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October 2012

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The October Meeting is
Friday October 26th at
KWU's Peters Science
Hall Room 211

October VE Report

7:30 PM

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.

Election of Officers

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

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The next scheduled session is **Wednesday November 14th, 2012**, at **7:00 PM**, at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom.

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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 September Meeting

Due to the lack of a Quorum, there was no September meeting, just a short pot-luck dinner for the half dozen that were there!

Reminders

City of Salina Siren Test Net, November 5th at 4:30 PM if the Weather cooperates!

ARRL-VEC Test Session on Wednesday **November 14th** at **7:00 PM**.

Board meeting follows the exam session on **November 14th** at 8:00 PM (or after Testing—which ever is later) in the Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Classroom.

ARES Meeting is **November 15th** at **8:00 PM** in **Emergency Management**.

CKARC Meeting is **November 16** at 7:30 PM at KWU Peter's Science Hall Room 211 (Note the Date Change!!)

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

Kansas Section News

From KBØDTI (via the ARRL Website's Kansas Page)

Please welcome aboard these new Kansas appointees :

I have appointed Mike Stewart- NØTU as our Official Observer Coordinator. Mike has been an OO 6 years and recently moved to Johnson County to be closer to work. Mike has been an active member of Pilot Knob ARC in Leavenworth and is looking forward to participating in activities around his new home, as time permits.

Norm-NØBFB has stepped down as Central States Traffic Net Manager.
Dave Phillips- KEØDL of Ozawkie is now manager of our daily except Sunday 40 meter net. Also of the Pilot Knob ARC, Dave lived in Leavenworth area for many years and a year or two ago moved to Ozawkie. CSTN meets Monday thru Saturday at 12:30 PM Kansas time on 7253.5 KHz.

Get Ready for the 7th Annual ARRL On-Line Auction

10/16/2012

The Seventh Annual **ARRL On-Line Auction** opened for preview on Tuesday, October 16, and will open for bidding at 10 AM EDT (1400 UTC) on Thursday, October 25. According to ARRL On-Line Auction Coordinator Lisa Tardette, KB1MOI, there is a large assortment of ARRL Product Review items, including an Elecraft KPA500 HF/6 meter power amplifier, an ICOM IC-7410 HF/6 meter transceiver, a Yaesu FT-450D HF 6 meter transceiver, a Kenwood TM-281A 2 meter FM transceiver and an MFJ-998 RT and MFJ-994BRT remote auto antenna tuner.

The ARRL On-Line Auction also features a wide assortment of books, including *ARRL Handbooks* from the 1920s and 1930s -- most notably, a first edition of the 1926 *Radio Amateur's Handbook* -- and a set of three first-day-of-issue covers of the 1964 5 cent stamp highlighting Amateur Radio (see an image of a stamp [here](#)).

"Once again this year, bidders will find a large variety of product review equipment, vintage books, novelty items and a number of very special items that have been donated by the crew of the ABC Television's Last Man Standing, starring Tim Allen as Mike Baxter, KAØXTT," Tardette explained. "In order to place a bid, you must register on the ARRL On-Line Auction website. You may browse the website and scope out those 'must-have' items without being a registered bidder, and you can register at any time during the auction. If you are interested in some great bargains -- and some great fun -- you really need to check out the ARRL On-Line Auction." The 2012 ARRL On-Line Auction runs through 11:45 PM EDT on October 31 (0345 UTC November 1). Contact Tardette via **e-mail** with any questions concerning the ARRL On-Line Auction.

From the ARRL Website

On a Cold Winter Night

Tom Thompson (WØIVJ) on October 12, 2012

Tom flipped on the light to the ham shack as he descended down the stairs into the basement. He turned on the Drake TR-3 transceiver and started listening on the 40 meter band. It had been a noisy summer and fall on 40 meters with all the thunderstorms in the area but tonight was different. The night was cold and the 40 meter band was quiet.

Tom admired the 813 linear amplifier that he had just completed. Electronics was not Tom's profession, so the amplifier project had been difficult for him. He found the design in the 16th edition of the Radio Handbook written by Bill Orr. The amplifier seemed like a perfect companion for his new TR-3 transceiver as he was transitioning from AM to Single Side Band. After many trips to the electronic stores in Denver, Tom had finally completed his 813 amplifier. To his surprise and delight, it actually worked. With a pair of 813s the amplifier really increased his TR-3 signal.

Tom enjoyed phone operation but his true love was CW. There was a certain simplicity and purity about CW that ... well just appealed to him. Hoping to work some DX, Tom turned on the amplifier to let it warm up. The purple glow of the 866A rectifier tubes and the warm orange glow of the 813 filaments sent a sense of peace and relaxation over him.

Tom tuned the VFO on the TR-3 to the low end of 40 while carefully listening to the rhythmic beat of the various fists. He caught pieces of each QSO as he decoded the CW in his head. Clearly some fists were better than others but all were music to his ears. Suddenly Tom heard dit dit dit dit dit dit dah dit dit dit dah dah dit. The word HELP grabbed his attention and he paused his tuning to listen some more. Joe, in Utah was talking to a station in Idaho. Joe needed help!

Joe's hand was shaking on the key as he carefully explained his situation to the station in Idaho. When he turned it over the station in Idaho had faded out. The band had changed before Joe could send his position information.

Joe and Sally had planned this backpacking trip for months. Both were experienced hikers having hiked portions of the Appalachian Trail near their home in Pennsylvania. But this was different. The portion of the Appalachian Trail that they had hiked, had many hikers on it. The backpacking trip to the canyon lands of Utah would not be like that. They could anticipate days without seeing any other hikers. Also, since the only time Joe and Sally had coincident vacations was in the winter, the hiking traffic would be even sparser. Joe was a little worried about this, but he had served in Korea so he was used to sleeping in a tent in the cold. Besides Utah was known to have some warm days in the winter. Nevertheless, Joe had assembled a small, low power 40 meter CW transceiver. It was not light with the A and B batteries even though he had kept the circuitry simple using the same miniature tube for the super regenerative receiver and the transmitter oscillator. But Joe did not want to cut any corners since Sally was not as keen on this trip as he was. He figured that 40 meter CW would give him the best opportunity for a contact since they would be hiking in the canyons and he would be running low power.

Now, Joe was about to find out if his planning would pay off. Sally had tripped over a rock in the middle of the night and possibly broken her ankle. In any case, she could not walk and help was needed. Joe had quickly strung a temporary antenna between two high rocks and had been calling for about an hour when an Idaho station answered. Now the Idaho station had faded before Joe could give his location.

As Tom began listening to the weak signal from Joe he realized that this was no ordinary QSO. Joe needed help and the Idaho station could no longer copy Joe. Tom could not copy the Idaho station either so he called Joe immediately. After contact had been established, Joe described where he was. Tom, being an avid backpacker himself, had recently hiked in that same area. He knew roughly where Joe and Sally were. Tom assured Joe that he would call the county sheriff who would organize a rescue party. Tom agreed to meet Joe the next evening on the same frequency to check on Sally's condition. Tom signed off and called the county sheriff. He explained the situation and gave Joe's location to the sheriff. The sheriff assured Tom that a search party would be on the way as soon as possible.

Tom tuned his VFO momentarily but soon realized that a relaxing session on CW was not to be had. The adrenalin rush had not only ruined his concentration but his hands were shaking so much that sending was out of the question. He pictured Joe and Sally alone in the dark under the starry Utah sky. He felt the awesome responsibility that Joe had bestowed upon him. Tom went back upstairs and spent the rest of the night tossing and turning in his bed.

The next day at work Tom kept looking at the clock. Time seemed to drag as Tom's thoughts kept going back to Joe and Sally. Were they ok? Had the search party reached them? Were they able to get Sally to the hospital? Tom could hardly wait until the time for his sked with Joe arrived. He carefully tuned his TR-3 around the agreed upon frequency, but no Joe. Were band conditions not right? Had Joe and Sally been rescued? Had he given proper directions to the sheriff? This was driving Tom crazy. Maybe he shouldn't have become involved. No! That was out of the question. Tom spent another night tossing and turning.

The next day as he was driving to work the incident was still running around in his mind. He turned on the car radio and heard on the news that two hikers had been rescued by a search party in the canyon lands of Utah. The female hiker had suffered a broken ankle. Tom immediately relaxed as a grin spread over his face. The cold winter night had not been what he expected but he was very satisfied with how he and his station had performed. A few days later, Tom received a phone call from Joe. Sally was doing well and Joe and Tom discussed the details of the rescue.

Over the years Tom and Joe kept in contact. Their kids were grown and had moved away. They both had modern radio equipment now, mostly purchased not home built, but they looked forward to their weekly CW sked. They had discussed a lot of different things during those many contacts, but occasionally the conversation would turn to the night of that fateful contact on a cold winter night.

November 2012 Contest Calendar

From the WA7BNM Contest Calendar

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

NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 2
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Nov 3 to 2359Z, Nov 4
IPARC Contest, CW	0600Z-1000Z, Nov 3 and 1400Z-1800Z, Nov 3
Ukrainian DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 3 to 1200Z, Nov 4
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 3 to 0300Z, Nov 5
IPARC Contest, SSB	0600Z-1000Z, Nov 4 and 1400Z-1800Z, Nov 4
High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1100Z, Nov 4 and 1500Z-1700Z, Nov 4
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Nov 4
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Nov 6
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 9
WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Nov 10 to 2359Z, Nov 11
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital	0001Z, Nov 10 to 2359Z, Nov 11
JIDX Phone Contest	0700Z, Nov 10 to 1300Z, Nov 11
OK/OM DX Contest, CW	1200Z, Nov 10 to 1200Z, Nov 11
Kentucky QSO Party	1400Z, Nov 10 to 0200Z, Nov 11
CQ-WE Contest	1900Z, Nov 10 to 0500Z, Nov 12
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	0000Z-2359Z, Nov 11
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Nov 12
CWops Mini- CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Nov 14 and 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 14 and 0300Z-0400Z, Nov 15
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	2000Z-2100Z, Nov 14
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Nov 15
NCCC Sprint	0215Z-0300Z, Nov 16
YO International PSK31 Contest	1600Z-2200Z, Nov 16
CQ SA SSB Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Nov 17
SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Nov 17 to 1000Z, Nov 18
LZ DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 17 to 1200Z, Nov 18
All Austrian 160-Meter Contest	1600Z, Nov 17 to 0700Z, Nov 18
Feld Hell Sprint	1600Z-1800Z, Nov 17
RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 17 to 0100Z, Nov 18
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	2100Z, Nov 17 to 0300Z, Nov 19
EPC PSK63 QSO Party	0000Z-2400Z, Nov 18
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Nov 19
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 23
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 24 to 2400Z, Nov 25
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Nov 28
CWops Mini- CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Nov 28 and 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 28 and 0300Z-0400Z, Nov 29
QRP ARCI Topband Sprint	0000Z-0600Z, Nov 29
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW	2000Z-2100Z, Nov 29
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 30
ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Nov 30 to 1600Z, Dec 2

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CKARC November Birthdays

	Lola Belle	Stephens	11/1
F/Member	Helen	Tewes	11/12
KØHIN	Pauline	Eaton	11/28