



## ARRL Midwest Division Newsletter

July 2010

### Legislative Update

ARRL and its lobbyists in Washington DC are continuing to aggressively pursue passage of the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009. This legislation would require Homeland Security to study the effects of subdivision restrictive covenants on hams ability to do public service emergency communications. S 1755 has already been passed by the Senate and is pending in the House. A similar bill, HR 2610, is also pending in the House. I'd again like to thank the more than 250 Midwest Division hams who signed letters to Congress at our ARRL booths this year. Your grassroots support makes a difference. There are now 40 co-sponsors in the House and momentum is building to get this legislation passed in the House. Although still pending in the House Energy and Commerce Committee, there are some encouraging signs that ARRL may be able to get this legislation moving. Your letters of support are still needed: See <http://www.arrl.org/hr2160> and <http://www.arrl.org/s1755> for more information and sample letters to Congress.

### Kansas City DX Club's Hospitality Suite & 30th Annual CW Pileup Contest at Dayton

Here's a few of the KCDXC members who again hosted their Dayton Hospitality Suite and the 30th Annual CW Pileup Contest run by K0VXU and K0VBU. K1VR won the Pileup Contest and KCDXC President N0AG presented the grand prize of an Icom IC-7000 to him. (Courtesy KC DX News)



### WA0JBL Teaches Morse Code to Nebraska Kids



Harold Ward, WA0JBL taught Morse code to about 150 4th and 5th grade students at Knickrehm Elementary in Grand Island, Nebraska. Students qualified to participate by reading Golden Sower books, one of which featured Morse code. The organizer of the event said "We enjoyed his stories and were so impressed with his abilities! We tested his Morse Code skills and he blew us away. The students loved him. They said it was one of their favorite sessions." (Courtesy Grand Island ARS "The Printed Circuit")

### 97 Years Along the Lincoln Highway

The weekend of June 19-20, 2010, the Lincoln Highway Amateur Radio Group, NY2SF (New York to San Francisco), and the Benton County (Iowa) ARC put on a successful Special Event from the comfortable and historic Youngville Café 18 miles west of Cedar Rapids. ([www.youngvillecafe.com](http://www.youngvillecafe.com)) They celebrated "97 Years Along the Lincoln Highway" with the classic three ingredients for a successful event — Radio, Friends and Food. (Courtesy Dave Maley WA0ZZG).



### Zero Incoming QSL Bureau

I want to publicly recognize a hardworking group of volunteer hams in the Mississippi Valley DX / Contest Club in St. Louis who operate the Zero QSL Bureau. In 2009, they processed more than 100,000 QSL DX QSL cards and sent them out to bureau subscribers who had envelopes and postage on file. The team includes Bureau Manager Norm McCourt AC0N, Assistant Manager Paul Haefner K0JPL, Sorter Coordinator Rich Zysk, KØGSV, a group of pre-sorters, and 23 volunteer sorters. Operating the Zero QSL Bureau is a monumental, and often thankless, job! Cards are mailed quarterly to bureau subscribers. Here are several helpful suggestions in dealing with the bureau. Please respond promptly to requests for funds for postage and envelopes. If you work DX, become a bureau subscriber. It's disappointing how many bureau cards go unclaimed. And be patient about receipt of bureau cards. Sometimes it takes several years or more for a card to work its way from a DX station through the Bureau system. To order postage and envelopes, and for more information go to: [www.zeroburo.org](http://www.zeroburo.org).



Steve W0SJS, one of the Zero Bureau pre-sorters, (and our Midwest Division Webmaster) with a stack of 18,217 DX Cards to be sorted in July, 2009.

### Upcoming Midwest Division ARRL Hamfests and Conventions:

- 07/17/2010 – Pioneer ARC 13th Annual Flea Market, North Bend, NE
- 07/17/2010 – Warrensburg Area ARC Hamfest, Warrensburg, MO
- 07/18/2010 – Zero Beaters ARC 48th Annual Hamfest, Washington, MO
- 07/23/2010 – Central States VHF Society Conference, St. Louis, MO
- 08/01/2010 – Cedar Valley ARC Summerfest 2010, Cedar Rapids, IA
- 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
- 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
- 01/15/2011 – Midwest Search & Rescue Emergency Communications Team 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>

### Des Moines RAA Field Day 1 KW Solar Power!!

The Des Moines RAA 2010 W0AK Field Day operation found a great way to claim the Natural Power bonus points by using a 1 kW Power-Shade (left). The military-grade solar shade provided electricity for most of their Field Day equipment. On the right are two telescoping portable towers with triband beams. The group netted more than 1,000 contacts during the FD operation. For more information and pictures, see: <http://dmraa.com/alerts/w0ak-field-day-nets-over-1000-contacts>. (courtesy Des Moines RAA)



### Upcoming Special Events Stations in the Midwest Division

#### 07/17/2010 - 2010 Winnebago-Itasca Travelers Club Grand National Rally

**Jul 17-Jul 18, 1300Z-2300Z, W0WIT**, Forest City, IA.

WIT Radio (WITCARS). 14.263 7.253 3.970 147.27. QSL. Frank Krizan, 1005 Talley Rd, Garland, TX 75044.

#### 07/24/2010 | Sanborn Railroad Days

**Jul 24-Jul 25, 1500Z-1500Z, W0VHQ**, Sanborn, IA, .

Northwest Iowa Amateur Radio Club. 50.130 28.360 14.250 7.225. QSL. Randy Hogan, KC0ZTR, 601 W 4th St, Sanborn, IA 51248. Operating from a historic Railroad Caboose in Sanborn, IA -- come join us! [www.qrz.com/db/w0vhq](http://www.qrz.com/db/w0vhq)

#### 08/07/2010 - 100 Years of Scouting in America

**Aug 7, 0900Z-1700Z, KM0BSA**, Fayette, MO.

Central Missouri Radio Association (CMRA). 14.300 14.240 7.250 7.200. QSL. Central Missouri Radio Association, PO Box 283, Columbia, MO 65205. From Central Methodist University in Fayette, MO.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

For updated Special events listings, check out: <http://www.arrl.org/special-events>.

## Midwest Division Leadership



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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](mailto:cliff.ahrens@gmail.com). We will try to include as many as possible in upcoming editions of the Midwest Division News. Thanks!