

ARRL Midwest Division Report - 2015

2016 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors - January 2016

Pursuant to ARRL By-Law 17, the following annual status report of the Midwest Division for the year 2015 is respectfully submitted to the ARRL Board of Directors.

Director Rod Blocksome attended the following Hamfests & Conventions:

- Feb. 28, 2015 - Perry, Iowa Hamfest
- Mar. 21, 2015 - Nebraska State Convention, Lincoln, NE
- Apr. 18, 2015 - Ararat Shrine Hambash, Kansas City, MO
- May 15-16, 2015 - Dayton Hamvention & Donor Reception, Dayton, OH
- Aug. 2, 2015 - Cedar Valley ARC Hamfest, Cedar Rapids, IA
- Aug. 16, 2015 - Kansas State Convention, Salina, KS
- Aug. 21, 2015 - 26th Annual Joplin Hamfest, Joplin, MO
- Sep. 26, 2015 - Iowa State Convention, Sergeant Bluff, IA
- Oct. 17, 2015 - Southeast Iowa Hamfest, West Liberty, IA
- Nov. 1, 2015 - W0BXR Hamfest, Davenport, IA

Vice-Director Art Ziegelbaum attended the following Hamfests & Conventions:

- Mar. 21, 2015 - Nebraska State Convention, Lincoln, NE
- Apr. 18, 2015 - DMRAA Hamfest, Des Moines, IA
- Aug. 16, 2015 - Kansas State Convention, Salina, KS

ARRL Forum Presentations were conducted at the following events:

- Nebraska State Convention
- Kansas State Convention
- Iowa State Convention
- Joplin Missouri Hamfest
- Des Moines Hamfest
- Ararat Shrine Hamfest
- Cedar Valley ARC Hamfest
- W0BXR Hamfest

Active ARRL Affiliated Clubs in the Midwest Division

The Midwest Division has a large number of amateur radio clubs affiliated with ARRL and more are added each year. Currently we have a total of 141 clubs broken down by section as follows:

- Iowa = 39
- Kansas = 31
- Missouri = 53
- Nebraska = 18

Six Amateur Radio Clubs became affiliated with ARRL in 2015:

- Mahaska ARC in Oskaloosa, Iowa
- Tama County ARS, Iowa
- The Rural Iowa ARC, Oelwein, Iowa (Special Service Club)
- McPherson ARC, McPherson, Kansas
- Western Kansas ARC, Tribune, Kansas
- Lincoln Nebraska SATERN Salvation Army Disaster Services Club, Lincoln, Nebraska

Membership Increases In the Midwest Division:

The year ended with 7,239 ARRL Members in the Midwest Division. This is a very healthy increase of 3.2 percent for the year. All four sections showed an increase thanks to the hard work of the Section and Division leadership as well as ARRL staff. Overall total ARRL membership increased 2.9 percent finishing the year with 170,528 members.

Division Newsletter

I edit the division newsletter with contributions from Art, the Section Managers, Asst. Division Directors, and others. It's published monthly on the Division Web Site <http://www.arrlmidwest.org>. Over 4,000 members receive email notification upon publication of each issue. Several issues emphasized the need to communicate with your congress men and women urging support of the Amateur Radio Parity Act bills. To date, six co-sponsors of the bills are from districts in the Midwest Division.

Midwest Division Appointments in 2015:

- Roxanne Baxter, AA7RX, Assistant Director, Nebraska
- John Yodis, K2VV, DX Advisory Committee Representative Midwest Division
- Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, Contest Advisory Committee Representative Midwest Division

Director Blocksome ARRL Board Committee Service:

- Historical Committee - Chair
- A&F Committee
 - Round-up investigation sub-committee
 - Division Budgets sub-committee - chair
- VHF/UHF Contest Revitalization Committee
- Ethics & Election Committee

Vice-Director Ziegelbaum ARRL Board Committee Service:

- Strategic Planning Committee
- Programs and Services Committee

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