

October QSP



Business Name

October Test Sessions

The October 11th Test session had One candidate, Blane Flack, KEØOTL, of WaKeeney passed his Technician Exam, and Tried the General Class Exam. Congratulations!

VE's in Attendance were: Sid, NØOBM, Paul, KS1P, and Ron, WAØPSF.

Special points of interest:

- October Testing Session
- September Minutes
- California Fires
- N4AA SK
- ARRL On-Line Auction
- Ham Aid Donations

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Reminders

Siren Test scheduled for **November 6th**. In the event the weather does not cooperate, we will try again the following Monday!

November Test Session is on November **8th** at 7:00 PM at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom. Board Meeting at 6:30 PM, on

the 8th. The November CKARC meeting is scheduled for the 17th of November at **7:30 PM** at KWU's Peters Science Hall in Room 211.

CKARC September 2017 Minutes

The Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club met in Peters Science Hall in Room 211, on Friday, September 29 at 7:30 pm. Dennis Kelly, KAØLTQ, called the meeting to order. Last month's minutes were approved as published in QSP.

Reports:

Treasurer: Absent.

Secretary: David- Received a change in mailing address for Independence radio club, will forward it to Tom for next Hamfest.

EC/VE: Sid, NØOBM, - Had one new candidate test last month, a new tech from Salina. Will have a siren test October 2. There are one or two of the new sirens that still have some issues.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

List of potential new officers. John Burchill – President, Pat Giron -Treasurer, David Wood- Secretary, Vice President-Open. Have elections at October meeting, potluck dinner at 6:30 pm.

Announcements:

Saline County Cert Team is having new person training this month, Contact John Burchill for information.

Personal Note: Due to some Scheduling issues, Sid, NØOBM, will Not be able to attend the October Meeting. He is NOT running for any Office, and if elected, will NOT serve.

Siren Test Nets



These are "routinely" held on the First Monday of every Month—**Except September** - provided that the Weather is in a cooperative mood. If there are too many clouds in the sky, or if it happens to be too Cold (Winter in Kansas can be Very cold) Less than +32 Degrees, the Test will usually be postponed until the following week.

In the event that the Weather still is not in a cooperative mood on the 2nd Monday, the test will be Cancelled for the Month.

Those folks that do check in, we would like the following information: Your Call Sign (obviously), your current location (street intersections are good enough) and if you heard

a Siren (or more than one). This helps cut down on the number of folks that the Emergency Management Office has to call to see if the Sirens went off or not.

Our help on this event **IS** Greatly appreciated!

All of the New Sirens Have been Installed at this time.

California Fire Situation Improves

10/18/2017

San Francisco Section District Emergency Coordinator Len Gwinn, WA6KLLK, in the Redwood Valley told ARRL this week that Amateur Radio volunteers in Mendocino and Lake counties have stood down, and things are "kind of back to normal, in that no emergency stations are being operated." Gwinn, who spent more than 3 decades with Cal Fire and a few more years as a volunteer, said the sound of the wildfire in the Redwood Valley was remarkable.

"Never, *ever* had I heard a fire like this," he told ARRL. "[T]he roar of the fire was something else from 2 miles away the first night," he recounted. "Transformers and propane tanks going off like a war zone. Some shook my house!"

Gwinn said this week that skies are still smoky but clearing. Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman told him that hams were a saving grace in keeping hospitals and some other organizations linked when there was *no* other communication.

Gail Harris, KM6CEK, became an accidental volunteer after she was stuck in Ukiah by road closings. Armed with US Forest Service and incident radio experience, Harris ended up working in the emergency operations center at the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office until October 12. "It was awesome," she said. "It was the reason I got involved with ham radio."

Mary Jane Cummings, WA3VUI, of Covelo, took a night shift at Howard Memorial Hospital in Willits, monitoring the radio and handling messages for the hospital and the shelter at the local high school.

Gwinn thanked Greg Glavich, WA6RQX, in Ukiah, who manages a five-linked repeater complex for wide-area communication, and George Burton, K7WWA, in Willits, for his central repeater that also carried traffic.

San Francisco Section Manager Bill Hillendahl, KH6GJV, who briefly evacuated earlier this month when the Tubbs Fire got too close for comfort, told ARRL this week that the communications emergency has largely abated, with most cell sites now back up — at least with temporary equipment — and public safety systems working well.

"I am at home providing media and public safety updates on the air, but if the fire comes across the valley east of my place, I'll be out the door again," he told ARRL.

"Nearly 10,000 firefighters continue making progress on 13 large wildfires burning in the state that, combined, have burned over 210,000 acres," Cal Fire reported mid-week. "While many evacuation orders have been lifted in Northern California, over 22,000 people remain out of their homes." The death toll stands at 42.

Cal Fire said the Tubbs Fire affecting Sonoma and Napa counties has been 82% contained; the Nuns Fire between Santa Rosa and the city of Sonoma is 68% contained; the Atlas Fire — the single largest blaze which has engulfed more than 51,000 acres and left six dead — is 77% contained, and the Mendocino-Lake Complex Fire in the Redwood Valley is 60% contained. That blaze alone killed eight people. New fires have been reported in Alameda, Santa Cruz, Los Angeles, and San Diego counties. The largest is about 1,100 acres.

QRZ DX and The DX Magazine Publisher Carl Smith, N4AA, SK

10/20/2017

QRZ DX and *The DX Magazine* Publisher and Editor Carl Smith, N4AA, of Asheville, North Carolina, died on October 20. An ARRL member, he was 77 and had been a radio amateur and DXer for more than 6 decades. Smith and his late wife Miriam, KB4C, bought the two publications' parent DX Publishing in 1997

"Carl was a ham's ham, as he dabbled in many aspects of our great hobby," *The Daily DX* Editor Bernie McClenny, W3UR, observed. "He did a lot for Amateur Radio over the years."

Licensed in Kansas City in 1954 as WN0YFT (later W0YFT), Smith served in the US Air Force from 1958 until 1966. He became W4NQA after moving to North Carolina. From 1968 until 1970, he was on the ARRL Headquarters staff and held the call sign W1ETU. When he moved to Virginia in 1970, he regained W4NQA and, after moving back to North Carolina, obtained N4AA in 1976.

An avid DXer and at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll, Smith was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame in 2012.

Smith was a member of the Potomac Valley Radio Club (PVRC). He re-established QCWA Chapter 145 for the primary purpose of establishing the Southern Appalachian Radio Museum — now the **Asheville Radio Museum** — on the campus of Asheville-Buncombe Community College. He also was a long-time Roanoke Division Assistant Director. For many years, he was the owner and manager of Georgetown Communications, an Amateur Radio store in Asheville.

In the 1970s, Smith was instrumental in the formation of the Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society and served a few terms as president. Through WCARS, he instituted the annual Asheville Hamfest. WCARS became a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator in the 1980s.

He also established the KB4C Miriam Smith Award, in memory of his late wife. The award, presented annually by the ARRL Roanoke Division, honors an Amateur Radio operator from Western North Carolina who has demonstrated an active commitment to public service and emergency communication through ARES/RACES.

Smith was among the founders of the SouthEastern DX and Contesting Organization (SEDCO) **W4DXCC** Convention, and his wife's call sign is used on the air at the annual convention and for various operating activities.

Bidding is Now Open for the 12th Annual ARRL On-Line Auction!

10/20/2017

The 12th Annual **ARRL On-Line Auction** is on, with more than 250 items up for bid this year. The list includes *QST* Product Review gear — already ARRL Lab tested — as well as vintage books, previously owned gear, and one-of-a-kinds. The ARRL Lab team also has contributed four of the very popular “mystery boxes.”

Some of the premier Product Review items up for bid include the FlexRadio Systems FLEX-6500 SDR transceiver and updated *SmartSDR* software for *Windows*, Elecraft KX2 HF QRP transceiver, Kenwood TH-D74A analog and D-STAR VHF/UHF transceiver, and the Yaesu FT-891 HF and 6-meter transceiver.

Among the book offerings this year are *The World of Ham Radio 1901-1950*, a special 1942 defense edition of *The Radio Amateur's Handbook*, and *Fundamental of SSB* by Collins.

Proceeds from the yearly On-Line Auction benefit ARRL education programs. These include activities to license new hams, strengthen Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) training, offer continuing technical and operating education, and create instructional materials.

All bidders must register. Your **arrrl.org** user ID and password will **not** work on the auction site. If you have registered for past auctions, you may use the same log-in information. If you have forgotten, simply click the “Help” tab, and you’ll find instructions as to how to retrieve your password or user ID. At the same time, take the opportunity to make sure that you update address and other information if you plan to bid. **The auction site only accepts Visa and MasterCard credit cards.**

ARRL Expresses Gratitude for Outpouring of Ham Aid Donations

10/12/2017

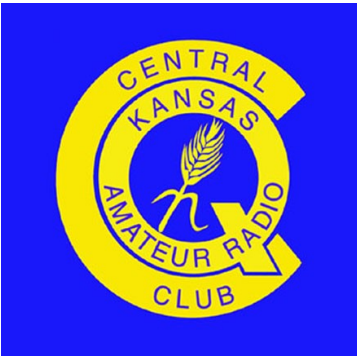
ARRL is thanking the Amateur Radio community for its generosity in support of the ARRL **Ham Aid Fund**, which is making it possible to provide relief and recovery communications in Puerto Rico. Overall, there have been more than 600 donations to the Ham Aid program in response to a call from ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, and nearly \$125,000 has come in from clubs and individuals. Several Amateur Radio retailers and manufacturers also have stepped up to donate needed equipment. Roderick said he was amazed at the overwhelming response, including those who answered his call to join the "Force of 50" now deployed in Puerto Rico.

"The Amateur Radio community really came together in providing donations of equipment, funding, and personnel in response to the great need in Puerto Rico," Roderick said. "The scale of these efforts and the response is making history. This has got to be one of Amateur Radio's greatest moments. Our sincere thanks go to all involved."

The list of those offering their generosity and support is long and growing. Contributors include International Amateur Radio Union Region 2 (**IARU R2**), which donated two Ham Aid kits in addition to a monetary donation; the **Yasme Foundation**, which made a monetary contribution to the Ham Aid Fund and donated critical equipment, and the Northern California DX Foundation (**NCDXF**). Donations also came from the Orlando Amateur Radio Club (**OARC**) and from Orlando **HamCation**®.

Amateur Radio dealers and retailers have made in-kind donations. Quicksilver Radio (**QSR**) has contributed antennas and accessories, **Radiowavz** has provided antennas, and **Heil Sound Ltd.** has donated headsets with cables. Other corporate and retail in-kind contributors include **ABR Industries**, **AT&T**, **Icom America**, **Yaesu**, Ham Radio Outlet (**HRO**), and **DX Engineering**. Monetary donations also have arrived from the CW Operators Club (**CWops**); the SouthEastern DX and Contesting Organization (**SEDCO**), sponsor of W4DXCC; the Northern California Contest Club (**NCCC**); the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club (**FMARC**); the Wahkiakum Amateur Radio Club; the North Shore Radio Club (**NSARC**), and the Steel City Amateur Radio Club (**W3KWH**). Ham Aid was created in 2005 in response to the need for equipment and resources to support the Amateur Radio response to hurricanes in the US and the Caribbean, and Ham Aid kits are in use throughout Puerto Rico for the Hurricane Maria relief and recovery effort.

Ham Aid equipment will be needed for future disasters. "Your donation to Ham Aid will help us now, and contributions to Ham Aid are 100% tax deductible," President Roderick said.



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**October Meeting is October 27th at 6:30 PM at KWU's Peters Science Hall
in Room 211 (Election Night & Pot Luck Dinner)**
