



2016 – A Year in Review

Leadership

- KDØRTY, Andrew Wayman, and KØSSZ, Jason Brinkman both stepped down as Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively.
- KØEMP, Tim East, was re-elected President
- ADØSF, David Claridge, was elected Vice President
- WØNXS, Lonnie Worthington, was elected Secretary/Treasurer

Thursday Net

- Continues to meet each Thursday evening with various net control stations leading.
- After the last controller problem, on 146.985, a replacement controller was installed with no tone board. A committee has been formed to purchase a replacement controller that has tones, possibly voice messages, ID and other more modern accessories.

Web

- KDØRII, George Phoenix, continues to maintain and update the EARS web page

Social Media

- KS1ERS, Dean Binns, has created a Facebook page and is working with a committee over social media

Special Events and Activities

- A technician class was presented early in the year by KØEMP, Tim East, ADØSF, David Claridge, and ADØSG, Lux Claridge. All but one of the participants was successful in obtaining a license.
- KBØSSR was renewed and changed to WØEMP.
- In May, WØEMP repeater, one of the two Yaesu fusion repeaters purchased last year with club member donation money was installed on the roof of the science hall by the executive committee. This new repeater is 145.310 with a PL tone of 103.5 Hz.
- New licensing books for each license class were purchased and placed in service at the emporia library. Thanks to KAØZVZ, Wayne Lemmon for his help.
- All of the donated ham gear the club had was sold and the proceeds added to the available funds for the trailer.
- DK200; supported by the majority of the club. This was a terrific success and one which allowed us to interact with a Jeep Club, a community event and group and supported 4-5 rest stops, net control and a portable remote repeater set up. Special thanks to WXØU, Jim Belford for his technical support.
- Kansas QSO Party; led by KDØOIX, Dwight Moore.
- Lunar Kanza, supported with the club trailer, led by ADØSF, David Claridge, and WØNXS, Lonnie Worthington.
- Race the Chase, supported with the club trailer and operators, led by WØNXS, Lonnie Worthington

- KØV; led by KDØOIX, Dwight Moore with help from WØNXS, Lonnie Worthington
- Field day was a good outing and included a dinner with the meal being coordinated by KCØUVH, Linda Wolcott and dessert by KDØLYS, Julie East.
- Wade's Ride was added to the special events supported by the club this year. Wades ride is a community event to help raise awareness of sudden infant death syndrome. Led by WØNXS, Lonnie Worthington
- The club is now a Weather Ready Nation recognized club with the national weather service thanks to efforts by KDØOIX, Dwight Moore

Notable Additional Accomplishments

- Work continues with trailer improvements under leadership of the trailer committee which consists of WXØU, Jim Belford, and the executive committee.
- The debut of the trailer was made when it supported the DK200 gravel bike race in early June. The trailer worked well.
- Received a \$1000 donation to the club
- The Lyon County Emergency director, Jarrod Fell attended a club meeting and addressed the club.
- WØNXS, Lonnie Worthington; KØEMP, Tim East; ADØSF, David Claridge; KDØRII, George Phoenix; KCØUVH, Linda Wolcott; and ADØTV, William Wolcott all attended AUXComm training and completed the associated ICS and/or CERT classes required as prerequisites to AUXComm.
- The club held three VE sessions assisting several individuals to obtain licenses and or license upgrades.
- The by-laws were amended to include a new officer position in November; Immediate Past President.

2015 HAM of the Year: KDØOIX, Dwight Moore

2016 Hams of the Year: KCØUVH, Linda Wolcott and ADØTV, William Wolcott

Message from the president:

What a great time to be involved in amateur radio. Our club involvement, activity level and membership are all on the rise. We have created a wonderful Community Service Trailer and have used it to help support the DK200, Race the Chase and Luna Kanza. Our positive interactions are not going unnoticed. For the first time in years, Lyon County Emergency Management has attended one of our meetings. Many in the club members have received their ICS training up to and including AUXComm. The future is definitely bright and it is because of all of your efforts.

Thank you for your good work and support.

Timothy F. East, KØEMP