



QSP



September 2014

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The Next Meeting is
Friday **September 26th**
at KWU

7:30 PM

July—September VE Report

For the **July 9th** session, we had Two Candidates. Trevor Harmon, Ex-NØSLU, Now KEØBGZ of Benington, Trevor Passed his Technician Exam but was a few weeks to early to get credit for his Expired General. Chloe made 2 attempts at the Technician Exam and “just missed” on both.

VE's in attendance in July were: Sid, NØOBM, Paul, KS1P, Alvin, WØME, and Don, KAØEIC.

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For the August 13th session, we had One Candidate. Ron David, KDØTGM, of Salina, just missed his Extra (by 1 Question).

VE's in attendance for the August session were: Sid, NØOBM, Leon, WAØJFC, Don, KAØEIC, Paul, KS1P, Ron, WAØPSF, and Eric, NØYET

Hamfest Session Aug 17th:

Four Candidates. Michael Johnson, KDØPGO, of Andale passed his General, as did Priscilla Harder, KDØPLJ, of Newton. Cynthia Reimann, KEØBOM, of Concordia is a New Technician, and Nancy Urban, NØOXQ, of Garden City tried for her Extra.

VE's in attendance were: Sid, NØOBM, Paul, KS1P, Eric, NØYET, and Leon, WAØJFC

For the September session, we had One Candidate, Roger Plankenhorn, KEØBRV, of Salina, passed both the Tech and the General Exams.

VE's in attendance were: Sid, NØOBM, Paul, KS1P, Leon, WAØJFC, Don, KAØEIC, Alvin, WØME, and Eric, NØYET

Sid NØOBM VE Team Leader

Minutes of the July Meeting

Alvin, WØME, opened the meeting at 7:32 pm with pledge of allegiance followed by introductions. 25 members and guests present.

Eric, NØYET, gave the Secretary, treasurer and trustee report.

Current checking balance - \$ 1130.42

Current savings balance - \$1703.68

Annual report has been filed, property insurance has been paid. This amount is after paying for the Hamfest buttons and property insurance.

Repeater - Justin, NØUJQ, updated the firmware on the repeater controllers and removed the message about a club meeting every month.

There are Currently 33 paid and life members in the club.

The Secretary and Treasurer's Reports were approved.

EC / VE report

Sid, NØOBM reported that the EOC is gearing up for the Vigilant Guard coming up in a few weeks.

Hamfest - Everything is on track. Tom is waiting for a few more replies before updating the schedule. All the buttons have been paired with a ticket. Admission price set at \$7. There will be some food available. Ladies activities are available this year again. We will need help assisting vendors for early setup starting at 6:30 pm Saturday, August 16th. Early setup will go until 8.

It was decided to possibly have a watermelon feed August 29 in the same room we always meet at - KWU Peters Science Hall.

Several guests from out of state were present as well as a few local people interested in HAM radio. A very informative Q&A session closed out the meeting at 8:02 pm. Eric and Mitch invited the guests to the KWU hamshack for hands on display of radio. Paul, KS1P invited them for a short presentation of his mobile setup. Several applications to join the club were handed out.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Eric, NØYET

The offices of President, and Secretary/Treasurer are available for anyone wishing to apply. **Please "Step up" and Volunteer!** Elections are at the October Meeting.

Reminders

City of Salina Siren Test Net, **October 6th** at 4:30 PM if the Weather cooperates! Otherwise October 13th.

ARRL-VEC Test Session on Wednesday **October 8th** at 7:00 PM.

CKARC Meeting October 24th at 7:30 PM (**ELECTION Night—for CKARC Officers**)

Radio Scouting Webinar Set

09/11/2014

A **webinar**, "What is Radio Scouting and What Does it Mean to Me?" is set for September 18 at 0100 UTC (**Wednesday evening, September 17, in US time zones**). The presenter will be Jim Wilson, K5ND, chairman of the Boy Scouts of America's Radio Scouting Committee, president of the K2BSA Amateur Radio Association, and member of the World Scouting JOTA-JOTI Team.

"Radio Scouting" includes all things Amateur Radio and Scouting. Topics will include the upcoming Jamboree on the Air (JOTA), the world's largest Scouting event, with 700,000 Scouts, 13,500 stations, and more than 22,000 Amateur Radio operators in 140 countries taking part.

Advance **registration** is required. — *Thanks to The ARRL Contest Update via Keith Kaiser, WA0TJT*

Monthly CKARC Meetings are Back!

At the August meeting, it was decided that the CKARC would go back to **Monthly** meetings.

September 26th at 7:30 PM	KWU Peter's Science Hall	Room 211	
October 24th at 7:30 PM	KWU Peter's Science Hall	Room 211	The Week Before Halloween
November 21st at 7:30 PM	KWU Peter's Science Hall	Room 211	The Week BEFORE Thanksgiving!
December 19th			Location & Time TBA

New \$21.40 Vanity Call Sign Fee Now in Effect

09/15/2014

The new Amateur Service vanity call sign regulatory fee of \$21.40 became effective on September 11. The FCC released a *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (R&O)* on August 29, in which it recalculated the fee to \$21.40 for the 10-year license term. The \$5.30 increase represents the largest vanity fee hike in many years. In past years, new vanity fees did not become effective until 30 days after their publication in *The Federal Register*, which occurred on September 11.

The FCC reported there were 11,500 "payment units" in FY 2014, and that the vanity program generated an estimated \$230,230 in FY 2013 revenue. The Commission estimated that it would collect nearly \$246,100 in FY 2014 vanity call sign fees.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable when applying for a new vanity call sign or when renewing any vanity call sign designated as "HV" in the FCC's ULS database.

As of October 1, 2013, the Commission no longer accepts checks — including cashier's checks — for the payment of regulatory fees. All payments must now be made by online ACH payment, online credit card, or via wire transfer. Any other form of payment will be rejected and returned to the applicant.

From the ARRL Web site

No Easy Answers for Radio Shack's Slow, Downward Slide

09/11/2014

Back in the day, **Radio Shack** employees would answer the phone by saying, "You've got questions, we've got answers." But RadioShack now seems stumped, and the "B" word is looming ever larger as the retailer — once a go-to shop for electronic components and, at one point, even Amateur Radio and shortwave receivers — casts about for a white knight. Last March, in the wake of a substantial drop in holiday sales and a big fourth-quarter loss, the Fort Worth, Texas-based Radio Shack announced plans to close 1100 of its outlets, leaving the chain with 4000 stores, including more than 900 dealer franchises. The last quarter was more of the same.

According to **CNNMoney**, though, the retailer has only been able to shutter 200 of those shops — because it costs a lot of money even to close locations, and RadioShack has none to spare. It's already bleeding cash — some \$149 million just this year — in its struggle to board up unprofitable locations and keep its head above the rising waters, and, as CNNMoney reported, credit rating agency Moody's expects the company's bank account to run dry within another 12 months. One Wall Street analyst already has warned of impending bankruptcy, and Forbes.com

reported this week that the retailer itself has confirmed the likelihood of a Chapter 7 or Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing, if it cannot find a buyer or restructure its debt.

The troubled electronics retailer continues to actively seek a substantial cash infusion, which, CNNMoney speculated, could come from its single largest investor, hedge fund Standard General, which owns nearly 10 percent of the company. Radio Shack also has been negotiating with lenders, bondholders, shareholders, and landlords about a financial turn-around plan.

Radio Shack CEO Joseph Magnacca said in a statement on September 11 that while the company was making progress in its turn-around efforts, "we are actively exploring options for overhauling our balance sheet and are in advanced discussions with a number of parties." A filing the retailer submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) this week was far more blunt. In short, it said that if Radio Shack cannot sell the firm, partner with another company, or restructure its debt, "we may not have enough cash and working capital to fund our operations beyond the very near term, which raises substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern." And if Plan A does not work out, the retailer told the SEC, "we would likely be required to liquidate under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code."

Ironically, Radio Shack's stock price initially rose on the news, before dropping below the \$1 mark. It was off nearly 25 percent since the beginning of the week.

Radio Shack once offered entry-level short-wave receivers, Citizens Band gear, a wide array of discrete components — including transistors, resistors, and capacitors — and, for a time, a fairly popular 2 meter hand-held transceiver and two different models of 10 meter single-band transceivers. It failed in its effort to market a dualband VHF/UHF hand-held radio, however. Over the years, Radio Shack has offered fewer discrete components in its brick-and-mortar stores, moving that stock and other products to its online outlet, as it shifted its marketing focus to cell phones, consumer electronics, and various battery-operated gadgets.

From the ARRL Web Site

October 2014 Contest Calendar

From the WA7BNM Contest Calendar

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

SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Oct 2
German Telegraphy Contest	0700Z-0959Z, Oct 3
YLRL DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest	1400Z, Oct 3 to 0200Z, Oct 5
15-Meter SSTV Dash Contest	0000Z, Oct 4 to 2359Z, Oct 5
TARA PSK Rumble Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Oct 4
Oceania DX Contest, Phone	0800Z, Oct 4 to 0800Z, Oct 5
Russian WW Digital Contest	1200Z, Oct 4 to 1159Z, Oct 5
New Jersey QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 4 to 0359Z, Oct 5 and 1400Z-2000Z, Oct 5
California QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 4 to 2159Z, Oct 5
EU Autumn Sprint, SSB	1600Z-1959Z, Oct 4
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 7
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 8
432 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Oct 8
10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint	0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10
NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder	0145Z-0215Z, Oct 10
Makrothen RTTY Contest	0000Z, Oct 11 to 1559Z, Oct 12
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Oct 11 to 2359Z, Oct 12
Oceania DX Contest, CW	0800Z, Oct 11 to 0800Z, Oct 12
Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB	1200Z, Oct 11 to 1200Z, Oct 12
Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 11 to 2200Z, Oct 12
EU Autumn Sprint, CW	1600Z-1959Z, Oct 11
Arizona QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 11 to 2359Z, Oct 12
FISTS Fall Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 11
North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Oct 12
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Oct 15
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW	0001Z, Oct 18 to 2359Z, Oct 19
Microwave Fall Sprint	0600 local - 1300 local, Oct 18
New York QSO Party	1400Z, Oct 18 to 0200Z, Oct 19
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Oct 18 to 1500Z, Oct 19
Worked All Germany Contest	1500Z, Oct 18 to 1459Z, Oct 19
South Dakota QSO Party	1800Z, Oct 18 to 1800Z, Oct 19
Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 19
Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 19 to 0100Z, Oct 20
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 20
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Oct 20 to 2359Z, Oct 24
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 23
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 25 to 2400Z, Oct 26

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER QSP IS OCT 16, 2014

CKARC October Birthdays

KCØVDX	Jerry	Mallon	10/7
WØNO	Alan	Shurts	10/20