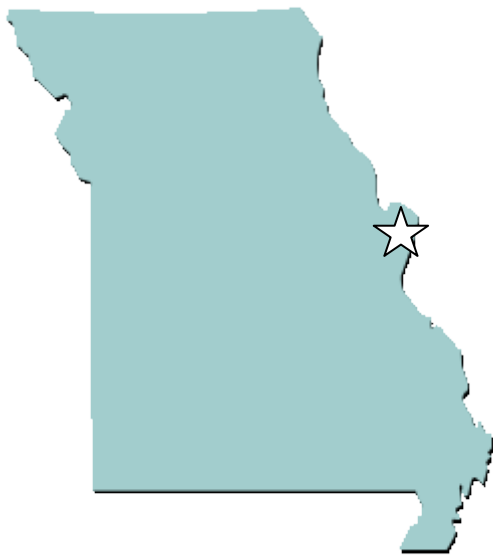


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And the  
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58th Anniversary Convention  
St. Louis, Missouri



**Sheraton Westport Hotel**

900 Westport Plaza  
St. Louis, MO 63146  
(800) 822-3535  
Or  
(314) 434-5010

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To Members of OMIK:

As I am writing this welcome to the 2010 OMIK Convention, I have to mention that OMIK is wrapping up its effort to raise funds to help provide medical care and food to persons affected by the earthquake in Haiti. Donations by OMIK members and others are expected to reach more than \$2,000. What a great way to kick off a year than by helping others who are in need.

The members of OMIK in the St. Louis area are looking forward to welcoming everyone who attends convention and proudly showing off what's great about our part of the country. St. Louis played an important role in the United States even before recorded history. This region was home Cahokia Indians, one of the most advanced civilizations that existed in North America from 650—1400 AD. Of course, most of you are aware of the more modern history of this region from the 1800s even through today.

St. Louis has much to offer you and your family. If you like history, the St. Louis has played a role in many events in U.S. history. For example, after you visit the Gateway Arch, you can go a few blocks to the Old Courthouse which was the scene of the trial of Dred and Harriett Scott. Trial reenactments, ranger tours are available. And not too far from the courthouse is Laclede's Landing, an entertainment district, which was the setting for infamous incidents such as the Frankie and Johnnie altercation.

We have some great tours lined up including trips to the World Black History Museum; the Scott Joplin House, which is a Missouri historical site; the Gateway Arch, and others. For those who like games of chance, you will have ample time to wager your cash in the five casinos that make St. Louis home.

Of course, have the usual activities such the mobile shoot-out, tech sessions, VE exams, and the popular, fun activity, "Fuss and Cuss" which debuted at the Birmingham convention. Bob Heil, K9EIL, and Chip Margelli, K7JA, have committed to attending the convention. Bob and Chip will present a tech session on microphone technology and demonstrate the science of sound that has made Heil microphones recognized around the world. Most importantly, they will be around for a great part of the convention so that you can personally talk with them about microphones and other technical issues.

We are excited about partnering with the members of the St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club (SLSRC) during our convention. SLSRC is an active club that provides excellent opportunities for training, emergency communications, and other events. Several of their members have committed to providing tech sessions and being involved in other OMIK activities.

As usual, special thanks go out to convention co-chairs Moody, WQ6I, and Norma, N6MMF, Law for their leadership in planning and implementing this year's event.

Finally, 2010 is an election year. Please consider how you can help our organization continue to grow by accepting a nomination to an office.

There is a lot to do when you come to St. Louis, and we hope to see you here!! See you in July!!

Cornelius Washington, KRØZ President



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## SHERATON WESTPORT HOTEL



### Sheraton Westport Hotel

900 Westport Plaza  
St. Louis, MO 63146

### Room Reservations

Individual reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at (800) 822-3535 or (314) 434-5010. You must identify yourself as OMIK Amateur Radio Association when making the reservation to guarantee the Convention rate:

Single \$89	Double \$89
The above room rates will be honored three days prior and three days after the Convention	
All room rates are subject to 14.575% tax	
FREE SHUTTLE from Lambert-St. Louis International Airport	
Check-in is anytime after 3pm on day of arrival; Check-out is by 12:00 noon on day of departure	

All reservations must be received by **June 23, 2010** to insure the group rate.

### DRIVING DIRECTIONS

#### From North:

Take I-70 West to I-270 South. Exit on Dorsett Road, Exit 17. Turn left on Dorsett Road. Turn right on Progress Parkway. Go straight ahead into West Port Plaza.

#### From South:

Take Interstate 55 North to I-270 West/North. Exit on Dorsett Road, Exit 17. Turn right on Dorsett Road. Turn right on Progress Parkway. Go straight ahead into West Port Plaza.

#### From Lambert-St. Louis International Airport:

Take Interstate 70 West to Interstate 270 South to Dorsett Road, Exit 17. Turn left on Dorsett Road. Turn right on Progress Parkway. Go straight ahead into West Port Plaza.

#### From West:

Take Interstate 64/Route 40 East to I-270 North to Dorsett Road, Exit 17. Turn right on Dorsett Road. Turn right on Progress Parkway. Go straight ahead into West Port Plaza.

### Talk-in Frequencies

<b>HF</b>		<b>VHF</b>
• 14.295	20 meters	• 147.150 – positive offset
• 7.265	40 meters	Wide coverage
• 3.908	75 meters	

## **OMIK CONVENTION TOURS**

As usual this year's convention will feature tours of the St. Louis. We have selected tours that show a cross section of the historical, cultural, and entertainment life of St. Louis. Each day, a tour guide will be on hand to discuss the historical significance of the venues and to answer your questions. Please bring your children and grandchildren because the tour sites will have areas of interest for all ages.

### **Tour stops for Wednesday, July 14—**

The Griot Museum of Black History & Culture—only the second of its kind the country—opened as the Black World History Wax Museum in 1997. The new name reflects the museum's mission and purpose—the keeper of the stories, culture, and history of Black people.

During your tour of "The Griot" you will "meet" and learn about Carter G. Woodson, Josephine Baker, Dred and Harriet Scott, Elizabeth Keckley, William Wells Brown, James Milton Turner, Clark Terry, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the, Miles Davis, Madame C.J. Walker, York, and others.

*The Griot* also features an authentic slave cabin, originally built on the Wright—Smith Plantation in Jonesburg, Missouri. Visitors can solve puzzles, view documentary videos, and "board" a scale model section of a ship that is the actual size used to transport Africans to America during the transatlantic slave trade. *The Griot's* "Motherland Museum Shop," offers Afrocentric clothing, jewelry, figurines, sculptures books, videos, and greeting cards.

Scott Joplin, the father of Ragtime music, spent many years in St. Louis. The guided tour of the first floor of the Scott Joplin House is led by an informative staff member. After that, we will go on a self-guided tour of the second floor which is an authentic recreation of the living quarters for Joplin. That allows you to get up close the artifacts in each room of his living quarters.

After lunch at Sweetie Pies restaurant, we will visit the St. Louis Walk of Fame. Embedded in the sidewalk along Delmar Boulevard in the Loop area of University City, Missouri, is a succession of large brass stars. Every star is accompanied in the pavement by a bronze plaque and each set commemorates the life and achievements of extraordinary men and women who are associated with St. Louis. Ulysses S. Grant is there, as is T.S. Eliot, Josephine Baker, Scott Joplin, Susan Blow, Stan Musial, Joseph Pulitzer, Chuck Berry, Charles A. Lindbergh, and many others, 116 in all. Our tour guide will be on hand to discuss the lives of the persons on the stars.

### **Tour stops for Thursday July, 15, 2010—**

Our first stop will be the monument to the west—the Gateway Arch. In addition to viewing a movie that details the construction of the arch and perhaps a ride to the top, you will want to stroll through the Arch's most informative feature, the extensive museum of the westward expansion. The museum documents the movement west through each decade from the early 1800s through recent periods. The museum even has mounted replicas of a longhorn steer, a mustang pony, a bear, and other wildlife of that period. –

Our next stop will be the Cahokia Mounds state historic site in Illinois that preserves sixty-eight of the original 120 earthen mounds built by pre-historic Native Americans. The museum features exhibits that depict the lives and culture people who inhabited the region from the 700 AD and on.

While still in Illinois, we'll visit the Katherine Dunham Center which details the life and legacy of Ms. Dunham who was an American dancer, choreographer, songwriter, author, educator and activist. She had one of the most successful dance careers in American and European theater of the 20th century and has been called the "Matriarch and Queen Mother of Black Dance."



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## **Wednesday, July 14, 2010**

**“City Bus Tour”**

**9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

## **Thursday, July 15, 2010**

**“Gateway Arch, Cahokia Mounds and Katherine Dunham Center”**

**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Don't forget Thursday night -

**“Food Buffet Style and Hospitality Challenge”**

**7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**

Entertainment by OMIK Ladies Auxiliary and Call Area competition exhibits.

## **Friday, July 16, 2010**

**“Shopping”**

**1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Shuttle service will be provided for a nominal fee to St. Louis Mills Shopping Center.

## **Saturday, July 17, 2010**

**“High Noon Shoot-Out”**

**Following Noon Group Photo**

There will be a mobile shootout. The rules will be simple....DC only (no long ac cords to the hotel) and the antenna has to be attached to the transmitting mobile.

The categories are:   0 to 100 watts = Class C  
                              101 to 500 watts = Class B  
                              501 watts up = Class A

The winners will be determined by readings from selected listening post at various points on the compass and by field strength meter readings on the grounds. There will also be a separate trophy for the best mobile installation.

There will be trophies and cash. Entry fees will be announced later. You may want to buy into a piece of the action by providing a part of the entry fee to the person entering the field that you believe will win. The pots will be determined by number of entrants....half to the winner and the rest to support the convention

To register now...please send an e-mail to [wq6i@earthlink.net](mailto:wq6i@earthlink.net) indicating the number of mobiles and which categories you will enter.



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**Other Scheduled Activities**

**Friday, July 16, 2010**

- Technical Sessions 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Shopping Trip 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday, July 17, 2010**

- FCC License Exam 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Technical Session 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Women's Auxiliary Meeting 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Group Picture Noon
- Shoot Out at "High Noon" after picture
- General Meeting 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



**\*\* Saturday night is the Convention Banquet – the highlight of the convention! \*\***



**OMIK MEMBERSHIP DUES**

If you have not already done so, please, take the time now, to remit your 2010 Membership Dues:

- \$20.00 Single Membership       \$25.00 Family Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_

YES: I have a new address. My new address is:

Payable to: **OMIK**  
 Mail to: Patricia Sneed, KF6P, Sect.  
 936 Olive  
 Upland, CA 91786

*Please do not send payment to the  
Convention Directors.*

## General Scholarship Information

### Eligibility, time frame and selection process

High school seniors and presently enrolled college students, including those who are related to OMIK members, are eligible to apply for the OMIK scholarship.

The OMIK scholarship program supports students who have proved to be academically able and are, or will be, majoring in electronics, mathematics, science or communications.

All parts of the scholarship application, the essay, transcript and two letters of recommendations must be complete and received by the committee on or before May 1st.

The scholarship selection committee of five will base its decisions on the completed application, high school transcripts or college transcripts, ACT/SAT composites, letters of recommendations, part-time work and the essay.

Selected candidates will be notified in writing by June 15. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the July convention. No applications will be returned to students.

### OMIK Scholarship Fund

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#### Officers

Thomas A. Spight, KJ9K Custodian Cordova, TN	Harold Mitchell, KB8QT Asst. Custodian Dayton, OH	Richard Reese, WA8DBW Resource Officer Norton, OH
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#### Selection Committee

Marco Vallery, W6PCH Carson, CA	Ron Pennington, KA0ETF Florissant, MO	James Green, KA8HBT Dayton, OH
Calvin Harris, K1CAL Stratford, CT	Oscar W. Hall, K0SSE Denver, CO	

**OMIK SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Ph # \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Parent/Guardian's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Ph # \_\_\_\_\_

**High School, College or University Now Attending**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Ph# \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a senior in high school: ACT/SAT Composites \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted at any college or university? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Which college or university do you wish to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are now attending college: Classification \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

*Each applicant must submit a personal essay containing a brief biographical sketch, an outline of educational plans, career goals and why financial assistance is needed. Essays must be typewritten and must not exceed two pages in length. (Selected applicants will need to supply SS number on request.)*

**\*Include transcript and two recommendation letters. (Counselor, Teacher)**

\*Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application, along with all other related materials to:

OMIK Scholarship Committee,  
Thomas A. Spight,  
64 Vine Grove Lane,  
Cordova TN 38018-7253

**\*TIME LINE – MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>**



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## OMIK VOLUNTEER EXAMINER TEAM

The OMIK Volunteer Examiner (VE) Team will conduct an Amateur Radio testing session at the 2009 OMIK Convention in Birmingham, Alabama. In view of the pending change in Morse code requirements, we anticipate increases in those upgrading and even applications for new licenses.

Please note, the OMIK VE team obtains its testing materials and supplies from the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC).

The session will accept "walk-ins". Pre-registration will be available, however, there is no pre-registration requirement.

All current amateur radio license holders must provide a FCC Registration Number (FRN) when applying for a license upgrade or change of address. Please bring your FRN number to the testing session for it is required on the Form 605. The VEC cannot process your application without your FRN number. (If needed, check your license info at "arrl.org". Just enter your callsign in the "Call sign search" area and click 'Go'. If you have a FRN number, it will be in the information displayed.)

The testing session will begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday, July 18, 2009. All applicants should arrive by 7:45 AM to allow the necessary paperwork to be processed in a timely manner. It will be up to the discretion of the VE team leader if Applicants arriving after 8:00 AM will be accepted. The testing session will end at 11 :30 AM.

Please bring identification that includes a picture of the applicant on the ID – driver's licenses are satisfactory. Other forms of acceptable ID include passports, picture library cards, etc.

"When no photo ID is available, the candidate must present any **two** of the following items:

- Non-photo ID/driver's license
- Social Security Card (as FCC now requires each applicant to supply a taxpayer ID number)
- Birth certificate (must have the appropriate seal)
- Minor's work permit or school report card
- Utility bill, bank statement or other business correspondence that specifically names the person
- Postmarked envelope addressed to the person at his or her current mailing address as it appears on the Form 605."

Publications, such as, Scholastic magazine or Boy Scout Boy's Life magazine addressed to the child will serve as one of the two required IDs. A school year book can provide photo proof of the child being tested. Even a current school report card can be used. Being accompanied by his or her parent does not satisfy the rule.

Bring both originals and copies of any current amateur license and any certificates showing credit from a previous exam that you need to have counted toward a possible new license or upgrade.

For more information regarding the testing session, contact Willie Patterson, WZ6M, via email at [wpatterson2001@yahoo.com](mailto:wpatterson2001@yahoo.com) or telephone at (626) 794-8105.



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ADVERTISEMENTS AND MEMORY BOOK ENTRIES

**Be a part of the OMIK 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memory Book.** Please complete this form, attach your favorite photo and your check or money order, and mail all information no later than June 1, 2010.

Select size of page desired:

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inside front cover, full size page | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inside back cover, full size page  | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outside back cover, full size page | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full size page                     | \$60.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Half size page                     | \$30.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter size page                  | \$25.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business card                      | \$20.00  |

Note: Your ad placement will be determined by the order received.

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach ad copy to this form. Include ad monies with your registration form.

Payable to: **OMIK Convention**  
Mail to: Moody T. Law, WQ6I  
Convention Director  
PO Box 639  
Claremont, CA 91711



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**OMIK 2010 Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Additional Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Event	Cost Each	Number	Total
<b>Adult Pre-Registration Fee</b> Your registration fee goes toward defraying costs of printing of registration packages and programs, supplies, postage, hospitality refreshments, technical sessions, and souvenirs. Labor is provided without cost to you or the organization.	\$25.00 by June 30		
<b>Wednesday, July 14, 2010</b> St. Louis City Tour <span style="float: right;">9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</span>	\$45.00 Adult \$22.50 Child		
<b>Thursday, July 15, 2010</b> Gateway Arch etc Tour <span style="float: right;">9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</span>	\$50.00 Adult \$25.00 Child		
Buffet & Hospitality Challenge <span style="float: right;">7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.</span>	\$45.00 Adult \$22.50 Child		
<b>Friday, July 16, 2010</b> Shopping Trip <span style="float: right;">1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</span>	\$10.00		
<b>Saturday, July 17, 2010</b> Convention Banquet and Dance <span style="float: right;">7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.</span>	\$50.00 Adult \$25.00 Child		
Shoot-Out <span style="float: right;">High Noon</span>	<i>To Be Determined On Site</i>		
Please send MEMBERSHIP FEES directly to Secretary. Do not include with Registration. Thank you.	ADVERTISEMENT FEES <i>(if applicable)</i>		
	<b>Total Due</b>		

\*ADULT: 13 and over

**Registration MUST be received by June 30, 2010**

All registrations not received by mail before June 30, 2010 must be paid at the convention. The on-site registration fee will be \$30.00, which includes a registration late fee of \$5.00 per person. To avoid late fees and to insure your reservations, please return your money and forms as soon as possible.

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