



2015 – A Year In Review

Leadership

- KD0OIX, Dwight Moore, stepped out of the presidency in February after three very productive years.
- K0EMP, Tim East, was elected President
- KD0RTY, Andrew Wayman, was elected Vice President
- K0SSZ, Jason Brinkman was elected Secretary/Treasurer
- In the early Fall, K0SSZ, indicated he would not seek re-election

Thursday Net

- Continues to meet each Thursday evening with various net control stations leading.
- There were a couple of instances when 146.985 repeater was unavailable this year due to equipment issues.

Web

- KD0RIL, George Phoenix, continues to maintain and update the EARS web page

Special Events

- K0L; 3rd of 4 Lunar eclipses, led by KD0OIX
- Field Day; led by KD0OIX
- DK200; led by KD0NFG, Mike Pate
- Kansas QSO Party; K0ESU took 1st place among KS schools beating both KU and KSU!; led by KD0OIX
- Luna Kanza, supported with the club trailer and one operator at the turn-around, led by K0EMP
- K0L; 4th of 4 Lunar eclipses, led by KD0OIX
- Race the Chase, supported with the club trailer and operators, led by K0EMP
- K0V; led by KD0OIX
- Freedom Spur Ride (part of the Freedom Fest); supported by operators and led by KC0NFG

Notable additional accomplishments

- Trailer
 - Work continues with trailer improvements under leadership of the trailer committee led by WX0U, Jim Belford
 - Supported Luna Kanza ride, Race the Chase
 - Received a \$500 donation to the trailer fund
 - Sold a donated radio and power supply for \$300
- Obtained two Yaesu Fusion Repeaters
 - Used one in a temporary, self-sustained cross-band deployment to support Race the Chase
- Approached by DK to increase support of DK sponsored activities to improve participant safety

Monthly Eyeball meetings

- Continue being held on the third Saturday morning at 9 AM at ESU Science Hall
- Several additions to the agenda have been added
 - Component Corner
 - Executive Committee Report
 - Builder's Show and Tell – Regularly used by KD0RIL
- The following presentation topics along with presenter's (as best as can be reconstructed)
 - January – Echo Link; K0EMP
 - February – PSK31/RTTY; KD0OIX
 - March – Electronic QSLs; KD0OIX
 - April – Directional Antennas; KA0ZVZ, Wayne Lemon
 - May – Foxhunt; KD0RTY
 - June – Field Day; KD0OIX
 - July – Power Poles; K0EMP
 - August – Linux Ubuntu; KD0RTY
 - September – Raspberry Pi; KD0RTY
 - October – Antennas; K0SSZ & K0EMP
 - November – Vertical Antenna Myths; K0EMP
 - December – Year in Review; K0EMP

2014 HAM of the Year: WX0U, Jim Belford

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Message from the President:

I wish to express appreciation to all the members of E.A.R.S. for their continued support of amateur radio in the Emporia area. Our membership and club meeting attendance has risen over the last several years as has our activity level in the community in support of community events. Every time we interact with the community in a positive way, we are acting as ambassadors of our hobby. We are the face of amateur radio to those we interact with day in and day out as well as during these special activities. Thanks for your good work and support.

Timothy F. East, K0EMP