



## ARRL Midwest Division Newsletter December 2018



### **Kansas State University ARC – W0QQQ**

by James Copeland, KDØICP, KSUARC President

The Kansas State University Amateur Radio Club, WØQQQ placed third this year in the college/university category of the ARRL Fall School Club Roundup with 49,560 points. Operators Vern, WØVMP, David, KAØJPM, James, KDØICP, Glen, KCØGVP, Max, W2MAX, and Jill, KM6UWL ran the station over the contest's five-day period.

This is the fifth time WØQQQ has participated in School Club Roundup, and the highest score to date. Band conditions were not favorable early in the week, but conditions improved by Wednesday to allow for several good days of operating. The station operated mainly on 20 and 40 meters. Club president James Copeland and member Jill Drake have been busy responding to the many QSLs arriving in the mail.

According to legend, the K-State club has been around since 1927. The station is located on the fourth floor of Seaton Hall on the campus and is equipped with excellent facilities including a expansive antenna farm with a TH6DXX beam on a 40-foot tower on the roof, a UHF and VHF repeater system, and multiple operating positions. More information about the club can be found at: <https://www.k-state.edu/ksuarc/>

[Editor's Note: I was a member of the KSU ARC in 1963-67 and again in 1974 when I returned for graduate school following service in the USAF. It's great to see the club is continuing active with its historic and unique call sign]



W0QQQ Club President James Copeland, KD0ICP and Member Jill Drake, KM6UWL make contacts on 40 meters during the School Club Roundup at the club station



## Comments on League Happenings

by Rod Blocksome, K0DAS

It's been a month of very light inputs for the newsletter – understandable with the Holidays and the winding down of Hamfests, Special Events, and other field activities. So I thought to use some of the newsletter space to briefly summarize some of the changes happening at the league. As always I'm interested to hear your views on these or any other topics.

**ARRL Board of Director Elections** – The board is composed of an elected director from each of the 15 ARRL divisions. Similarly a vice-director is elected from each division. The 15 vice-directors attend the board meetings, serve on committees, provide consultation to the director, and stand ready to fill in for the director in case of his absence for any reason. Board motions are decided by the 15 directors only; the officers and vice-directors have no vote.

Every year elections for director and vice-director are held in 5 divisions. The term of office is 3-years. Thus a third of the board is up for election every year. This year elections were held in these divisions: Hudson, Roanoke, New England, Northwestern, and Central. The incumbent directors were defeated in Hudson, Roanoke, and New England divisions. The Northwestern director announced his retirement upon completing his term and in a three-way race, the incumbent Vice-Director was narrowly defeated. Central division's incumbent director was narrowly re-elected.

On January 1, 2019 the four newly elected directors will begin their terms and attend their first board meeting only three weeks later. Also attending an ARRL board meeting for the first time will be our newly appointed CEO, Howard Michel, WB2ITX, who will have been in office all of 3 months.

I will certainly miss the out-going board members whose knowledge, skills, and experience I respect and value (though we didn't always agree on some issues). But with new people come new ideas, new perspectives, and new experiences to bear on the issues and challenges. Amateur Radio is changing and we need to manage this change skillfully and carefully. I welcome your input on any topic as we move into the new year and I will work diligently to represent the views and values of the Midwest Division members.



## ARRL Board Appointed Committees

by Rod Blocksome, K0DAS

There are a number of committees supporting the ARRL board of directors. There are three standing committees appointed annually by the ARRL President. These are:

**The Executive Committee** - Rick Roderick, K5UR, President (Chairman); Greg Widin, K0GW, First Vice-President; David Norris, K5UZ, Delta Division Director; Dale Williams, WA8EFK, Great Lakes Division Director; Matt Holden, K0BBC, Dakota Division Director; Dr. James Boehner, N2ZZ, Roanoke Division Director; and Howard Michel, WB2ITX, ARRL CEO.

**The Administration & Finance Committee** - Jim Pace, K7CEX, Northwestern Division Director (Chairman); Kermit Carlson, W9XA, Central Division Director; Richard Norton, N6AA, Southwestern Division Director; Dr. David Woolweaver, K5RAV, Southwestern Division Director; Rick Niswander, K7GM, Treasurer; Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, Hudson Division Director; Jeff Ryan, K0RM, Rocky Mountain Vice Director; Greg Widin, K0GW, First Vice-President (Officer Liaison); Diane Middleton, KC1BQF, CFO, (Staff Liaison).

**The Programs & Services Committee** - Rod Blocksome, K0DAS, Midwest Division Director, (Chairman); Tom Abernethy, W3TOM, Atlantic Division Director, Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, Southeastern Division Director; Jim Tiemstra, K6JAT, Pacific Division Director; Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, Atlantic Division Vice-Director; Bob Vallio, W6RGG, Second Vice-President (Officer Liaison); Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, (Staff Liaison).

There are an additional thirteen committees that deal with specific issues. Details may be found on the ARRL web site: <http://www.arrl.org/board-committees> In summary, these committees are:

**Ethics & Elections** – David Norris, K5UZ, Delta Division Director, (Chairman); Rod Blocksome, K0DAS, Midwest Division Director; Dale Williams, WA8EFK, Great Lakes Division Director.



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**Amateur Radio Legal Defense & Assistance** – Jim Tiemstra, K6JAT, Pacific Division Director, (Chairman); Ned Stearns, AA7A, Southwestern Division Vice Director; John Stratton, N5AUS, West Gulf Division Vice Director; Jay Bellows, K0QB, International Affairs Vice President; Christopher Imlay, W3KD, ARRL General Counsel.

**HF Band Planning** – Greg Widin, K0GW, First Vice-President (Chairman); plus others.

**Historical** – Rod Blocksome, K0DAS, Midwest Division Director, Chairman; plus others.

**RF Safety** – Dr. Gregory Lapin, N9GL, Chairman; plus others.

**Electromagnetic Compatibility** – Kermit Carlson, W9XA, Central Division Vice Director, Chairman; plus others.

**Public Relations** – Sid Ceaser, NH7C, Chairman; plus others.

**ARDF** – Joe Moell, K0OV, Coordinator; plus others.

**Logbook of The World Study Committee** - Greg Widin, K0GW, First Vice-President (Chairman); plus others.

**DX Advisory Committee** – John Yodis, K2VV, Chairman (Midwest Division representative); plus a representative from each of the 14 other divisions.

**Contest Advisory Committee** – Dennis Egan, W1UE, Chairman (New England Division representative); plus a representative from each of the 14 other divisions.

**Legislative Advocacy Committee** – Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, Hudson Division Director, (Chairman); plus several others.

**Entry Level License Committee** – Tom Frenaye, K1KI, New England Division Director, (Chairman); plus several others.



## Radio Scouting a Big Hit at this Years University of Scouting

by Keith Kaiser, WA0TJT

This years University of Scouting for the two state Heart of America Council was held on Saturday November 3rd at the MCC-Business & Technology Campus in Kansas City, Missouri. 2018 was a record year with just over 2000 total course registrations and more than 500 total participants.

Keith Kaiser, WA0TJT, represented the BSA JOTA Task Force (was BSA National Radio Scouting Committee). Additional Hams on staff included Venture Crew 2273 members Andrew Christensen, KE0JKA (as the Tread Lightly Squirrel), Kristen Christensen, KE0MQU, and Pat McCalmon, Crew Advisor, KC0PMC. Also in attendance was Wolfgang Lawson (future Ham) and his mom Paige who just that morning passed her Technician Class exam. And staff member Dave Hinkley, KA0SOG, did outdoor cooking demonstrations. I understand nobody left hungry.

Venture Crew 2273 is sponsored by Kansas City Northland ARES and the Platte County Amateur Radio Group. We currently have members in California, Idaho, Utah, Kansas and two counties in Missouri. Venturing is for youth 14 to 20 years of age, boys and girls interested in Amateur Radio or just joining a Venture Crew are welcome to visit our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/VentureCrew2273/> for more information.

The preliminary report on the 2018 JOTA event (largest Scouting event in the world) is available on <http://K2BSA.net/news> and worth a read. The high light being "USA Jamboree on the Air total Scout participation increased 36% year-over-year in 2018, reaching 10,000+ Scouts."

Scout Camps On The Air (SCOTA) at <http://scota.us> is becoming more and more popular spreading the word to Scouting around the world of Amateur Radio.

Please visit the links given above at your convenience. They can help provide a myriad of information.



It's my opinion that Amateur Radio growth can easily be of benefit to a growth in the Scouting program. We just need to be pushing both or both will suffer. Just look around the next club meeting you go to, what is the average age? Unless of course you attend my Crew meeting... there you'll find it's under 20, mostly in their teens.

One more interesting thing: Venture Crew 2273 is made up of youth from all over the Kansas City area and more, we have members in Missouri, Kansas, California, Idaho, and Utah and are always looking for youth aged 14 to 20, and they do NOT need to be Ham Operators to join. Reach out to me for more information.



Keith Kaiser, WA0TJT, Heart Of America Council Radio Scouting Committee Chair



Dave Hinkley, KA0SOG, The Ararat Shrine Hamfest Club President and a Commissioner in the Blue Elk District





In the squirrel costume is Andrew Christensen, KE0JKA, Eagle Scout and crew member of Venture Crew 2273 which is made up of 100% Amateur Radio Operators and sponsored by Kansas City Northland ARES and Platte County Amateur Radio Group.



## Midwest Division ARRL Hamfests & Conventions

### **01/26/2019 | [Winterfest](#)**

**Location:** Collinsville, IL

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club

**Website:** <http://winterfest.slsrc.org>

### **02/02/2019 | [Mine Creek Winterfest](#)**

**Location:** LaCygne, KS

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Mine Creek Amateur Radio Club

### **03/02/2019 | [Southwest Iowa ARC Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** McClelland, IA

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Southwest Iowa Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://www.swiradio.org>

### **03/09/2019 | [Nebraska State Convention](#)**

**Location:** Lincoln, NE

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Sponsor:** Lincoln Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** [www.lincolnhamfest.org](http://www.lincolnhamfest.org)

### **03/23/2019 | [OARS Springtime Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Mt. Vernon, MO

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Ozarks Amateur Radio Society

**Website:** <http://w0oar.com>

**NOTICE:** Lloyd Colston, KC5FM, is trying to drum up interest in a bus trip to the Hamvention from the Wichita, KS area. Details at the top of [twitter.com/KC5FM](https://twitter.com/KC5FM)



## Midwest Division Special Event Stations

**02/16/2019 | 15th Annual "Freeze Your Keys" Winter Operating Event**

**Feb 16, 1400Z-2200Z, W0EBB**, Leavenworth, KS. Kickapoo QRP ARC. CW: 14.058 7.035

SSB: 14.325 7.240; If bands are open, 30, 17, 15, 12, and 10 meters - please look for us.

QSL. Gary Auchard, W0EBB, 34058 167th Street, Leavenworth, KS 66048. [w0ebb@juno.com](mailto:w0ebb@juno.com)

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
to  
All Amateur Radio Operators  
in the  
ARRL Midwest Division**

**from my "shack" to yours – Rod Blocksome, K0DAS**

### Midwest Division News and Photos Wanted!

If you have news and photos about events or activities from the Midwest Division, email them to Director Rod Blocksome K0DAS at [rod.blocksome@gmail.com](mailto:rod.blocksome@gmail.com).

Thanks and 73, Rod, K0DAS

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**Contest Advisory Committee:** Glenn Johnson, W0GJ (IA)

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