



ARRL Midwest Division Newsletter August 2010

Emergency Preparedness Drills Rule Change

In a Report and Order (R&O) released on July 14, the FCC amended Part 97.113 to allow amateurs to participate without an FCC waiver in government-sponsored disaster and emergency preparedness drills on behalf of their employers. The FCC also amended the rules to allow employees to participate in non-government drills and exercises up to one hour per week and up to two 72-hour periods during the year. The effective date of the new rule is September 3, 2010. (Courtesy ARRL Web News)

Hams Help at Special Olympics USA National Games

Lincoln, Nebraska hosted the weeklong Special Olympics USA National Games from July 17 to 24, and Amateur Radio participated with many facets.

John Edson W0FLY and Marc Shoemaker joined hundreds of Citation jet pilots from all over the country in transporting disabled athletes and their coaches to Lincoln for the games. John said "These Special Olympics athletes are amazing—so friendly, trusting and appreciative." "The athletes are the real heroes here..."



Duncan Aviation Pilots John Edson, W0FLY, left, and Marc Shoemaker, right.

Bob Mitchell WB0RJJ and three others served as "Medical Drivers" for Emergency Management, transporting participants with minor injuries.

Reynolds Davis K0GND reported that thirty-six Ham operators volunteered 565 hours and drove 1,681 miles. They provided communications at 12 sports venues, using handheld radios which allowed communications within and between the venues.

(Courtesy the Lincoln ARC's "Lincoln Log")

Iowa Ham Radio From the Early Days of Spark

Bill Smith W0W0I, of Jefferson, Iowa, is a collector of Iowa QSL cards, ham convention brochures, photographs, and Amateur Radio memorabilia from the early 1900's into WW-II.

Bill would be pleased to give a program and show his collection to any Iowa ham radio club.

He is interested in talking with hams who have old Iowa QSLs and memorabilia about the preservation of these historic items.

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Art Collins 9CXX, founder of Collins Radio, Cedar Rapids, IA, as a teenager—home-made QSL card, March 1924 (courtesy Bill Smith W0W0I).



Amateur Radio on High Altitude Balloons - Great Plains Super Launch

The 10th annual Great Plains Super Launch of Amateur Radio on High Altitude Balloons (ARHAB) was held in Hutchinson, Kansas on July 24, 2010. Some 60 attendees from 13 different groups around the US participated in this growing ham radio specialty event. There are more than 80 balloon groups in the world who have signed up on the ARHAB web site, with some 70 in the US and Canada and the rest flying internationally. For more information on ARHAB go to <http://www.arhab.org/>. (courtesy W5VSI, KC0BS. Photo of GPSL 2010 courtesy of Harry M's Public Picasso Gallery)



“A Ham in Every Household” - “Million Ham March”

After Brian Short KC0BS earned the ARRL's 2009 Herb S. Brier Instructor of the Year Award, he has not rested on his laurels. KC0BS and KC4WCG have a “can-do” attitude of striving for, and achieving, lofty goals. Here's a followup report from Brian:

“When Matt, KC4WCG & I started our ham class way back in October of 2006, we had our own self interest in mind. We felt that many of the emergency communications capabilities that ham radio provides were going unnoticed and unused by local emergency management agencies. Although hams had some success in certain jurisdictions, in others, they were persona non grata. We decided that our efforts of breaking down the door from the outside had reached its limit, and that a new method of having a friend on the inside OPEN the door would be much more scalable.

Our original mission statement was “A ham in every jurisdiction”. A year later, we expanded that to “Every EM professional a ham”. A year after that, it became “Hams in every agency: Hospitals, NGO's, and all First Responder groups.” Now, as we approach the 600 alumni mark, I think our new goal should be “a ham in every household” This can be the beginning of our Million Ham March. Matt & I have always had lofty goals, and intend to start moving up the teaching ladder, including classes for General & Extra, once the interest in our tech class began to wane. Class enrollment hasn't dropped, it has increased, still averaging 25 students per session.



In that time, the ham population in KC has grown to 5000, and even agencies which at once were reticent to utilize ham radios, are now made up completely of amateur radio operators. In Johnson County, every person in the EM office, even the administrative assistant is now a ham!

The most rewarding part of the entire experience has been the people that Matt & I have met along the way. So many people from so many different walks of life coming together to take advantage of what ham radio has to offer them.

Matt & I now turn our attention to the change of the tech question pool, and our next 500 students, as well as helping other groups across the country leverage our format in their locales, further accelerating the growth and future of ham radio with young and old alike. We continue on with our million ham march and all we need is each ham to recruit one individual. We are extremely close to this incredible goal! I invite you to join us....recruit your friends, family & neighbors, teach them yourself, or send them to [hamclass.org!](http://hamclass.org/)”



W0DXCC 2011

The Kansas City DX Club is hosting the W0DXCC 2011 convention next summer on July 23, 2011 in historic Leavenworth, KS at their community center used during the Civil War as a Union HQ. Sponsors include the Lebanon, MO ARC and the Missouri DX/Contest Club, and assisting the KCDX Club is the Pilot Knob ARC in Leavenworth, KS. It is a beautiful venue located between the famous Leavenworth shopping district and the Missouri River only yards away.

There will be a W0DXCC 2011 Web site online soon. For more information, contact Don Devins, W0DBWM, co-chairman W0DXCC 2011 Convention at: wd0bwm1@swbell.net. Highlights include:

- World-famous KCDXC Pileup Contest
- DX, Contesting, and Antenna Forums
- DXCC Card Checking—including 160 & deleted
- KC BBQ Banquet
- ARRL DXCC Forum
- Vendors and Manufacturers
- Many area points of interest for family fun

ANNOUNCING THE W0DXCC 2011

July 23, 2011

[Leavenworth Community Center](#)

Leavenworth, KS

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Midwest Division ARRL Hamfests, Conventions & Events

08/15/2010 – ARRL Kansas State Convention, Central Kansas ARC, Salina, KS

08/15/2010 – St. Charles ARC Hamfest, O'Fallon, MO

08/21/2010 – Red Oak, Iowa History Center Hamfest, Red Oak, IA

08/27/2010 – Joplin ARC Hamfest, Joplin, MO

09/18/2010 – MO Valley & NW MO ARES Pony Express Hamfest, St. Joseph, MO

09/19/2010 – Boyer Valley ARC Hamfest, Mondamin, IA

09/26/2010 — SENRC/SENARC Annual Potluck Picnic, Coryell Park, Auburn, NE

10/02/2010 – ARRL Iowa State Convention and Muscatine ARC & Washington Area ARC
26th Annual SE Iowa Hamfest, West Liberty, IA

10/02/2010 – Valley Center ARC, Wichita Area Hamfest, Wichita, KS

10/16/2010 – South-Side ARC Octoberfest 2010, Belton, MO

10/29/2010 – Ensor Museum Auction & Special Event, Johnson County RAC, Olathe, KS

10/30/2010 – St. Louis ARC Halloween Hamfest, Kirkwood, MO

11/07/2010 — Davenport RAC Hamfest / Computer Show, Davenport, IA

01/15/2011 – Midwest Search & Rescue PITA Hamfest,
North Kansas City, MO

07/23/2011 – W0DXCC Convention, Kansas City DX Club, Missouri DX/Contest Club, &
Lebanon ARC, Leavenworth, KS

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



Midwest Division Special Events Stations

08/12/2010 | Iowa State Fair

Aug 12-Aug 22, 0000Z-0000Z, W0ISF, Truro, IA. Madison County DX Club. 146.520 14.225 7.225 .
QSL. Mark Mease, 2989 Truro Rd, Truro, IA 50257. Operating at various times during fair
mmease@netins.net

08/29/2010 | Hollenberg Pony Express Station Festival, 150th anniversary of the Pony Express
Aug 29, 1400Z-2100Z, K0ASA, Hanover, KS. Crown Amateur Radio Association. 14.260 14.050
7.050 3.050. Certificate & QSL. Crown Amateur Radio Association, 11551 West 176th Terr, Olathe,
KS 66062. www.arrlmidwest.org/ponyexpress.html

09/18/2010 | Day out with Thomas the Tank Engine

Sep 18-Sep 27, 1300Z-2200Z, K0T, Boone, IA. Boone Amateur Radio Klub. 14.260 7.250. QSL. Clay
Conard, PO Box 286, Stratford, IA 50249. On air from 1300Z-2200Z 9/18-19 and 9/26-27.
www.qsl.net/kb0tlm

09/24/2010 | Boy Scouts of America - Heart of America Council - Centennial Celebration

Sep 24-Sep 26, 2200Z-1700Z, WØB/WØS/WØA, Kansas City, KS. Boy Scouts of America. 146.940
14.290 7.190 3.940. Certificate. Doug Roberts, NEØA, 4415 NW Normandy, Kansas City, MO
64116. hoac-bsa.org

09/25/2010 | Founding of Moberly 144th Year Celebration

Sep 25, 1700Z-2359Z, K0MOB, Moberly, MO. Tri County Amateur Radio Club. 14.255 7.190. Certifi-
cate. Tri County Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 341, Moberly, MO 65270. To receive certificate by
email, include address with QSL.

10/18/2010 | 45th Anniversary of the St. Louis Gateway Arch

Oct 18-Oct 23, 1600Z-2200Z, W0A, Saint Louis, MO. St Louis & Suburban Radio Club. 14.245
14.045 7.245 7.045. Certificate & QSL. Mark Biernacki, 31 Kenton Dr, Saint Louis, MO 63132.

10/24/2010 | Kansas Wesleyan University's 125th Anniversary and KA0KWU's 50th Anniversary

Oct 24, 1313Z-1717Z, KA0KWU, Salina, KS. Kansas Wesleyan University. 14.250 14.240 7.110
7.090. QSL. Tanner Colvin, KD0IRW, 2634 Robin Rd, Salina, KS 67401. geekoc.com

10/29/2010 | Ensor Museum Special Event

Oct 29-Oct 30, 2200Z-1700Z, W9BSP, Olathe, KS. Johnson County Radio Amateurs Club. 14.259
7.259 3.959. QSL. Brian Short, 12170 S Praire Creek Pkwy, Olathe, KS 66061. www.w0erh.org

For updated Special events listings, check out:

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

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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 K0CA at cliff.ahrens@gmail.com. We will try to include as many as possible in upcoming editions of the Midwest Division News. Thanks!