

Emporia Amateur Radio Society Activities for 2012

Thursday Night 2-meter Net -- The club continues to host a net for club business at 9:00 pm local time every Thursday evening on the 146.985 repeater. Net control for the evening rotates among several operators and included Jon Holder (N0OFG), Tim East (K0EMP), Robert Neer (K0MQF), Robert Lowery (K0FEG), Mike Pate (K0NFG), Dwight Moore (K0OIX), and Connie Steinel (K0UER).

Web Site -- The club has a web site at <http://www.qsl.net/emporiaars/>. Les Elliott (K0PTO) is the web master for the web site. Les (K0PTO) also serves the club as our public information officer and qsl manager.

Ham Cram - Tim East (K0EMP) organized two ham crams; one on 28 July and another on 1 December. The review covered the technician question pool and the general question pool. Instructors were Robert Lowery (K0FEG), Dwight Moore (K0OIX), Jon Holder (N0OFG), Jim Belford (WX0U), and Tim East (K0EMP).

VE testing -- Tim East (K0EMP) also organized three VE testing sessions, two of which were right after the ham crams and a third on 27 April. Club members who are also VEs who helped with one or more testing session were Tim East (K0EMP), Ed Anderson (K0ITP, silent key), Dwight Moore (K0OIX), Jon Holder (N0OFG), Larry Jeck (N0YNN), Jim Belford (WX0U), Robert Lowery (K0FEG), and Don Johnson (AA0DF). New hams from the local area are Jason Brinkman (K0SSZ), Andrew Wayman (K0RTY), and Megan Sprague (K0TWZ).

Dirty Kanza 200 -- Robert Lowery organized our activities at this event in which the club provided communication support along the route. Other members who helped were Sean Claridge (K0QOQ), Mike Pate (K0NFG), Connie Steinel (K0UER), and Larry Jeck (N0YNN).

Ride for the Red -- The club again provided communication along the route for the American Red Cross Ride for the Red. Riley Stair (K0QFY), Mike Pate (K0NFG), Don Johnson (AA0DF), Jon Holder (N0OFG), and Dwight Moore (K0OIX) worked check stations at Silver Lake, Alma and Eskridge and provided status reports back to net control in Topeka.

Emcomm Trailer -- Mike Pate (K0NFG) organized two separate work parties to take apart the emcomm trailer and get it ready to rebuild. Members who helped with the construction (destruction) of the trailer were Mike Pate (K0NFG), Robert Neer (K0MQF), Wayne Lemon (KA0ZVZ), Dave Winfough (K0URW), Tim East (K0EMP), Robert Lowery (K0FEG), Dwight Moore (K0OIX), Jim Belford (WX0U), and Connie Steinel (K0UER). In addition, the club started a separate fund to be used for the emcomm trailer. Jim Belford (WX0U) composed several letters that were sent to local charitable organizations to obtain funding for the trailer.

443-Repeater -- Jon Holder (N0OFG) donated the Kenwood repeater and Jim Belford (WX0U) got the repeater on the air. Currently, the repeater uses the K0ESU call sign, which is the call sign of the Emporia State University Amateur Radio Club.

Field Day -- Robert Lowery (KD0FEG) organized Field Day at the Emporia State University Field Station west of Americus. KBOSSR had a 3A station plus a GOTA station. We made 525 QSOs and had a score of 2,120 with 24 people participating during the 24 hours of Field Day. Club members included Don Johnson (AA0DF), Mike Pate (KCONF), Tim East (K0EMP), Robert Lowery (KD0FEG), Jim Belford (WX0U), Alyssa Belford (KD0QFW), Andrew Wayman (KD0RTY), George Rainsbarger (WB0VLB), Dave Winfough (KCOURW), Jon Holder (N0OFG), Les Elliott (KCOPTO), Dwight Moore (KD0OIX), and Wayne Lemon (KA0ZVZ)

Kansas QSO Party -- Jim Belford (WX0U) opened his home so that the club could use his station for the Kansas QSO Party. KBOSSR made 720 QSOs and 53 multipliers for a score of 76,214 and earned a plaque by taking first place in the multi-operator, high-power, Kansas station category. Hams participating were Robert Lowery (KD0FEG), Genevieve Lowery (KD0LYP), Jim Belford (WX0U), Alyssa Belford (KD0QFW), Tim East (K0EMP), and Dwight Moore (KD0OIX).

Veterans Day Special Event Station -- The club organized a special event station (K0V) on 10, 11, and 12 November. About 40 QSOs were made mobile during the parade, from the QTH of Don Johnson (AA0DF) and from a temporary station on the roof of the science hall. A total of 217 QSOs were made from 31 states. Operators were Don Johnson (AA0DF), Tim East (K0EMP), Robert Lowery (KD0FEG), Riley Stair (KD0QFY), Dwight Moore (KD0OIX), Sean Claridge (KD0QQQ), and Jim Belford (WX0U). Tim East (K0EMP), Julie East (KD0LYS), and Dwight Moore (KD0OIX) operated the float in the Veterans Day Parade in Emporia. In addition, Jim Belford (WX0U), Don Johnson (AA0DF), and Jon Holder (N0OFG) helped to build the float the day before the parade.

November Sweeps (SSB) -- The club used Jim Belford's (WX0U) home station to get on the air as KBOSSR. Alyssa Belford (KD0QFW), Christopher Alderman (KD0QFX), and Jim Belford (WX0U) were able to operate a few hours during the contest and made about 250 QSOs and with about 70 of the ARRL sections.

School Club Roundup -- The Emporia State University Amateur Radio Club participated in the October School Club Round-up. All of the operators are also members of EARS. Using KOESU from a temporary station atop the Science Hall, ESUARC made 131 QSOs with 31 states for a total score of 17685. Operators were KD0QFY (Riley Stair), Sean Claridge (KD0QQQ), Tim East (K0EMP), and Dwight Moore (KD0OIX)