

Emporia Amateur Radio Society Activities for 2013

Thursday Night 2-meter Net -- The club continues to host a net for club business at 9:00 pm local time every Thursday evening on the 146.985 repeater. Net control for the evening rotates among several operators and included Jason Brinkman (KOSSZ), Jon Holder (NOOFG), Tim East (KOEMP), Robert Neer (KDOMQF), Robert Lowery (KDOFEG), Dwight Moore (KD0OIX), and Connie Steinel (KOUER).

Web Site -- The club has a web site at <http://www.qsl.net/emporiaars/>. Les Elliott (KCOPTO) is the web master for the web site. Les (KCOPTO) also serves the club as our public information officer and qsl manager. The club also registered the domain name emporiahamradio.org and that domain is automatically redirected to the web site at [qsl.net](http://www.qsl.net/emporiaars/).

Ham Cram - Tim East (KOEMP) organized two ham crams; one on 27 July and another on 28 September. The review for the technician pool was had good attendance, however, the review for the general pool had no students on either date. Instructors were Robert Lowery (KDOFEG), Dwight Moore (KD0OIX), Jon Holder (NOOFG), Jim Belford (WX0U), David Claridge (KDOVFJ) and Tim East (KOEMP).

VE testing -- Tim East (KOEMP) also organized four VE testing sessions, two of which were right after the ham crams and two others on 27 April and 21 November. Club members who are also VEs who helped with one or more testing session were Tim East (KOEMP), Dwight Moore (KD0OIX), Jon Holder (NOOFG), Larry Jeck (NOYNN), Robert Lowery (KDOFEG), and Don Johnson (AAODF). Total candidates served were 15. New hams from the local area are David Claridge (KDOVFJ), Marvin Harrell (KD0WHE), Stephany Ponciano (KD0WHD), Brandon Rains (KD0WHF), Jonathan Lewis (KD0WUG), Jonathon Dillon (KD0WUH), Sean Lynch (KD0WUF), Robyn MacGregor (KD0WUC), and Eric MacGregor (KD0WUD).

Dirty Kanza – Robert Lowery (KDOFEG) organized the club to help with communication during this all day bike racing event. Other operators helping at the event were David Claridge (KDOVFJ), Sean Claridge (KDOQQQ), Larry Jeck (NOYNN), Connie Steinel (KOUER), Don Johnson (AAODF), and Dave Winfough (KCOURW).

Promotional materials –ICOM, Yaesu, and Kenwood were contacted about promotional material for the club and various catalogs, band plans, maps, and brochures were received. These materials, along with some material from ARRL was repackaged into a gift bags for individuals who earned their license during VE sessions this year. 12 gift bags were given away. The club also purchased two 8-ft by 3-ft banners to be displayed at Field Day and other such public events. Holding tubes of PVC pipe were made for each of the two banners. These are available for anybody to use when representing the club.

Emcom Trailer -- Mike Pate (KCONFG) the club's fund to be used for the emcom trailer continues to grow though at a fairly slow pace. Jim Belford (WX0U) had composed a letter that was sent to several local funding agencies. Those requests were all denied early in the year. After Jim met with several of the directors of the agencies, he redrafted the letters and those were resubmitted in October 2013. Late December, Babinger Trust agreed to help fund the purchase and equipping of a trailer and we have received a check of \$6000.00 to be used for that purpose.

443-Repeater – Jim Belford (WX0U) continues to maintain the 443.000 repeater. Currently, the repeater uses the KOESU call sign, which is the call sign of the Emporia State University Amateur Radio Club.

Library books – The club purchased two new books , “Radios on the Go” and the new “Extra Class Study Manual”, which were then donated to the Emporia Public Library.

Code Practice – Tim East (KOEMP) hosted 15 code practice session on the 443.000 repeater on consecutive Sunday evenings around 21:30 after the ARES net.

Field Day –Field day in 2013 was held on the intramural fields at the north end of the ESU campus. Robert Lowery (KD0FEG) handled much of the organization for Field Day this year. KBOSSR continued as a 3A station this year plus a GOTA station. We made 1034 QSOs and had a score of 2,940with 23 people participating during the 24 hours of Field Day. We made contacts on digital mode and from a solar-powered station. Operators included Don Johnson (AA0DF), Mike Pate (KCONFG), Tim East (K0EMP), Robert Lowery (KD0FEG), Jim Belford (WX0U), Andrew Wayman (KD0RTY), George Rainsbarger (WB0VLB), Dave Winfough (KC0URW), Dwight Moore (KD0OIX), Joseph Laudie (KD0NBV), Sean Claridge (KD0QOQ), Carrie Lowery (KD0JWC), Connie Steinel (K0UER), Julie East (KD0LYS), Larry Jeck (N0YNN), and Sean Lynch (KD0WUF). Several other family members also participated.

Kansas QSO Party –The director of the KSQP contacted Jim Belford (WX0U) about the club being having a special call for the KSQP. After a bit of discussion, it was decided to enter in the school category and use the K0ESU station on the ESU campus. For 2013, the members of EARS operated under the special event call sign of KOE with the E being used to spell sunflower. Operators were Jason Brinkman (K0SSZ), Sean Claridge (KD0QOQ), Tim East (K0EMP), Andrew Wayman (KD0RTY), Warren Brandt (KC0U), Dwight Moore (KD0OIX), Stephany Ponciano (KD0WHD), Marvin Harrell (KD0WHE).

Veterans Day Special Event Station -- The club organized a special event station (K0V) on 9, 10, and 11 November. Don Johnson (AA0DF) made several SSB contacts on 40 meters from his home QTH, Dwight Moore (KD0OIX) made several psk31 contacts from his home QTH, and Sean Claridge (KD0QOQ) and Dwight made SSB contacts on 20 meters from the K0ESU station. A total of 137 QSOs were made. Les Elliot (KCOPTO) designed and ordered special QSL cards and Les continues to serve as the QSL manager for the special event.

Constitution and Bylaws revision – The club revised the membership part of the constitution and bylaws to create a family membership category and to require that dues be paid if a person wishes to be a member in good standing of the club.

Presentations -- During the year, there were presentations at the eyeball meetings that covered; contesting, homebrew CW paddles, RMS Express, decibels, go box and solar panels, top ten rules for good operations, field day exchanges, radiograms, and fldigi software,

K0ESU – The Emporia State University Amateur Radio Club participated in a number of events during the year. There continues to be good cooperation between the university amateur radio club and the community club. Several operators are members of both clubs and the university provides meetings sites and other facilities for EARS. The K0ESU station is equipped with equipment donated by members of EARS and EARS continues to support the university club in a variety of ways.

Officers

Dwight Moore (KD0OIX) – president
Tim East (K0EMP) – vice-president
Leslie Elliot (KCOPTO) – secretary/treasurer