



# QSP



May 2011

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The May Meeting is  
Friday, May. 27, 2011  
@ 6:30 PM, at KWU  
Peters Science Hall  
Room 211

## May VE Report

For the May 11th Session:

For the first time in quite a while, we had NO Candidates.

**Silent Key Pot-Luck  
Dinner**

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

Next Exam session is:

**Wednesday June 8th, 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 April Meeting

The April meeting called to order by President, Mark, KBØMQX at 7:31 with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a round of Introductions with 24 members and guests present.

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

Mitch, KAØIFW gave treasurers report with \$872.86 in checking and \$1045.98 in saving, approved. Other correspondence, a copy of 10-10 Magazine and 7 & 8 of May CW contest.

Sid, NØOBM gave VE & EC reports, ARES net on May 3 and Meeting May 19 & SK nite with Pot luck May 27 at 6:30 PM. The Eisenhower Marathon weather was the best we can remember, with around 800 runners

Eric, NØYET repeaters working.

Michelle, KDØKYD reported that a balloon launch on Saturday May 7th at 8 AM.

Field day will be held June 25 & 26 out at Smoky Hill ANG Bombing Range. The program for the June, 24<sup>th</sup> CKARC Meeting will be on Field Day. The program for tonight is on making Tape measure beams for 2 Meters.

Michelle asked and received permission to order 25 Field Day posters to promote Field Day.

Ham fest No report

Old business: The Board will be working over Bylaws at the July 13 board meeting. Club Member input is welcome.

New business: Drawing for coupon from Santa Fe Phillies & Subs

Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM

Hosts Lois & Alvin.-- cookies and punch.

Alvin, WØME

## Reminders

**City of Salina Siren Test Net, June 6th** at 4:30 PM on the NØKSC Repeater (147.270+) **if the Weather cooperates!**

ARES Net **June 7th at 8:00 PM** on the NØKSC Repeater (147.270+)

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

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

Smoky Hill River Festival JAM June 9th at 6:00 PM in Oakdale Park, Salina, KS.

Smoky Hill River Festival June 10—12 10 AM to 10 PM in Oakdale Park, Salina “Till 6 PM on Sunday

**ARES Meeting is June 16th at 8:00 PM in Emergency Management.**

CKARC Meeting is June 24th at 7:30 PM at KWU's Peters Science Hall, Room 211

Field Day June 25—26th Smoky Hill ANG Bombing Range. See Map elsewhere in this issue!

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

## Another Silent Key

Sharon K Vale, NØTON, formerly of Salina, KS. Lately in York, Ne. passed away on April 15th, 2011 of a massive Heart Attack.

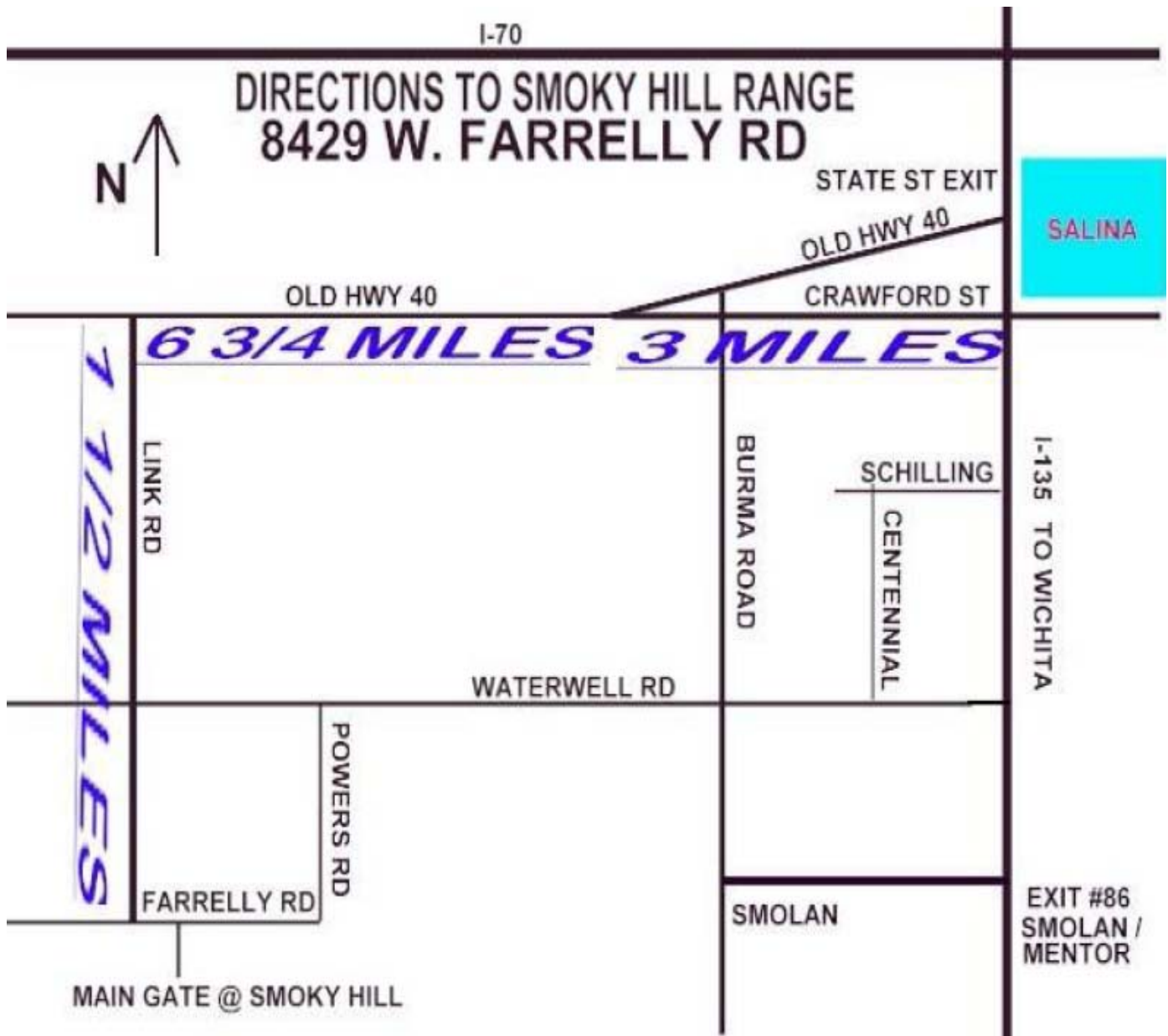
Sharon K. Vale, 54, of York, passed away Friday (4/15/11).

Survivors include three sisters-in-law.

No services were held. No visitation, cremation. Memorials to the family. Arrangements by Aspen Cremation and Burial Service, 4822 Cleveland Ave.

*Lincoln, Ne. Journal Star*

## Directions to the Field Day Site @ Smoky Hill ANG Range



Take Crawford West to K-140. Follow K-140 West to Link Road. (6 3/4 Miles) Take Link Road SOUTH 1 1/2 Miles to Farrelly Road—Go EAST on Farrelly to the Main Gate.

Google Maps to 8229 Farrelly Road for further details. Or their “**New Address**”: 6401 W. M60 Road, Lindsborg, KS 67456

## FCC Seeks to Raise the Fee for Vanity Call Signs

05/03/2011

The FCC released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM)* on May 3, seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs. Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$13.30 and is good for 10 years; the new fee, if the FCC plan goes through, will go up to \$14.20 for 10 years, an increase of 90 cents. 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. 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. Instructions on **how to comment** on this *NPRM* are available on the FCC Web site.

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 2007, the Commission lowered the fee from \$20.80 to \$11.70. The FCC said it anticipates some 14,600 Amateur Radio vanity call sign "payment units" or applications during the next fiscal year, collecting \$207,320 in fees from the program.

### Vanity Fee Due for New, Renewal Applications

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.

Those holding vanity call signs *issued prior to 1996* are exempt from having to pay the vanity call sign regulatory fee at renewal, however. That's because Congress did not authorize the FCC to collect regulatory fees until 1993. Such "heritage" vanity call sign holders do not appear as vanity licensees in the FCC Amateur Radio database.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within **90 days** of their license expiration date. All radio amateurs must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants can obtain an FRN by going to the FCC's **ULS** Web site and clicking on the "New Users Register" link. You must supply your Social Security Number to obtain an FRN.

### ARRL Processes License Renewals, Including Vanities

The **ARRL VEC** will process license renewals for vanity call sign holders for a modest fee. The service is available to ARRL members and nonmembers, although League members pay less. Routine, non-vanity renewals continue to be free for ARRL members. Trustees of club stations with vanity call signs may renew either via the ULS or through a Club Station Call Sign Administrator, such as ARRL VEC.

The ARRL VEC will handle vanity license renewals for ARRL members for a small fee (license renewals for members with non-vanity call signs are free). Visit the **Call Sign Renewals or Changes** web page for complete instructions on how to have the ARRL renew your license for you or for how to do it yourself. License application and renewal information and links to the required forms are available on the ARRL Amateur Radio License Renewal web page. The FCC's forms page also offers the required forms.

*From the ARRL Web Site*

## A Note from the President

Greetings to all amateur radio operators and friends. This next month is a pretty busy month for us as we prepare for upcoming events. First of all, this month is when we honor the silent keys with our memorial service. Also, the Field Day committee is in the final planning stages. In addition to that we have the Smoky Hill River Festival to prepare for. Finally, we are working on possible revisions to the by-laws and constitution for CKARC. I do hope that as a club member you are getting involved in at least one of these activities.

As we honor the Silent Keys I think it would be appropriate for us to remember the contributions that each of them has made to our club, and to ham radio in general. Let's do our best to continue the traditions and education they have provided for us. It is up to us to continue the ham radio hobby so that their contributions can be remembered.

The Field Day Committee has been working very hard to put together another good activity. The location has been chosen and many of the planning activities are completed. If you have any last minute suggestions please notify anyone on the committee, or a club officer.

We will once again be providing communications for the Smoky Hill River Festival. This is a great opportunity for us to demonstrate to the public the capabilities of amateur radio. I hope that everyone can stop by the trailer and help with this task. This is an opportunity to make a good impression on our community, and I hope everyone will participate.

This is also the year that we are to review the club constitution and by laws. They are available on the CKARC website, or you may contact a club officer for a copy. I have brought several copies to the club meetings and nobody has taken any, so I assume that everyone has already reviewed them. This is your club, and your input is important. We will be having a special "session" at the July (13<sup>th</sup>) board meeting to discuss any comments, changes, revisions, or additions club members may have. Please look them over and let the officers know of any changes you would like to see. Better yet, please attend the meeting for open discussion.

One suggestion that I have heard, and support, is that we remove the position of activities manager. The reasons are simple: Nobody wants to volunteer to hold the office, and someone always puts in a lot of planning for activities that nobody shows up for. Most club members are not willing to support any activities that are put together. A few examples are from last month: At the last club meeting we had a few members stay to build tape measure beams. However, when asked if anyone wanted to do a fox hunt, the response was zero. It had been mentioned for several months. Also, the Kansas Wesleyan students had a balloon launch and very few club members showed up to support them. Thank you to those who did participate, or at least show up to support the younger, newer hams in our community.

Please take a look at all of these activities, and others that may come up, and see what you can do to support and encourage them. Again, as I've said for several years, it is up to each one of us to keep ham radio alive. I hope to see each of you at the club meeting, Field Day, River Festival, or any other activities that come up. Let's each do our part to keep ham radio alive, and enjoy it for years to come.

Mark, KBØMQX

## June 2011 Contest Calendar

### From the WA7BNM Contest Calendar

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

QRP Minimal Art Session	1600Z-2200Z, Jun 2
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 3
10-10 Int. Open Season <b>PSK</b> Contest	0000Z, Jun 4 to 2400Z, Jun 5
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0629Z, Jun 4 and 0630Z-0659Z, Jun 4 and 0700Z-0729Z, Jun 4 and 0730Z-0800Z, Jun 4
Maritimes QSO Party	1200Z, Jun 4 to 0300Z, Jun 5
SEANET Contest	1200Z, Jun 4 to 1200Z, Jun 5
<b>Alabama QSO Party</b>	1600Z, Jun 4 to 0400Z, Jun 5
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 6
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Jun 7
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Jun 8
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 10
DRCG Long Distance Contest, <b>RTTY</b>	0000Z-0759Z, Jun 11 and 1600Z-2359Z, Jun 11 and 0800Z-1559Z, Jun 12
Portugal Day Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Jun 11
VK Shires Contest	0600Z, Jun 11 to 0600Z, Jun 12
Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB	1100Z-1300Z, Jun 11
GACW WWSA <b>CW</b> DX Contest	1500Z, Jun 11 to 1500Z, Jun 12
REF DDFM 6m Contest	1600Z, Jun 11 to 1600Z, Jun 12
<b>ARRL June VHF QSO Party</b>	1800Z, Jun 11 to 0259Z, Jun 13
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Jun 12
NAQCC <b>Straight Key/Bug</b> Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jun 15
RSGB 80m Club Championship, <b>CW</b>	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 15
SARL Youth Day Sprint	0700Z-1100Z, Jun 16
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 17
All Asian DX Contest, <b>CW</b>	0000Z, Jun 18 to 2400Z, Jun 19
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1400Z-1659Z, Jun 18 (144) and 1700Z-1759Z, Jun 18 (432)
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Jun 18 to 1500Z, Jun 19
<b>West Virginia QSO Party</b>	1600Z, Jun 18 to 0200Z, Jun 19
Kid's Day Contest	1800Z-2359Z, Jun 18
<b>Feld Hell</b> Sprint	2000Z-2200Z, Jun 18
WAB 50 MHz Phone	0900Z-1500Z, Jun 19
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Jun 20
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jun 22
NAQCC <b>Straight Key/Bug</b> Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jun 22
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 23
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 24
VK/Trans-Tasman 160m Contest, Phone	0800Z-1400Z, Jun 25
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	1200Z, Jun 25 to 1200Z, Jun 26
Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest	1200Z, Jun 25 to 1200Z, Jun 26
Marconi Memorial HF Contest	1400Z, Jun 25 to 1400Z, Jun 26
ARCI Milliwatt Field Day	1800Z, Jun 25 to 2100Z, Jun 26
<b>ARRL Field Day</b>	<b>1800Z, Jun 25 to 2100Z, Jun 26</b>



**2011 ARRL Kansas State Convention  
Sunday August 21, 2011 8am – 4pm**

**Salina Bicentennial Center  
800 The Midway  
Salina, Kansas**

**Talk in frequencies 147.030 + and 443.900 +**

**Registration \$5.00 in advance or at the door**

Tables: Commercial or flea market \$15.00 each, includes electricity if requested, and one admission ticket per table.

**VENDORS – FORUMS – FUN – YL ACTIVITIES - DOOR PRIZES –  
VE TESTING – DX CARD, WAS CARD,  
VUCC CARD CHECKING AVAILABLE**

This is your invitation to attend one of the finest gatherings of Amateur Radio operators in the Midwest. Your attendance at this convention will insure the continuation of this type of activity and help attract major vendors to bring and display their newest products for your enjoyment.

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Check our web site: [www.centralksarc.com](http://www.centralksarc.com) for a schedule of events

**NOTICE:** No display, advertising, or sales or offers of future sales of amplifiers capable of operating in the Citizens Radio Service (CB) will be permitted during the Kansas ARRL convention, either within the Salina Bicentennial Center, or in the parking lot adjacent to the building. Those not adhering to this rule will be asked to leave the convention immediately.

**NO Early SALES**

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE QSP IS JUNE 15, 2011**

## **CKARC June Birthdays**

<b>KAØIFW</b>	<b>Mitch</b>	<b>Johannes</b>	<b>6/5</b>
<b>KCØJNK</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>Burchill</b>	<b>6/18</b>
<b>WØYVR</b>	<b>Glen</b>	<b>Eaton</b>	<b>6/26</b>