



ARRL Midwest Division Newsletter

September 2010

Kansas Wesleyan ARS Students Restore “Deuce and a Half”

The Kansas Wesleyan Amateur Radio Society, KA0KWU, of Kansas Wesleyan University at Salina, Kansas, brought their military M109 “deuce and a half” restored by the club for mobile communications, to the ARRL Kansas State Convention in Salina, on August 15. In just two months 10 students took Amateur Radio FCC exams, nine of them for the first time. Of those nine, two became Extras, seven Technicians, and one upgraded to General. With the help of the Salina ARC, especially Pete Sias N0OY, their KWU Physics Club also enjoys high altitude ballooning. They traveled to the Dayton Hamvention this year. The club members include college students and a few local ham radio operators. The club’s sponsor is John Burchill KC0JNK. Pete Sias N0OY and other Salina ARC members help the club. For more information, go to www.geekoc.com.



(Seated in front) Andrew Gabel KD0KIS, (Standing on front row) Dean Klenda KD0KIQ, Grant Linder KD0KYG, Hollie Gordee KD0LMT, Michelle Vought KD0KYD, Advisor Pete Sias N0OY, and Cliff Ahrens K0CA Midwest Division Director. (Back row Left to Right) Tanner Colvin KD0IRW, Nick Isely KD0KIR.

HQ Staff Contact Information Online

HQ Staff Contact Information is now available on the ARRL Website. It can be found here: <http://www.arrl.org/hq-staff-contacts>. The listing is by departments and categories of ARRL member services and gives the name, job title or description, phone number, and email address. Can't find the department or person you're looking for? Call 860-594-0200 or e-mail hq@arrl.org. And I'm always available to help you also. Email me at k0ca@arrl.org or call me at 573-221-8618.

Cliff's Notes

Last month I enjoyed traveling around the Midwest Division and meeting and visiting with many of you at the ARRL booths and forums at Cedar Rapids, IA Summerfest on August 1, the Kansas State Convention at Salina on August 15, and the Joplin, MO Hamfest on August 28. Meeting with long-time friends and making new acquaintances is the best part of the Director's duties!

The interest and enthusiasm of young hams throughout the Midwest Division is exciting. Fifteen year old Joey Freeland, KD0HFZ, of Central City, Iowa, was one of the featured speakers at the Dayton Hamvention Youth Forum. He talked about “My First Year: Exploring Hobbies Within the Hobby.”

The Kansas Wesleyan University's Amateur Radio Society KA0KWU students traveled as a group to Dayton, experimented with Amateur Radio High Altitude Ballooning, and set up a mobile communications van which they exhibited at the Kansas State Convention last month (see article this page).

And we are proud of the six Midwest Division Youth who won ARRL Foundation Scholarships: David Hall KC0WNP, Reid Crowe N0RC, Stephanie Klimczak KD0BFH, Sheldon Torlina KD0JTT, Robert Preston KC0YDZ, and Rebecca Rich KB0VVT. The future of Amateur Radio is in good hands with these young people.

73, Cliff K0CA



Iowa QSO Party—Saturday, October 16, 2010

Mark your ham calendars – Saturday October 16, 2010 is the Iowa QSO Party! The contest runs from 1400 to 2300 UTC (9AM – 6 PM CDT).

After many years of no QSO Party held in Iowa, the Ottumwa Amateur Radio Club started sponsoring the event last year. Check their web site for complete rules and information: www.wa0dx.org

Ham's Delight at ARRL

By Kenneth D. Gould, WA0SLU

Inspired over the years by the writings of ARRL staff members in QST magazine particularly those of the late Lew McCoy, W1ICP, I have had a desire to visit ARRL Headquarters. This desire became a reality when my wife, Sylvia, and I decided to travel east for a camping adventure at Acadia National Park in Maine with a stop along the way at Newington, Connecticut.

Arriving at the ARRL administrative building around 11 AM the morning of August 10, we were greeted by our volunteer guide Charles "Skip" Colton, W1FTE. Since Skip would finish his shift at noon and the W1AW building would shut down over the noon hour, Skip advised getting on the air immediately for a QSO or two on 17 meters and suggested an afternoon session on 20 meters.



Marginal band conditions on 17 meters made reception difficult, but after several CQs I was able to pull out of the QRN a mobile station in England; Mike, G1MYH in Weston Super Mare, England.

After lunch, we returned to the W1AW building for a SSB session this time on 20 meters. Our guide for the afternoon was Grant Warner, AA1T. He was a brilliant and enthusiastic host who provided us with a wealth of information about ARRL and radio history in general.

Operating the FTDX-9000 transceiver in the "contest" studio was a pleasure. Atmospherics on 20 meters were considerably better than on 17 meters. As a result, I was able to make contacts with Ore, CO5LC in Santa Clara, Cuba and Miran, S500 in Slovenia. Sylvia took some great pictures of the W1AW station and of me at the controls. What a blast!

For those of you planning a trip to ARRL, the tour of the administrative building is a must. With a continuous dialogue of ARRL and communications history, Grant guided us through the nerve center of the League. Of particular interest was the outgoing QSL Bureau, the Education Department, the ARRL lab and the Contest and Awards area. Kudos to the lab technician who took the time to track down a source on the internet for purchasing Ben Stearns' book Arthur Collins, Radio Wizard.

So, next time you think about taking a trip to ARRL headquarters, do it. It is well worth the trip to see the League in action.



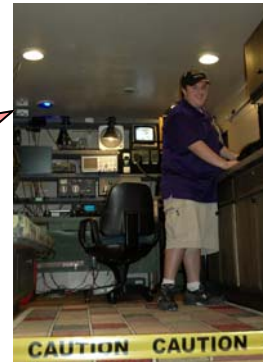
Jim Andera K0NK, of Gardner, KS receives the 2010 Kansas Ham of the Year Award at the ARRL Kansas State Convention in Salina on August 15, 2010.

ARRL Booth at Kansas State Convention. Left to right—ARRL VP Bruce Frahm K0BJ, Vice Director Rod Blocksome K0DAS, Director Cliff Ahrens K0CA, & ARRL HQ Field & Regulatory Correspondent Chuck Skolaut K0BOG.



Tanner Colvin KD0IRW, KWU Student in KA0KWU's Mobile Communications Deuce and a Half.

ARRL VP Bruce K0BJ and Kansas Section Manager Ron KB0DTI at Kansas State ARRL Convention in Salina.



Midwest Division ARRL Hamfests, Conventions & Events

- 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
- 01/29/2011 — Winterfest 2011, Collinsville, IL
- 04/23/2011 — Ararat Shrine Hambash, 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

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.

10/09/2010 | Nowhere KS Special Event
Oct 9, 1400Z-1800Z, WØUK, Lawrence, KS. Douglas County Amateur Radio Club of Kansas. 14.300
7.200 146.760 tone 88.5 Hz 147.030 tone 88.5 Hz. Certificate. Ken Blair, 1329 Kasold Dr - D2, Law-
rence, KS 66049. DCARC invites you to find us "somewhere" on the 20 and 40 meter bands. We will
be transmitting from "Nowhere" KS (from a stop along the Midland Railway) using the wØuk call sign.

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

11/06/2010 | Veterans Day
Nov 6-Nov 14, 1600Z-2300Z, K0V, Emporia, KS. Emporia Amateur Radio Society. 14.268 7.262
3.920 14.070 digital modes. QSL. Leslie Elliott KC0PTO, PO Box 372, Madison, KS 66860. From the
birthplace of Veterans Day. www.qsl.net/emporiaars

11/11/2010 | Veterans Day
Nov 11, 1500Z-2000Z, K0GRL, Bellevue, NE. Strategic Air Command Memorial Amateur Radio Club.
14.247. QSL. SACMARC, PO Box 1292, Bellevue, NE 68005. www.sacmarc.org

11/13/2010 | Triple Event -- Veterans Day Nov 11, Marine Corps Birthday Nov 10, Loss of the Five
Sullivan Brothers Nov 13
Nov 13-Nov 14, 1500Z-2200Z, W0FSB, Waterloo, IA. Five Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club.
14.240 7.240. Certificate & QSL. Vernon Mc Nulty, K0EFV, 4015 Independence Ave, Waterloo, IA
50703.

01/29/2011 | Kansas 150th Birthday
Jan 29, 1600Z-2100Z, KS0KS, Olathe, KS. Santa Fe Trail Amateur Radio Club. 14.250 7.250
10.120. QSL. Dan Reed, 29545 west 152nd TER, Gardner, KS 66030.

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!