

**Division Report to the Board – January 2011**

2010 was a great year for the Rocky Mountain Division. Both Vice-Director Allen and I had a wonderful time representing our fine members. Here's a look back at our progress, and that of our members, over the past 12 months:

* The monthly Rocky Mountain Division HF net has continued to be a great success as a vehicle for meeting our members and other hams on the air, passing pertinent information, and otherwise improving communication across our large Division -- the ham radio way.
* Our members have continued to receive Division-wide email updates containing important information and announcements every month since our election.
* Our Division website ([www.RockyMountainDivision.org](http://www.RockyMountainDivision.org)) has been expanded to include additional information of interest.
* Vice Director Allen and I invited Presidents of all ARRL-affiliated clubs in the Division to join us in teleconference to provide them with information as well as to solicit their opinions on League issues that are important to members of the organizations they represent.
* The second recipient of the annual Rocky Mountain Division awards program was announced: Roger Kehr N3AOQ of Salt Lake City, Utah was named the 2009 Division Ham of the Year;
* The 2010 Rocky Mountain Division Convention held in Casper, Wyoming was a fantastic success, thanks to all those who organized it and made the trip for a great weekend of fun. We look forward to the 2011 Division Convention in Taos, New Mexico August 5-7.
* A whole bunch of clubs and groups organized and successfully offered hamfests and swapfests across our great Division so hams could buy/sell gear, learn new things at forums, upgrade licenses, and socialize with other dedicated hams.
* We are grateful for the opportunity to have met many of our members through attending the following hamfests in 2010: the Division Convention in Casper, Wyoming, the Albuquerque Duke City Hamfest (Albuquerque, NM), and the Socorro Hamfest (Socorro, NM), and others.
* Vice-Director Allen and I have remained in close contact with all Section Managers within our Division to maintain a close, working relationship with them and understand concerns raised by their members.
* We conducted a thorough, 35+ question web-based survey to learn more about our members’ background, their involvement in ham radio, their involvement within the League, their concerns, and other input. The results of this survey is posted at http://www.rockymountaindivision.org/survey/survey\_results\_2010.pdf
* Thanks to our League members within the Division, the clubs they belong to, the volunteer examiners that they know, our Section Managers, their combined 347 member strong field organization, and staff at HQ, ARRL membership in the Rocky Mountain Division is up 2.1% from last year – a higher percentage than any other Division. While there is no competition here, our rate of growth is something that everyone in the Rocky Mountain Division is proud of, as it contributes towards a stronger League.
* Above all else, Rocky Mountain Division members have been active Hams. We all have had a great year on the airwaves, chewing the rag, chasing DX, providing service to our communities in times of need, contesting (which seems to be on the rise!), chipping away at awards, experimenting with newly built gear, mentoring others, serving within clubs, and more.

2011 promises to be a great year in the following ways:

* Vice Director Allen and I will once again be attending hamfests and swapfests across the Division to spend time with our members in person.
* The 2011 Rocky Mountain Division Convention will be held August 5-7 in beautiful Taos, New Mexico. Planning for a fantastic event us underway.
* We will once again invite every president (or designate) of every ARRL-affiliated club in the Division to participate in a teleconference, by section, to meet them, share information, and learn about their members’ concerns.

See you on the airwaves!

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