

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY CLIFF AHRENS – K0CA

Cliff Ahrens K0CA, of Hannibal, Missouri, has been a licensed amateur radio operator since 1979, and has held an Extra Class license since 1981. His previous calls were KI0W, N0BQN, and KA0EZR. Cliff is an ARRL Life and Diamond Club member, and a QCWA Life member. He is a member of the Mississippi Valley DX/Contest Club, Eastern Iowa DX Association, Kansas City DX Club, Hannibal Amateur Radio Club, and Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club. Cliff is a past president of the Hannibal ARC, and is trustee for that club's calls.

Cliff currently serves in a number of appointed and volunteer ARRL positions. He has been the Midwest Division representative on the DX Advisory Committee from January, 1997 to the present time. Cliff served as DXAC Chair from August, 2000 to March 2003, and is currently DXAC Vice-Chair. He is the Missouri Section DXCC Card Checker, as well as HF Awards Manager, and VHF Awards Manager. In addition, Cliff is an ARRL/VEC Team Liaison. He has previously served as a sorter for the ARRL Zero District QSL Bureau, an ARRL Volunteer Counsel and ARRL Assistant Director of the Midwest Division.

Cliff is an active DXer with all 337 current entities confirmed (343 all-time). He holds #1 DXCC Honor Roll Mixed, as well as CW and Phone Honor Roll, DXCC Challenge with 2445 band entities, 8 Band DXCC, RTTY DXCC, and 5 Band WAS. He also enjoys CW contesting.

Professionally, Cliff is an appellate judge on the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, which is located in St. Louis and hears appeals from trial courts in the Eastern half of Missouri. During his fifteen year tenure on the court, he has served as Chief Judge and Presiding Judge of several divisions of the court and as a special judge on the Missouri Supreme Court. Cliff is actively involved in improving efficiency and service of courts to litigants and the public through his efforts as chair of the statewide Missouri Court Automation Committee. Prior to his appointment to the appellate court, Cliff was engaged in the general practice of law for twenty-one years in Hannibal. Cliff earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Cliff has also been actively involved in a number of public, civic, and charitable organizations. He was a member of the Hannibal Planning and Zoning Commission and chair of the Planning Commission. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Children's Trust Fund of Missouri and was a member of the St. Louis City - St. Louis County Board of Electors. Cliff was President of the following organizations in Hannibal -- YMCA, Evening Kiwanis Club, The United Way, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Hannibal High School Booster Club. He is a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Hannibal, where he is a lector and Eucharistic minister.

Cliff and his wife, Kim, have three grown children, sons Todd W0CTA and Joe K4CJA, and daughter Ann. In addition to Cliff's ham radio hobby, he also enjoys photography, reading and computers, and spending time with his wife and three grandchildren.