

Division Report to the Board – January 2014

2013 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 over the past 12 months:

- The monthly Rocky Mountain Division net has continued to allow us to meet our members on the air, pass on pertinent information, receive their input/ideas/concerns, and otherwise improve communication across our large Division -- the good ol' ham radio way.
- Our members have continued to receive monthly or bi-monthly emails containing information and announcements to the Rocky Mountain Division membership.
- Our Division website (www.RockyMountainDivision.org) has continued to serve as a source of Division related information.
- Our 2013 Rocky Mountain Division award recipients were announced: Bret Mills WX7Y of Castle Dale, Utah (Division Ham of the Year), Leonor Morrow AE5UF of Arroyo Hondo, New Mexico (Division Young Ham of the Year) and Joe Ostrowski KI5FJ of Dona Ana, New Mexico (Division Technical Achievement Award). Nominations for 2014's awards are being accepted now.
- The 2013 Rocky Mountain Division Convention held in Estes Park, Colorado was a great success, thanks to all those who organized it and made the trip for a great weekend of fun. We look forward to the 2014 Division Convention held next year in Laramie, Wyoming.
- Numerous clubs and groups organized and successfully offered hamfests and swapfests across our great Division so hams could buy/sell gear, expand their knowledge at forums, upgrade their licenses, and strengthen relationships with other dedicated hams.
- Vice Director Dwayne Allen WY7FD and I are grateful for the opportunity to have met and interacted with so many of our members at numerous club meetings, during casual QSOs, on-air nets, as well as the following hamfests and ARRL conventions over the past year:
 - 2013 Division Convention (Estes Park, CO)
 - Albuquerque Winter Tailgate (Albuquerque, NM)
 - Aurora Repeater Association Swapfest (Longmont, CO)
 - Wyoming State ARRL Convention (Buffalo, WY)
 - New Mexico State ARRL Convention (Albuquerque, NM)
 - Ogden ARC an Weber County ARES Hamfest (Ogden, UT)
 - 285 TechConnect Radio Club TechFest (Denver, CO)
 - Socorro Hamfest (Socorro, NM)

- Montrose ARC Tailgate Party (Delta, CO)
- Boulder Amateur Radio Club meeting (Boulder, CO)
- Thanks to our members, the clubs they belong to, the volunteer examiners that they know, our Section Managers and their combined 268 member strong field organization, ARRL membership in the Rocky Mountain Division continues its trend of growing membership, currently 6,939 strong.
- Above all else, Rocky Mountain Division members have been super active thanks to a great year on the airwaves, chewing the rag, chasing DX, providing service to their communities in times of need, contesting, chipping away at awards, experimenting with newly built gear, mentoring others, serving within clubs, and more.

2014 promises to be a great year in the following ways:

- ARRL's Centennial celebration! Need we say more?
- Vice Director Allen and I will once again be attending hamfests and swapfests across the Division to spend time with our members in person and receive their input/ideas/concerns
- The 2014 Rocky Mountain Division Convention will be held in Laramie, Wyoming the weekend prior to ARRL's Centennial Convention.

It is an honor to serve ARRL and Rocky Mountain Division's members in our respective capacities. See you on the airwaves!

Sincere 73,

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