



ARRL Midwest Division Newsletter September 2011



Joplin Hamfest is Back, Three Months After Tornado!



(Photo courtesy of WBØIYC)

August heat and clear skies were on tap for the Joplin Hamfest that was held this year as scheduled, just three months after the May 22nd tornado. FEMA did not make it any easier by blocking off a third of the building and parking lot. In spite of armed guards with no sense of humor, the event was said to have gone more smoothly than previous years. Given the situation, the Joplin Amateur Radio Club's Joplin Hamfest was an overwhelming success!

Indications are that this year marks the largest attendance ever, with a count exceeding 1000.

Once again the smell of brats filled the air for the signature Friday night cookout, and generous sponsors supplied the club with over 80 prizes to be given away throughout the event. Saturday featured several forums, with one in particular drawing a great deal of interest.

From all over the Midwest hams came to Joplin, not to just see the devastation or cleanup in progress, but to share ideas regarding the strengths and weaknesses of radio communication in disasters such as this.

Speaking to a packed room, agencies represented at the Disaster Communications Forum included ARES, SATERN, and Red Cross. Their discussion covered several topics, but mainly, why radio communication became so important, and the use of ARES in the management and deployment of embedded operators. Also discussed was the need for ARES operators to work with teams such as the Red Cross, CERT, and SATERN, both during and after an event such as this.

One more remarkable thing happened at this year's event. It is notable that the grand prize drawing of an Icom 718 was awarded to Russ Smith, NØQLT, who was one of three local hams to have lost everything in the tornado. That made my day!

(Article courtesy of Jim Scott, WBØIYC 2011 Joplin Hamfest Chairman)



ARRL Forum Presenters L to R: Ron Cowan KBØDTI, KS Section Manager, Cliff Ahrens KØCA, Midwest Division Director, and Dale Bagley KØKY, MO Section Manager. (photo courtesy of NMØC)



ARRL Kansas State Convention

Approximately 350 hams enjoyed the Kansas State Convention at the Bicentennial Center in Salina, on August 21st, 2011. Meetings included the ARRL Forum, Kansas Section meeting, Skywarn, RACES, MARS, and Kansas Weather net.

A standing-room only crowd attended the ARRL Forum, led by Cliff Ahrens KØCA, Midwest Division Director. Cliff, along with Vice Director Rod Blocksome KØDAS, and Second Vice President Bruce Frahm KØBJ, gave updates on Digital QST magazine, spectrum threats and supporting spectrum defense, Second Century Campaign, Education and Technology, and Scholarships.

ARRL HQ Field and Regulatory Correspondent Chuck Skolaut KØBOG, spoke



Congratulations to Six-year old Priscilla Harder KDØPLJ of Newton, Kansas who earned her Technician class license at the Kansas State Convention. From the right, her father Kent NØXOS, Priscilla KDØPLJ, mother Dana KBØRAT, and younger sister Phebe.

Priscilla Harder KDØPLJ, of Newton, KS, who passed the Technician class license exam..

There were four retailers present and approximately 75 flea market tables. Thanks to chairman Ron Tremblay, WAØPSF and the Central Kansas ARC for another great convention.



Dan Reed, NØZIZ, of Gardner, Kansas, receiving the 2011 Kansas Ham of the Year Award.

about the Official Observer program and the Intruder Watch, citing recent successes in assisting with reporting and providing direction finding reports to the FCC regarding a "ditter" signal on 17 meters and getting two different CODAR operators to move out of the Amateur bands.

VE exams were given at the convention, and the successful applicants included six-year old



ARRL Leadership at Salina, from left: Chuck Skolaut KØBOG, HQ Field and Regulatory Correspondent; Cliff Ahrens KØCA, Midwest Division Director; Rod Blocksome KØDAS, Midwest Division Vice Director; and Bruce Frahm KØBJ, Second Vice President.



Dan Reed NØZIZ—Kansas Ham of the Year 2011



L to R: Jim Andera KØNK and Stan Creitz WAØCCW present the 2011 Kansas Ham of the Year 2011 to Dan Reed NØZIZ at the ARRL Kansas State Convention in Salina on August 21, 2011.

Dan Reed NØZIZ, of Gardner, Kansas received the 2011 Kansas Ham of the Year award at the ARRL Kansas State Convention in Salina on August 21. Dan is active in and has volunteered countless hours to Santa Fe Trail ARC, Olathe, Johnson County ARES, SATERN, Johnson County Emergency Communications Service, and Kansas Sideband Net, Field Day, Simulated Emergency Test, and public service events.

Dan is the primary Net Control Station every week for multiple nets, including ARES 80m CW, SATERN 80m PSK, ARES 6m, and SFTAREC 2m.

June Jeffers KBØWEQ, former Johnson County EC, and current Kansas SATERN coordinator said that for six years Dan received annual recognition for the member attaining the highest number of participation points for volunteer service to Johnson County ARES activities. They finally decided to NAME the award after

Dan. It then became the "I WANNA BE....AS GOOD AS ZIZ" award. Dan then took over as the "presenter" of this award.

For at least four years, Dan was recognized for the most hours ringing the Salvation Army Christmas kettle bells. Dan continues to ring bells every year during the Christmas season for the local Olathe Corps.

Dan also started the first annual Special Event at Ensor Museum in Olathe. Every year he coordinated the schedule and does all the planning and recruiting for operators.

June said that when they got a U-Haul trailer from The Salvation Army to make into an "EmComm trailer" we needed lots of volunteer help to get the many tasks done. Dan was there again always willing to help. In 2005 Dan won the SATERN Shield award which is awarded to one member every year who has gone above and beyond being a member to make a significant contribution to the group.

June said, "We here in Johnson County have known for many, many years that Dan is 'ham of the year.' We would not know what to do without Dan on our team---he is a winner every day."

Jim Andera KØNK, last year's winner of the Kansas Amateur of the Year Award, said, "Perhaps one of the things I admire most about Dan is his enthusiasm for new modes of operation. When a new HF-digital mode is introduced, Dan is one of the first ones to try it out to see if it might be better than PSK-31, encouraging others to do the same. What is so neat about Dan, is that he is always there to support Amateur Radio and his community. For the nearly 20 years I have known Dan, I have always been amazed at how much he accomplishes, generally in a very quiet, easy-going and subtle way. It was a tremendous privilege for me to be able to present the Kansas Amateur of the Year Award to Dan."



More Kansas State Convention Photos



Bargain Hunters at the Indoor Flea Market, and the SATERN emergency trailer at Salina's Bicentennial Center.

ARRL HQ Field and Regulatory Correspondent Chuck Skolaut KØBOG, spoke about the Official Observer program and the Intruder Watch



Six-year old new ham Priscilla Harder KDØPLJ, her father Kent Harder NØXOS, Director Cliff Ahrens KØCA , and Vice Director Rod Blocksme KØDAS.



More Midwest Division Convention Photos Cedar Rapids, Iowa—August 6, 2011 (Courtesy William Sonderman, NØAGL)



At the Saturday night banquet, ARRL President Craigie N3KN was the featured speaker. Her topic was “Time Travel and the Radio Amateur.”



Convention Speaker Chairman Gregg Lind KCØSKM thanks ARRL Lab Manager Ed hare W1RFI for his presentation.



ARRL VE Exams Manager WAØKHH and team members KCØNXN and KDØHIG.



At the ARRL booth, Ed hare W1RFI, President Kay Craigie N3KN, and Midwest Division Director Cliff Ahrens KØCA.



Tom Vavra WB8ZRL checked DXCC and WAS cards.





Missouri Traffic Net Control Op's meet for Eyeball QSO!



Missouri Traffic Net control operators have an eyeball QSO at the Joplin Hamfest on August 27, 2011. Front (L to R): NØUMP, KØØFD, KØI. Rear (L to R): KØRWL, KØDEW, KØVET, KØM, & KE7FZZ. A part of the ARRL NTS, the Net meets daily on 3.963 mhz at 5:45 p.m., local time. (photo courtesy Larry Wilson KØRWL)

Midwest Division QSO Parties

- Iowa QSO Party, sponsored by Ottumwa ARC. Saturday, October 15, 2011. <http://www.wa0dx.org>

Cliff's Notes

- I enjoyed traveling in August to four conventions and hamfests and visiting with many of you at the Midwest Division Convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the St. Charles, Missouri hamfest, the Kansas State Convention in Salina, and the Joplin, Missouri Hamfest. Thanks to all the clubs and committees who made these events a huge success.
- Check out the new ARRL Forums on Awards, Technology, Contesting, and ARRL at www.arrl.org/forum. Members can discuss posted topics or start your own topic.
- Congratulations and thanks to Kent Trimble K9ZTV, of Jefferson City, Missouri, who has agreed to serve as an Assistant Director in the Midwest Division.
- Kudos to the Kansas QSO Party and all the hams who operated the many 1x1 special event stations. Awards include a Kansas Sesquicentennial Certificate, a Kansas Triple Play Plaque, and a Worked All Kansas Plaque. <http://ksqsoparty.org>.
- The current month's Midwest Division newsletter can always be found at the following URL: <http://www.arrlmidwest.org/newsletter/newsletter.pdf>. Please consider adding this link to your individual or club Web pages. Thanks.
- I hope to see many of you at the Pony Express Hamfest at St. Joseph, Missouri September 17, the Iowa State Convention October 22 at Sergeant Bluffs, Iowa, the Halloween Hamfest on October 29 in Kirkwood, Missouri, and the Iowa Section Convention in Davenport on November 6.



Iowa State ARRL Convention

HAMBOREE 2011

Come One, Come All
Sergeant Bluff, IA

Iowa State ARRL Convention
Sponsored by: Sooland Amateur Radio
Association and the 3900 Club



Sergeant Bluff Community Center
903 Topaz Dr Sergeant Bluff, IA
Saturday, October 22, 2011 8:00-2:00

Iowa Section ARRL Convention 40th Annual

Davenport Radio Amateur Club WØBXR Hamfest/Computer show

GPS Coordinates N 41 34.413 W 90 34.197

Sunday November 6, 2011

<http://www.arcsupport.com/drac/hamfest.html>

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formerly Davenport Holiday Inn

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Midwest Division Special Events

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. k0kkv.org

09/10/2011 | 3rd Annual Brutus Bash

Sep 10-Sep 11, 1000Z-1800Z, KØB, Pittsburg, KS. 4State QRP Group. 14.285 14.060 7.285 7.040 7.030 3.985 3.560 qwatering holes on 15 and 10. Certificate & QSL. Bart Lawson, 711 E 31st St, Pittsburg, KS 66762. www.4sqr.com/index.php

09/19/2011 | Day Out with Thomas the Tank Engine

Sep 19-Sep 25, 0000Z-2359Z, KØT, Boone, IA. Tall Corn Amateur Radio Club. 21.310 14.260 7.250 3.980. QSL. Jim Moreland WØBNW, 109 S Underhill St, Boone, IA 50036. www.qsl.net/kd0med

11/11/2011 | Salute to Veterans

Nov 11, 1500Z-2000Z, KØGRL, Bellevue, NE. Strategic Air Command Memorial Amateur Radio Club. 14.247 7.247. QSL. SACMARC, Inc, PO Box 1292, Bellevue, NE 68005. From the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home, SACMARC members pay tribute to veterans from all services and conflicts. 40 m SSB prime, other bands on request. Ragchews welcome. SASE please. www.sacmarc.org

11/12/2011 | Veterans Day Special Triple Event honoring Veterans Day, US Marine Corps Birthday, Loss of The Five Sullivan Brothers

Nov 12-Nov 13, 1500Z-2200Z, WØFSB, Waterloo, IA. Five Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club. 21.240 14.240 7.240. Certificate & QSL. Five Sullivan Brothers ARC, 4015 Independence Ave, Waterloo, IA 50703. A Special 8x10 glossy certificate or QSL card will be available; for cert send your card and \$1; for card your card and #10 SASE. t-mc-nulty@msn.com

For updated Special events listings, check out:

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



Midwest Division ARRL Hamfests, Conventions & Events

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 (CANCELLED Due to Flood Waters)

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>

10/01/2011 | Ozark Fall Fest

Location: Bismarck, MO

Sponsor: Eastern Ozarks Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.k0eor.org>

10/02/2011 | Southeast Iowa Hamfest

Location: West Liberty, IA

Sponsor: Muscatine ARC & Washington Area ARC

Website: <http://www.kc0aqs.org/hamfest.html>

10/22/2011 | Iowa State Convention (Hamboree 2011)

Location: Sergeant Bluff, IA

Sponsor: 3900 Club & Siouxland Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://www.3900club.com>

10/28/2011 | Ensor Museum Auction Tailgate & Special Event

Location: Olathe, KS

Sponsor: Johnson County Radio Amateurs Club & JOCO ARES

Website: <http://www.w0erh.org>

10/29/2011 | 20th Halloween Hamfest

Location: Kirkwood, MO

Sponsor: St. Louis ARC

Website: <http://www.halloweenhamfest.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>

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

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