



QSP



August 2011

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The August Meeting is
 Friday, Aug. 26, 2011
 @ 6:00 PM, at Jerry
 Ivey Park, Shelter #1

August VE Report

For the August 8th Special Session:

We had One Candidate. Matt Osborne, KCØMZP of Salina, upgraded to General. Matt attempted the Extra, but was a bit short of passing. Matt is being deployed to Afghanistan.

VE's for this session were: Sid, NØOBM, Larry, NØGSL, Eric, NØYET, and Ron, WAØPSF.

For the August 10th Session:

We had One Candidate. Bill Brantley, WB5VYY of Wichita, upgraded to Extra Class. Congratulations Bill!!

VE's for the session were: Sid, NØOBM, Larry, NØGSL, Ron, WAØPSF, Harvey, KØRY, Don, KAØEIC, Alvin, WØME, and Leon, WAØJFC.

Thanks to all the VE's who helped with the Exam Session. I appreciate the help, and so do those who take the exams.

Results of the HamFest session will be reported in next month's QSP.

Next Exam sessions are:
Wednesday September 14th, 2011, at 7:00 PM, at the Saline County Sheriff's Office Classroom.

Sid NØOBM VE Team Leader

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Minutes of the July Meeting

The July 2011 CKARC Meeting was Called to Order by President Mark, KBØMQX, at 7:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a round of Introductions with 23 Members and Guests present.

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Mitch, KAØIFW, gave the treasurers report with a balance of \$1045.98 in the Savings Account, and \$752.40 in the Checking Account for a Total of \$1798.38 in the Club's Accounts. The Motion was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Other correspondence, Johnson Co. Newsletter had been received and Joplin, Missouri Hamfest is coming up.

VE and EC report:

Sid, NØOBM, reported that we had 4 Candidates (all from out of town) and that no-one went home empty handed. The CKARC Field Day Report has been sent in, a good year overall, but that we had trouble with one computer. No other activities planned at the present.

Club Trustee's Report:

Eric, NØYET, was not there but Justin, NØOUJQ, reported that the 440 antenna has been installed. Also, that it appears we **may** have some trouble with coax on .03 repeater.

Hamfest Report:

Ron, WAØPSF, is still getting more requests for tables and that the ARRL has sent him things for prizes. On Aug. 21st we need help around 6AM to set up, and that we are also now expected to put the Chairs & Tables away at the conclusion of the Hamfest (Saves us a bunch of \$\$\$)

New business:

A Motion was made to move the November meeting up one week, motion was made and seconded.

Bylaws changes to be printed in QSP and voted on at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:PM

Program by Ray Franz, WBØSMZ on kit building.

Alvin, WØME, Sect.

Reminders

City of Salina Siren Test Net, September 12th at 4:30 PM on the NØKSC Repeater (147.270+) **if the Weather cooperates!** (*The 5th is Labor Day*)

ARES Net **TBA** on the NØKSC Repeater (147.270+)

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

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

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

CKARC Meeting is **September 30th** at X:30 PM at TBA

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

Bylaw Revision update

As promised, the review of the CKARC Bylaws was held at the June 2011 Board Meeting. The result of the review was presented to the membership at the July 2011 meeting, and is published in this month's QSP.:

At the July 13, 2011 Board meeting of CKARC, the Constitution, Mission Statement, and Bylaws were reviewed by those present.

Items of change that were suggested to the officers, either in advance or by those present, were from the ByLaws:

Article I Section 1:

Discussed removing the Activities manager. After discussion we recommend the activities manager remain a member of the Board of Directors and an officer of the CKARC.

Article I Section 2:

Discussed the proposal that all CKARC officers be ARRL members. Discussion commented that it is hard enough to recruit and maintain officers as is. We recommend not putting any further requirements on the officers.

Article II Section 1:

Discussed the recommendation of having the club President move the November club meeting up one week, due to poor attendance the day after Thanksgiving. After discussion we recommend that the President maintain and exercise his / her current authority to set meeting dates and times. (Already stated, no change recommended.)

Article II Section 2:

Discussed the duties of the Vice President in relation to the club inventory, specifically the insurance. We recommend that the entire board maintain the responsibility to audit the inventory to be insured, and that they do so at the time the insurance renewal is presented to the board.

We, the CKARC Board of Directors, recommend that the ByLaws remain the same, with the exception of one minor change. The change will be to Article III, Section 3, pertaining to Life Membership. The current wording is listed first, and the proposed changes are listed below.

Current: Article III, Section 3: Life Member: Any Full member who has paid dues for a total of twenty five (25) consecutive years as a Full Member is excused from further payment of dues and retains all rights of Full Membership. Each Life Member and their Spouse are afforded complimentary admission to all Club activities. Persons eligible for Life Member status must submit an application to the Board of Directors.

New Proposal: Article III, Section 3: Life Member: Any Full member who has paid dues for a total of twenty five (25) consecutive years as a Full Member is excused from further payment of dues and retains all rights of Full Membership. Each Life Member is afforded complimentary admission to all club activities. Persons eligible for Life Member status must submit an application to the Board of Directors, who shall make the final decision.

The proposed changes to the CKARC Bylaws (as printed above) will be printed in the club's August 2011 QSP newsletter, and voted upon at the September 2011 CKARC club meeting.

Vanity Call Sign Fee to Go Up in September

08/10/2011

On August 10, the FCC announced via a *Final Rule* in the *Federal Register* that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase **90 cents**, from to \$13.30 to **\$14.20**. The new fees take effect 30 days after publication, making **September 9, 2011**, the first day the new fee is in effect. Earlier this year, the FCC **released** a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM)*, seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs.

"The Commission tries to keep the regulatory fee for Vanity call signs as minimal as possible," explained the FCC in its *Final Rule*. "Between FY 2007 and FY 2010, the regulatory fee for Vanity call signs increased from \$1.17 (per year) to \$1.33 (per year), an increase of \$0.16 per year or \$1.60 over a ten-year license period. We do not believe this increase is inequitable, and the Commission will continue its efforts to keep this fee as minimal as possible. The fees that are collected from Vanity call signs are used to offset the cost of monitoring and researching new call sign requests to prevent the issuance of duplicate call signs."

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 14 years of the current program -- from a low of \$11.70 in 2007 to a high of \$70 (as first proposed in the FCC's 1994 *Report and Order*). In FY 2011, the FCC expects to grant 14,600 vanity call signs, bringing in \$207,320 from the vanity call sign program, and looks to recover a total of \$336,599,048 in fees from all the Services that it regulates.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal five years ago. The FCC is authorized by the *Communications Act of 1934, As Amended*, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program.

From the ARRL Website

ARRL VEC Team Attends National VEC Conference

08/09/2011

Representatives of 12 of the nation's 14 Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (VECs) -- either in person or via proxy -- met July 29 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for the 26th Annual National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (**NCVEC**) Conference.

NCVEC Chairman Larry Pollock, NB5X presided over the gathering that offered an opportunity for representatives of the VECs to discuss issues facing the volunteer examination program and to meet face-to-face with FCC staff members. The ARRL's delegation to the conference included **ARRL VEC** Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, and Assistant VEC Manager Perry Green, WY10, as well as ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. Senior System Analyst in the FCC's **Wireless Telecommunications Bureau -- Mobility Division** Bill Cross, W3TN, along with Special Counsel in the Enforcement Bureau Laura Smith and FCC Program Analyst Donna Scott were also on hand and addressed the Conference.

NCVEC Question Pool Committee (**QPC**) Chairman Roland Anders, K3RA, led a discussion on the QPC's plans for the upcoming year. "The QPC is working on the new Amateur Extra class pool and syllabus that is scheduled to be released December 2011," Somma explained. "It will become effective July 1, 2012. No major changes are planned for the pool and the difficulty level will remain the same. Anders mentioned that the QPC does not expect any new pool releases in 2013."

Cross moderated the FCC portion of the meeting and took the opportunity to introduce the FCC personnel attending the conference. He reviewed two items pending in Washington that may affect the exam question pools and mentioned two filings: A *Petition for Rulemaking* and a *Request for Temporary Waiver (RM-11625)* that the ARRL filed, seeking authorization of the use of

single-time-slot Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) emissions in the amateur bands at and above 50 MHz (wherever multiple-time-slot TDMA is authorized), and a *Petition for Rulemaking*

(**WT-11-130**) filed by the Anchorage VEC that seeks to give permanent credit to radio amateurs for examination elements they have successfully passed.

"Cross told Conference attendees that his office has received very few complaints about exam sessions," Somma said. "He also said that his office receives questions from the Amateur Radio community on a regular basis about exam session rules. Examples include: Why can only higher class licensees administer Amateur Radio license exams? Can the number of required VEs at an exam session be lowered? Can non-amateurs administer exams? Cross explained that the rules governing the VE program are part of the *Communications Act of 1934 as amended* and are statutory requirements; only Congress, and not the FCC, can change a statute."

Smith brought Conference attendees up to date regarding current enforcement proceedings. "She mentioned that the Commission receives a lot of complaints pertaining to new technology, harmful interference and disputes of a personal nature," Somma said. "To her, Amateur Radio is about experimenting with new technology. FCC engineers will go out and make determinations about the interference. Nearly all of the personal disputes are not legitimate grievances." Somma said that Smith told them that she has not received any valid complaints about VEs, VECs or exam sessions, and praised the VECs for their efforts.

"Donna Scott announced she is retiring from FCC effective December 31 of this year," Somma noted. "She leaves with 35 years of service with the FCC. Her expert knowledge and support of the VEC program will be missed."

NCVEC Leadership

The NCVEC re-elected by acclamation the current representatives to new terms. Larry Pollock, NB5X, of **W5YI-VEC**, was selected for a third term as chairman; Michele Cimbala, WK3X, of **LARC VEC** will continue as secretary and Custodian of Records. Gene Wright, WA6ZRT, of the **GEARS VEC**, will continue as Assistant to the Custodian of Records and Fred Maia, W5YI, of **W5YI-VEC**, as Rules Reporter.

The five current Question Pool Committee members -- Perry Green, WY1O (ARRL VEC), Jim Wiley, KL7CC (Anchorage VEC), Larry Pollock, NB5X (W5YI-VEC), Mike Maston, N6OPH (Sandarc-VEC) and Chairman Roland Anders, K3RA (LARC VEC), were reappointed to the QPC. Mark Erbaugh, N8ME, of the LARC VEC was elected NCVEC Vice Chairman, replacing John Johnston, W3BE, also from the LARC VEC. Ray Adams, W4CPA, of the **WCARS VEC** resigned as Treasurer, with 27 years of service to the NCVEC. Willard Sitton, W4HZD, also from the WCARS VEC, will move up to the position of Treasurer. Adams will support Sitton as the Assistant to the Treasurer.

RC "Smitty" Smith, W6RZA, announced his retirement as the head of the **GLAARG VEC**, effective March 2012; Smith has been with the NCVEC program since its inception. He received a standing ovation from all in attendance for his 27 years as a VEC representative. Adrienne Sherwood, WA6YEO, will replace Smith in this leadership role.

The 2012 meeting of the NCVEC has been tentatively scheduled for July 20, with the location yet to be determined.

From the ARRL Website

August 2011 Contest Calendar

From the WA7BNM Contest Calendar

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

QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Sep 2
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 2
All Asian DX Contest, Phone	0000Z, Sep 3 to 2400Z, Sep 4
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0629Z, Sep 3 and 0630Z-0659Z, Sep 3 and 0700Z-0729Z, Sep 3 and 0730Z-0800Z, Sep 3
Colorado QSO Party	1200Z, Sep 3 to 0400Z, Sep 4
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Sep 3 and 1900Z-2000Z, Sep 3 and 0300Z-0400Z, Sep 4
AGCW Straight Key Party	1300Z-1600Z, Sep 3
QCWA Fall QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 3 to 1800Z, Sep 4
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Sep 4
Tennessee QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 4 to 0300Z, Sep 5
MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint	2300Z, Sep 5 to 0300Z, Sep 6
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Sep 6
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Sep 9
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 9
PODXS 070 Club Jay Hudak	
Memorial 80m Sprint	2000 local, Sep 9 to 0200 local, Sep 10
Kulikovo Polye Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Sep 10
WAE DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Sep 10 to 2359Z, Sep 11
Arkansas QSO Party	1300Z, Sep 10 to 0100Z, Sep 11
ARRL September VHF QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 10 to 0300Z, Sep 12
ARCI VHF Contest	1800Z, Sep 10 to 0300Z, Sep 12
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Sep 11
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0400Z, Sep 11
Swiss HTC QRP Sprint	1300Z-1900Z, Sep 11
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Sep 12
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Sep 14 and 1900Z-2000Z, Sep 14 and 0300Z-0400Z, Sep 15
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Sep 14
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 16
Connecticut QSO Party	0000Z-2359Z, Sep 17
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	0600 local, Sep 17 to 2400 local, Sep 18
SARL VHF/UHF Analogue/Digital Contest	1000Z, Sep 17 to 1000Z, Sep 18
Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW	1200Z, Sep 17 to 1200Z, Sep 18
SRT HF Contest SSB	1300Z, Sep 17 to 1300Z, Sep 18
South Carolina QSO Party	1300Z, Sep 17 to 2100Z, Sep 18
QRP Afield	1500Z, Sep 17 to 0300Z, Sep 18
Washington State Salmon Run	1600Z, Sep 17 to 0700Z, Sep 18 and 1600Z-2400Z, Sep 18

Feld Hell Sprint	1600Z-1800Z, Sep 17
North American Sprint, SSB	0000Z-0400Z, Sep 18
WAB 144 MHz QRP Phone	1000Z-1400Z, Sep 18
BARTG Sprint 75	1700Z-2100Z, Sep 18
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Sep 19
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Sep 22
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 23
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Sep 24 to 2400Z, Sep 25
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1400Z-1659Z, Sep 24 (144) and 1700Z-1759Z, Sep 24 (432)
Texas QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 24 to 0200Z, Sep 25 and 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 25
QRP Homebrewer Sprint	0000Z-0400Z, Sep 26
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Sep 28
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Sep 28 and 1900Z-2000Z, Sep 28 and 0300Z-0400Z, Sep 29
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Sep 29

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER QSP IS SEPT. 20, 2011

CKARC September Birthdays

F/Member	Kathy	Kelley	9/2
KBØSZO	John	Gunder	9/16
WØAFQ	Andy	Anderson	9/27
	Naomi	Gamer	9/30