



# QSP



October 2007

## THE second annual ARRL On-Line Auction

The October CKARC Meeting is on October 26, 2007 at 7:30 PM

Kansas Wesleyan University's Peter's Science Hall Room 211

ELECTION NIGHT!

**THE second annual ARRL On-Line Auction will be open for bidding on October 24, 2007 at 10:00AM ET and will run through November 2, 2007 at 3:PM ET. You may register as a bidder now or at any time throughout the auction. We encourage you to browse through the website frequently as items will be added on a daily basis.**

**We also encourage you to look through the Help and About Us sections. You'll find useful information about bidding, FAQs and a host of other facts. To ensure an enjoyable experience, please be sure to read all policies under the ABOUT US section.**

**Due to many requests last year, all product review items contain a link to a PDF file of the actual product review, as well as a reference to the QST issue the review appeared in.**

**PLEASE NOTE: To maximize security, if you are an ARRL member, registered at the ARRL Website, you will still need to create a new registration and new Username and Password to log into the ARRL On-Line Auction site. If you participated in last year's auction, and still have your Auction User Name and Password, you are free to re-use them if you choose.**

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## October VE Report

At the October Test Session on October 10, there were NO Candidates present for testing, however we did have 7 VE's!

## Minutes of the September Meeting

CKARC meeting and picnic held at 6:30 pm with meeting called to order at 7:34 pm by Mark, KBØMQX.

27 members and guests present and all enjoyed the good food.

Mark, KBØMQX, started off the meeting with a round of introductions. He then reported that the Christmas Party for 2007 would be held on Thursday Dec. 20th at 6:30 pm at the Western Sizzlin Steak House

Alvin, WØME, asked that the minutes be approved as printed in QSP, Moved and seconded.

Marty, KGØMT, read Treasurer's report with total \$4,166.69, Moved and seconded.

Bill Mitchell, KDØBPH, is a new member, he passed his test on Sept. 12 and joined the club at that time. Moved and seconded for new member.

### EC report

W5YI Test session 1PM Saturday September 29th, ARES net Oct. 4, Oct. 10 Test Session and board meeting.

Oct 20, Lake Wilson, Boy Scout Camporall / Jamboree on the Air, and can use anyone who can come and Help get the Scouts on the air.

### VE report

1 New Technician, 1 New General, and 1 Did Not Pass.

### Repeater report

Some Parts have arrived and trying to find the time to work on it.

### Activities Report

Oct. 20th Boy Scouts Wilson Lake morning till evening need your help.

Oct 26th club meeting with program by WBØWTM

Nov. 3 or 10th KWU Balloon Launch

Nov. 30th Club Meeting with a program on Radio Direction Finding.

### October Election

Committee Dennis, KAØLTQ, Harvey, KØRY, and Larry NØGSL. Give your support to them.

### Area Ham-fests

Oct 6 Valley Center

Oct 20 Grandview Mo.

Nov 3 Enid Ok

Meeting adjourned 8 PM

## Treasurer's Report

### CKARC October Treasurer's Report

	Checking	Savings	Total
Sept End Balance	\$ 446.03	\$ 3,746.66	\$ 4,189.69
Oct credits	\$ 0.00	\$ 23.69	
Oct debits	\$ 340.17	\$ 0.00	
October 16, 2007 bal	\$ 105.86	\$ 3,767.35	\$ 3,873.21

Reported by Marty Soffran, KGØMT, CKARC Treasurer

Treasurer's note:

2008 club membership dues are due by December 31, 2007.

The club treasurer is running an **early bird special**: \$15.00 for first family member and \$5.00 for each additional member. Avoid the December induction of officers dinner rush and take advantage of this special offer; so as to make life easier for the incoming treasurer.

Marty, KGØMT

## Reminders

October meeting is **October 26th** at KWU's Peters Science Hall, Room 211, 7:30 PM **Election night**.  
 November Meeting is **November 30 - Not the Day AFTER Thanksgiving!**  
 December Meeting is **THURSDAY, Dec. 20** at the **Western Sizzlin Steak House, 6:30 PM**

**2008 Dues are due no later than January 31, 2008**

**KWU Balloon Launch Nov 3 or 10** Stay Tuned!

**November ARES Meeting** is **Nov 15 @ 8:00 PM**, in the EOC Classroom

**December ARES Meeting** **Dec 27th @ 8:00 PM**, due to the Christmas dinner on the 20th

**November Testing:**

**W5YI VEC on Sat Nov 10th @ 1:00 PM (Saturday)**

**ARRL VEC on Nov 14th @ 7:00 PM (Wednesday)**

Saline County Sheriff's Office Training Room

## 30 Days — 30 Ham Radio Contesting Tips by K9JY



For September, I gave myself a challenge: post one ham radio contesting tip a day to kick off the fall contesting season. The subject matter was easy as I love contesting. The challenge was in writing thirty articles, as well as a few others, during the month instead of my normal 20-25.

What I didn't want to do was have one article with a simple listing of 30-tips. I wanted to go into a little more depth with each of the tips so that some reasoning and explanation could take place.

But, it's tough to scroll through the entire month of September to find those tips, so I'm consolidating them here.

Thanks for all of your comments and writing references to these articles; I really appreciate it.

### 30 Ham Radio Contesting Tips:

1. **Schedule your Contests.** The really great thing about contesting is they are regularly scheduled — regardless of great propagation, DXpeditions or the mood of the sun.
2. **Create a contest goal.** Goals are good and help motivate you while participating.
3. **Contest on your terms.** Contest for and be motivated by your reasons. Not everyone is out to win the contest; it could be you want to learn a new mode.
4. **Have an operating plan.** Having a plan provides you guidance for the contest and a baseline to compare against reality in the midst of battle.
5. **Test equipment before the contest.** You do want your stuff to work, right?
6. **Update Multiplier Files.** Downloading the latest ensures you won't miss a juicy multiplier during the contest.
7. **Read the contest rules.** You'd be surprised how often this bites you — even experienced testers.
8. **Work a contest one month before the real contest.** The sun rotates once a month (27 days)...so work a contest the month before to experience the propagation you will have before the one you really want to concentrate on later.
9. **Test ergonomics.** Sitting in a chair contesting a long while will test how well your station is laid out for operating.
10. **Have a guest op checklist.** What should you bring as a guest op?
11. **Compete with a partner.** Work a contest with someone in your club (together or at your individual stations). Discuss what worked and what didn't about the contest
12. **Review Newsletter for Contest DXpeditions.** Lots of people travel for contests. Make sure you take a look at the list from your favorite ham radio newsletter.

13. **Have propagation plan.** Propagation programs can suggest what will be open where. Having a propagation plan can give you a guide while contesting.
14. **Filter your packet connection.** If the contest allows packet, filter the connection to match up with your station.
15. **Accurate logging.** A contest is about working stations — and logging them accurately. If you don't you get penalized.
16. **Send in your log.** Even if you didn't work many stations, you can help the contest by sending in your log to help enable log checking.
17. **Logbook of The World.** Want to reduce your QSL'ing chores for contests? Submit your log to Logbook of The World for instant confirmations for you and the people you contact.
18. **Review UBN's.** Uniques, Busted, and Not in the Log. It's how your log is viewed for accuracy.
19. **Have a QSL System.** Even if you use Log of the World, testers get a lot of QSL card requests. Have a system for processing them.
20. **Use a grey line map.** Grey line propagation is the cat's meow. Having a visual representation of where the grey line is right now can help you point your antennas the right way.
21. **Learn a single band.** Want to learn propagation on a band fast? Do a contest on a single band. You'll learn.
22. **Challenge your operating skill with QRP.** Get frustrated fast. Operate a contest QRP from your station. Then learn how to get through the mess for points. It will make you a better operator.
23. **Do an After Action Review.** Did we achieve our goal, what went right, what could be improved. Record the results for the next contest.
24. **Join a contesting club.** Amp up your contesting knowledge and motivation.
25. **Learn from contesting pros.** They are out there. They can teach you a lot.
26. **Leverage your strengths.** Great CW operator? Great antennas? Whatever your strength, leverage it for the contest.
27. **Go on a contesting DXpedition.** Even if it is to a different state. It's a very different experience and will teach you a lot.
28. **Practice CW before contests.** Notice how much better you are at CW at the end of the contest compared to the start? You need to practice before the contest.
29. **Participate on a contesting team.** Many contests offer team (versus club) entries. Join a team to up your motivation for the contest.
30. **Find joy in contesting.** It's there. You know it. Go find it.

There are many more contesting tips, of course. But thirty to start out the fall contesting season seemed like the right number for me.

I had great fun writing these. Enjoy the resource.

Scot, K9JY

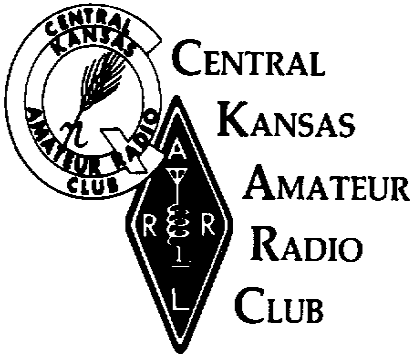
From the K9JY Web blog site <http://k9jy.com/blog/>

**The November Sweepstakes will be here before you know it!**

## Misc. Information

A copy of the CKARC Membership application is included in this month's QSP. If you qualify for Life Membership for the first time this coming year, please contact a Club Officer for the proper Life Membership Form. *(The form can be emailed to you as a pdf file if you wish Ed.) [The form is also on the CKARC Website for downloading. Ed.]*

**Existing Life Members**—it is assumed that you desire to continue your CKARC membership, and no further action on your part will be required, unless you are changing any of the data that the club has on file (Address, Phone Number(s), Means of receiving QSP, etc.)



## Membership Application

CKARC, Inc.  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

ARRL Member No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_/\_\_\_ (Month & Day)

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_

ARRL Member No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_/\_\_\_

May we publish your Phone & Email in the CKARC Rosters? Y N

(Please circle Y for Yes or N for No)

QSP is the CKARC Newsletter, do you wish to receive the QSP via  
Email or Postal Delivery? Email Postal (Circle one or the other)

While ARRL Membership is not a Requirement for membership in the CKARC, Inc. **it is highly recommended.** In order to retain "Special Service Club" status, we must remain a minimum of 51% ARRL Membership.

CKARC Dues : \$15.00/Year

Family Member: \$5.00

ARRL Dues : \$39.00/Year

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE  
NOVEMBER QSP IS NOV. 16, 2007**

## **CKARC November Birthdays**

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