



# QSP



September 2007

## William R. Bill Peck WBØOQB SK

The September CKARC Meeting is on September 28, 2007 at 6:30 PM  
Jerry Ivey Park Shelter #1

Name and Age: William R. Bill Peck, 83  
Funeral Services: Monday, September 24, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, 118 N. 9th. Salina, Kansas.  
Internment: Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Salina, Kansas

Memorials: American Heart Association or Sacred Heart Jr. Sr. High School

Biographic Information: Mr. Peck was born on March 21, 1924 in rural Kipp. He was the son of Fred Alvin and Margaret Marie Quint Peck. Mr. Peck served in the U.S. Army during WWII at the Battle of the Bulge and Normandy. He worked for the Salina U.S.D. 305 Public School System and taught summer school classes for the Salina Vo-Tech. Mr. Peck was a member of the American Legion, Knights of Columbus Council 601, and the Amateur Radio Club. Also a Life Member of Kansas Army MARS.

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## September VE Report

At the September Test Session on September 12, there were 3 Candidates present for testing.

- 1 Passed Technician
- 1 Passed Technician and General
- 1 did not pass

There will be a W5YI-VE Test session on Saturday Sept. 29, 2007 at 1:00 PM

## Minutes of the August Meeting

Meeting called to order by Mark KBØMQX at 7:30 PM at Kenwood Park Shelter #1 after the Watermelon was consumed.

NO Pledge of Allegiance (due to the lack of The Colors)

A round of introductions of all in attendance.

Club Secretary Alvin, WØME asked that the minutes be approved as printed in the CKARC Newsletter "QSP". Moved and Seconded, motion passed.

Marty, KGØMT, provided a revised Treasurer's Report.

Total current balance for both Checking and Savings of \$4166.69

### EC Report

Sid, NØOBM, Upcoming events: Monday, September 3, NO Siren Test net (due to the Labor Day Holiday).

Monday September 10 – Possible Siren test 4:30 pm (weather permitting). (*too many clouds*)

Thursday evening September 6th is the ARES Net at 8:00 PM on the 146.730– Repeater.

September 12th VE test session followed by Board Meeting at 7:00 PM.

September 20th ARES meeting in the EOC at 8:00 PM (*Rescheduled to the 13th*)

September 28th CKARC meeting will be the Annual Picnic at Jerry Ivey Park Shelter #1.

### VE report

Hamfest Test Session:

13 Candidates

6 passed Technician Exam

2 Passed General Exam

1 Passed Extra Exam

4 did not pass

### Repeater Report

Eric, NØYET, was absent, so no report.

### Activities Report

Pete, NØOY was absent from the meeting, but Mark, KBØMQX said that due to the HOT weather, the foxhunting would continue, but be later in the evening to avoid some of the heat. Projected start time would be around 7:00 PM on Sunday evenings.

### Hamfest Report

Ron, WAØPSF, indicated that things went very well at the Hamfest. A detailed status report was provided by Marty, KGØMT.

### Old Business

### New Business

Still looking for members to volunteer for the Nominating Committee!

Meeting adjourned.

## Treasurer's Report

Balance August 21, 2007

Checking

Expenses	\$1177.12
Credits	\$1267.50

Bal.	<u>\$ 423.03</u>
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Savings

Expenses	\$ 00.00
Credits	\$ 00.00

Bal.	<u>\$3743.66</u>
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Combined Balance	<u>\$4166.69</u>
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## Reminders

September Picnic Meeting is at **Jerry Ivey Park Shelter #1**

October meeting is **Election night**.

## FCC to Lower Vanity Call Sign Fees September 17

The FCC will reduce the regulatory fee to obtain or renew an Amateur Radio vanity call sign by more than 40 percent starting September 17. In a Report & Order (R&O) released August 6, "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2007," in MD Docket 07-81, the Commission will cut the fee from its current \$20.80 to \$11.70. This marks the lowest fee in the history of the current vanity call sign program. 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 fee has fluctuated over the 11 years of the current program -- from a low of \$12 to a high of \$50. The FCC says it anticipates some 14,700 Amateur Radio vanity call sign "payment units" or applications during the next fiscal year, collecting \$171,990 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 last year.

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 ULS 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.

League members should visit the "ARRL Member Instructions for License Renewals or Changes" page, while the "Instructions for License Renewals or Changes" page covers general renewal procedures for nonmembers. There's additional information on the ARRL VEC's "FCC License Renewals and ARRL License Expiration Notices" page.

License application and renewal information and links to the required forms are available on the ARRL Amateur Application Filing FAQ Web page. The FCC's forms page also offers the required forms.

## ARRL Receives MARS Call Sign

The ARRL now has a new Emergency Communications tool in its toolbox -- MARS call sign **AANIARRL**. According to W1AW Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, "The call sign was requested to reflect both the holder of the license (ARRL) and the various MARS services (Army, Air Force and Navy)."

The MARS station will be housed at W1AW, the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station. ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager Dennis Dura, K2DCD, said, "The establishment of an Army MARS call sign for W1AW begins a relationship with the Military Affiliate Radio System and the ARRL. Our two organizations are working toward the near-term establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding. Additionally, the League and MARS will utilize each other's personnel and technical capabilities to further enhance our emergency preparedness and response capabilities."

The MARS program consists of licensed Amateur Radio operators who are interested in military communications on a local, national and international basis as an adjunct to normal communications. MARS has a long and proud history of providing worldwide auxiliary emergency communications during times of need. The combined three service MARS programs (Army, Air Force, and Navy-Marine Corps) volunteer force of more than 5000 dedicated and skilled Amateur Radio operators is the backbone of the MARS program. There are Army MARS stations in Japan, Korea, Hawaii, Panama, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Alaska, Central America, Africa, Germany and the continental United States. MARS responders operate on specially assigned military radio frequencies in voice, teletype and packet modes of communications.

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## **CKARC October Birthdays**

KCØVDX	Jerry	Mallon	10/07
WØMDH	Mike	Herrera	10/15
WØNO	Alan	Shurts	10/20