Club (FRC). PVRC President Ken Claerbout, **K4ZW**, told the ARRL that he was "stunned and saddened" when he heard the news of the crash:

"I had several e-mail exchanges with Dallas over the last two weeks about our Sweepstakes effort. He spoke with excitement of the group's trip to C6 for CQWW SSB and vowed to be on for Sweepstakes CW. He said he might have to work the charter during Sweepstakes SSB, but if not, he would be there! Dallas joined PVRC in 1963. Ed was also a very active member of PVRC before moving to South Carolina. Ed joined PVRC in 1992 and is a past chairman of our Northwest Chapter. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and families of all four gentlemen. Another stark reminder of how fickle life can be." -- *Thanks to the many friends of these four hams, the Associated Press and The Summerville Journal Scene for the information*

From the ARRL Web Site

November 2009 Contest Calendar

From the WA7BNM Contest Calendar

November is Sweepstakes Month!

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

High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1700Z, Nov 1
Ukrainian DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 7 to 1200Z, Nov 8
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 7 to 0300Z, Nov 9
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Nov 8
WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Nov 14 to 2359Z, Nov 15
JIDX Phone Contest	0700Z, Nov 14 to 1300Z, Nov 15
OK/OM DX Contest, CW	1200Z, Nov 14 to 1200Z, Nov 15
CQ-WE Contest	1900Z, Nov 14 to 0500Z, Nov 16
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Nov 16
YO International PSK31 Contest	1600Z-2200Z, Nov 20
SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Nov 21 to 1000Z, Nov 22
LZ DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 21 to 1200Z, Nov 22
All Austrian 160-Meter Contest	1600Z, Nov 21 to 0700Z, Nov 22
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	2100Z, Nov 21 to 0300Z, Nov 23
EU PSK63 QSO Party	0000Z-2400Z, Nov 22
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 28 to 2400Z, Nov 29

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**November Meeting is Friday, November 27, 2009
@ 7:30 PM**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE
NOVEMBER QSP IS NOV. 18, 2009**

CKARC November Birthdays

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