



ARRL Midwest Division Newsletter
July 2011



Three Great Conventions This Summer!

WØDXCC-2011
July 23, 2011
Kansas City



Flash!

*Grand Prize.....
Yaesu FT-2000!*

*Also -
Icom 7200!
Alpha-4510!
...and many more!*

www.w0dxcc.com

	<p>2011 ARRL Midwest Division Convention</p> <p>Cedar Rapids, IA</p> <p>Aug 5-7, 2011</p>	
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<http://convention2011.cvarc.rf.org/>



ARRL Kansas State Convention
August 21, 2011—Salina, Kansas

www.centalksarc.com/11_kansas_convention.pdf



ARRL Foundation Scholarships 2011 Midwest Division Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of ARRL Foundation Scholarships from the Midwest Division:

The Paul and Helen Grauer Scholarship (\$1000 each)

Kerry Manderbach, KØXOK of St. Louis, MO
David Hall, KCØWNP of Polk, IA

The Ray & Katie Pautz Scholarship (\$1000)

Rebecca Rich, KBØVVT of Raytown, MO

The PHD Amateur Radio Association Scholarship (\$1000)

Stephanie Klimczak, KDØBFH of Creve Coeur, MO



August 27-28, 2011

<http://ksqsoparty.org/rules/>

Iowa Governor Declares Amateur Radio Week

Iowa Governor Terry Branstad declared June 19-25 as Amateur Radio Week in Iowa in a special proclamation signing ceremony at the capitol to celebrate the efforts of Radio Amateurs across the state and around the nation. The Governor's proclamation recognized the services amateur radio operators provide to many emergency response organizations, including FEMA, DHS, and Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Governor Branstad also noted Iowa's appreciation for the diligence of the hams who serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the National Weather Service.

In announcing news of the Governor's proclamation, Kevin Sanders, President of the Des Moines RAA, noted the efforts of Amateur Radio operators in: the aftermath of the recent EF-5 Joplin, Missouri tornado; the recent tornado super-outbreaks in the southeast; and the earthquake and resulting tsunami in Japan. Closer to home, the first reports of the devastating tornado that hit Parkersburg, Iowa in 2008 was delivered to the National Weather Service by amateur radio.



FEMA Exercise Skills Tested in Joplin Tornado

While many hams were getting ready to head to the Dayton Hamvention, many other Midwest Division hams were participating in FEMA's National Level Exercise (NLE) 2011. The



NLE 2011 simulated a catastrophic major earthquake in the New Madrid Seismic Zone, centered in Southeastern Missouri. Little did anyone imagine that just days later, the devastating Joplin, Missouri tornado would require Amateur Radio operators to use their training and skills to provide emergency communications and other assistance to the stricken Joplin area.

In the NLE, hams provided Amateur Radio communications support for the Disaster Medical Teams in Branson, MO, where a DMT 60-bed field hospital was deployed for the exercise. Soon thereafter, the St. Johns Regional Medical Center in Joplin was destroyed by the tornado, and this field hospital was deployed as an emergency center across the street from St. Johns.

In the NLE, Kent Trimble K9ZTV and Bill Gerth W4RK provided communications support to the

Missouri Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association (MFDEA) Disaster Response Team (DRT). They set up a portable HF amateur radio station in a construction trailer at the Branson, MO Airport which was adjacent to the mobile morgue unit of the MFDEA-DRT. During this exercise from Branson, they originated and received NTS traffic to and from the MFDEA Headquarters in Jefferson City, MO and the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) Headquarters in Brookfield, WI.

The MFDEA Headquarters portable Amateur Radio station was set up and manned by Tom Hammond, NØSS, and Andy Adams, WNØI. They had direct HF communications with the MFDEA Headquarters on CW. For the messaging to and from the NFDA, they utilized the Missouri CW Net (MON) and the Missouri Emergency Services Net (MESN). The National Traffic System (NTS) worked as designed and messages flowed smoothly and quickly in both directions using both CW and SSB. Soon after the FEMA exercise, K9ZTV and the MFDEA-DRT were deployed to Joplin to assist during the tornado disaster relief effort.

Kent Trimble K9ZTV handling NTS Traffic at Branson, MO during NLE. (W4RK Photo)



Missouri Funeral Directors & Embalmers Association
DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM
MOBILE MORGUE UNIT



MFDEA-DRT Mobile Morgue (W4RK Photo)



ARRL Midwest Division Club Competition Deadline July 31st

Reminder - It's not too late to enter the Midwest Division Club Competition. Contest period ends July 31st and entries must be emailed to k0das@arrl.org no later than August 3, 2011. Since there is a "leveling factor" based on the size of the club, small clubs have a good chance of competing against large clubs for the \$150 ARRL gift certificate prizes. Beyond the prize winners, Amateur Radio will gain new folks and other ARRL Divisions may follow the Midwest's lead in this endeavor. Please Check <http://www.arrlmidwest.org/clubcompetition.html> for complete details and rules.

Midwest Division QSO Parties

Here's a listing of Midwest Division QSO Parties. Missouri and Nebraska QSO parties have already been run for this year. Let's support Kansas and Iowa and see how many counties we can work or activate!

- **Kansas QSO Party**, Kansas Sesquicentennial (150th) Anniversary of Statehood QSO Party, sponsored by Boeing Employees' ARS (BEARS), Wichita. August 27-28, 2011. <http://www.ksqsoparty.org/sponsors/>
- **Iowa QSO Party**, sponsored by Ottumwa ARC. Saturday, October 15, 2011. <http://iaqso.wa0dx.org/>

Cliff's Notes

Rod and I are looking forward to attending a number of conventions in the Midwest Division this summer and fall. The organizers are spending a lot of time and effort to make these events fun and helpful. Forums and presentations are planned on interesting Amateur Radio topics. And manufacturers and dealers travel at their expense to let us see (and buy) their latest products. When you're planning vacation travel this summer and fall, join us at one or more of the following conventions:

- The W0DXCC Operating Specialty Convention on July 23, 2011 in Leavenworth, KS (suburban Kansas City) <http://w0dxcc.com>. First Vice President Rick Roderick K5UR, Vice President Bruce Frahm K0BJ, MVP Manager Dave Patton NN1N, and Past President Joel Harrison W5ZN will be attending.
- The ARRL Midwest Division Convention in Cedar Rapids, IA on August 5-7, 2011. <http://convention2011.cvarc.rf.org/>. President Kay Craigie N3KN and Lab Manager Ed Hare W1RFI will attend. President Craigie will be the keynote speaker at the Saturday evening banquet.
- The ARRL Kansas State Convention in Salina, KS on August 21, 2011. <http://www.centalksarc.com/>. Field and Regulatory Correspondent Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG will represent ARRL HQ.
- The ARRL Iowa State Convention in Sergeant Bluff, IA, on October 21, 2011. <http://www.3900club.com/>.
- The ARRL Iowa Section Convention in Davenport, IA on November 6, 2011. <http://www.arcsupport.com/drac/hamfest.html>.



Midwest Division Special Events

07/17/2011 | Marshal Ensor Park and Museum Event

Jul 17, 1500Z-2100Z, W9BSP, Olathe, KS. Santa Fe Trail Amateur Radio Club. SSB 14.260 7.240 CW 14.050 21.050 7.050. QSL. Del Sawyer, 1259 Frontier Ln, Olathe, KS 66062.

08/05/2011 | Hooverfest

Aug 5-Aug 8, 1400Z-2300Z, KØH, Coralville, IA. Iowa City Amateur Radio Club (WØJV). 14.260 14.070 21.300 21.070. QSL. Iowa City Amateur Radio Club / KØH, PO Box 4, Iowa City, IA 52244. Expect to be on the air via Phone, PSK and some CW. www.icarc.org.

08/11/2011 | Iowa State Fair

Aug 11-Aug 21, 1100Z-0300Z, WØISF, Des Moines, IA. Madison County DX Club. 14.250 7.250 146.520. QSL. Mark Mease, 2989 Truro Rd, Truro, IA 50257. Will operate at various times throughout the fair. 20,40 and whatever bands are open. Also simplex on grounds 146.520. mmease@netins.net.

08/20/2011 | Oelwein Railroad Days, Celebration of Chicago Great Western Railroad

Aug 20, 1500Z-2100Z, KCØQNI, Oelwein, IA. Rural Iowa Amateur Radio Club. 7.285 7.240 3.980 147.345. QSL. Jerry Clark, 18 10th Ave NW, Oelwein, IA 50662. www.ruraliowaares.com

08/26/2011 | Kansas Sesquicentennial QSO Party

Aug 26-Aug 28, 1400Z-2000Z, WØN, Gardner, KS. Santa Fe Trail Amateur Radio Club. 21.340 14.240 7.240. QSL. Lon Martin, 20900 W 52nd St, Shawnee, KS 66218-94. www.ksqsoparty.org

08/28/2011 | Hollenberg Pony Express Station Festival

Aug 28, 1400Z-2100Z, KØASA, Hanover, KS. Crown Amateur Radio Association. 18.085 14.245 14.045 7.045. Certificate & QSL. Crown Amateur Radio Association, 11551 W 176th Ter, Olathe, KS 66062. www.arrlmidwest.org/ponyexpress.html

09/09/2011 | Guardians of Freedom Airshow

Sep 9-Sep 11, 2300Z-2300Z, NØL, Lincoln, NE. Lincoln Amateur Radio Club. 28.450 21.365 14.330 7.282 3.982. QSL. Lincoln Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 5006, Lincoln, NE 68505. Operating times: 2300Z Sep 9 to 0300Z Sep 10; 1400Z Sep 10 to 0300Z Sep 11; and 1400Z to 2300Z on Sep 11. kØkkv.org

For updated Special events listings, check out:

<http://www.arrl.org/special-events>.



Midwest Division ARRL Hamfests, Conventions & Events

07/16/2011 | Warrensburg Area Hamfest 2011

Location: Warrensburg, MO

Sponsor: Warrensburg Area Amateur Radio Club (WAARCI)

Website: <http://www.waarci.org/>

07/17/2011 | Zero-Beaters Annual Hamfest

Location: Washington, MO

Sponsor: Zero-Beaters Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.WA0FYA.org>

07/23/2011 | WØDXCC Convention

Location: Leavenworth, KS

Sponsor: Kansas City DX Club, Missouri DX/Contest Club, & Lebanon ARC

Website: <http://www.kcdxclub.com>

07/30/2011 | Pioneer ARC's 14th Annual Flea Market

Location: North Bend, NE

Sponsor: Pioneer Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.k0jfn.com>

08/05-07/2011 | Midwest Division Convention

Location: Cedar Rapids, IA

Sponsor: Collins ARC & Cedar Valley ARC

Website: <http://convention2011.cvarc.rf.org>

08/13/2011 | Heartland Hams Hamfest

Location: Glenwood, IA

Sponsor: Heartland Hams

Website: <http://heartlandhams.org>

08/14/2011 | St. Charles ARC Hamfest

Location: O'Fallon, MO

Sponsor: St. Charles Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.wb0hsi.org>

08/21/2011 | Kansas State Convention

Location: Salina, KS

Sponsor: Central Kansas ARC

Website: <http://www.centalksarc.com>

08/26/2011 | 22nd Annual Joplin Hamfest

Location: Joplin, MO

Sponsor: Joplin Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.joplin-arc.org>

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Midwest Division ARRL Hamfests, Conventions & Events (cont'd)

09/17/2011 | Pony Express Hamfest

Location: Saint Joseph, MO
Sponsor: Saint Joseph & Plattsburg ARCs
Website: <http://ponyexpresshamfest.webs.com/>

09/18/2011 | Boyer Valley ARC Flea Market

Location: Mondamin, IA
Sponsor: Boyer Valley ARC
Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/la2/fbcchurch/bvrctest.html>

10/01/2011 | Wichita Area Hamfest

Location: Wichita, KS
Sponsor: Valley Center ARC
Website: <http://vcarc.org>

10/02/2011 | Southeast Iowa Hamfest

Location: West Liberty, IA
Sponsor: Muscatine ARC & Washington Area ARC
Website: <http://www.kc0aqs.org/hamfest.html>

10/21/2011 | Iowa State Convention (Hamboree 2011)

Location: Sergeant Bluff, IA
Sponsor: 3900 Club & Siouxland Amateur Radio Association
Website: <http://www.3900club.com>

10/29/2011 | 20th Halloween Hamfest

Location: Kirkwood, MO
Sponsor: St. Louis ARC
Website: <http://www.halloweenhamfest.org>

10/29/2011 | Ensor Museum Auction Tailgate & Special Event

Location: Olathe, KS
Sponsor: Johnson County Radio Amateurs Club & JOCO ARES
Website: <http://www.w0erh.org>

11/06/2011 | Iowa Section Convention

Location: Davenport, IA
Sponsor: Davenport Radio Amateur Club
Website: <http://www.arcsupport.com/drac/hamfest.html>

01/21/2012 | North KC Hamfest (non-ARRL Hamfest)

Location: Kansas City, MO
Sponsor: Northland Emergency Response
Website: <http://www.northkchamfest.com>

01/28/2012 | Winterfest 2012

Location: Collinsville, IL
Sponsor: The St. Louis & Suburban Radio Club, Inc.
Website: <http://slsrc.org>

For updated Hamfests and Conventions Calendar, go to: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>

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Midwest Division News and Photos Wanted!

If you have news and photos about events or activities from the Midwest Division, email them to Cliff KØCA at k0ca@arrl.org. We will try to include as many as possible in upcoming editions of the Midwest Division News. Thanks and 73, Cliff KØCA