

2017 □ A YEAR IN REVIEW

LEADERSHIP

- * KØEMP, TIM EAST, WAS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT
- * ADØSF, DAVID CLARIDGE, WAS RE-ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT.
- * WØNXS, LONNIE WORTHINGTON, STEPPED DOWN AS SECRETARY/TREASURER AND KDØOIX, DWIGHT MOORE, WAS ELECTED SECRETARY/TREASURER.

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THURSDAY NIGHT NET

- * TO GAIN ADDITIONAL NET PARTICIPANTS, THE NET WAS CHANGED TO 2000 BUT AFTER MANY MONTHS WAS CHANGED BACK TO 2100.
- * THE NET CONTINUES TO BE CALLED WITH VARIOUS NET CONTROL STATIONS LEADING.
- * A NEW CONTROLLER AND NEW YOUTHFUL YL VOICE WELCOMES HAMS INTO THE AREA, ANNOUNCES THE TIME OF LOCAL NETS AND SPECIAL EVENTS. MANY THANKS TO THE COMMITTEE AND WXØU FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN REPLACING THE CONTROLLER WITH A NEW AND MORE CAPABLE CONTROLLER.

WEB

- * KDØRII, GEORGE PHOENIX, CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN AND UPDATE THE EARS WEB PAGE.

SOCIAL MEDIA

- * KS1ERS, DEAN BINNS, HAS LED EFFORTS TO EXPAND EARS FACEBOOK AND SOCIAL MEDIA INTERNET PRESENCE.

TRAILER

- * ADDITIONAL WORK WAS COMPLETED ON THE TRAILER. BACKUP BATTERY CAPABILITY WAS ADDED AS WELL AS A SNAPPY SET OF NEW ALUMINUM STAIRS.

EYEBALL MEETING

- * THE CLUB CONTINUES TO MEET THE THIRD SATURDAY MORNING OF EACH MONTH (EXCEPT DECEMBER) AT THE SCIENCE HALL OF ESU. WE AVERAGED 16 MEMBERS IN

ATTENDANCE AND HAVE INCREASED THE CLUBS ASSETS TO JUST SHY OF \$4000.

*SOME OF THE TOPICS THAT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETINGS BY MEMBERS OF THE CLUB INCLUDE:

- * REPEATERS USING TWO HTS
- * PURPOSE OF PL TONES
- * MAKING GROUND PLANE ANTENNAS FROM 20 INCH FLAG SUPPORTS
- * K42CW READER
- * ANTENNA TUNERS
- * DUMMY LOADS
- * TRACKING DOWN NOISE
- * MAG LOOP ANTENNAS
- * HOW TO PROPERLY BEHAVE DURING WEATHER NETS
- * ELECTRICAL OUTLET SAFETY
- * GROUND LOOPS
- * BUILDING TRAPS
- * NIMM LOGGING
- * KIT BUILDING
- * DESENSITIZATION
- * PARASET RADIO OPS
- * VFO AND BAND EDGE OPERATIONS

VE SESSIONS

* THREE VE SESSIONS WERE OFFERED IN 2017; FEB 18, APR 22 AND DEC 1

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- * NEKSUN EXPERIENCED A SIGNIFICANT LOSS DUE TO A LIGHTNING STRIKE. CLUB MEMBERS DONATED OVER \$1000 TO HELP REPLACE THOSE LOST CAPABILITIES.
- * THE DIRTY KANSAS 200 MILE BIKE RIDE WAS SUPPORTED AND INCLUDED THE USE OF FOUR REMOTE REPEATERS ALL LINKED TO THE NEWLY CONTROLLED 146.985 REPEATER. K0EMP AND WX0U LED THE CLUBS EFFORTS BUT WERE ASSISTED AND THE EVENT SUPPORTED BY SOME 13 PLUS OPERATORS
- * FIELD DAY WAS HELD AT ESU AND INCLUDED A FOX HUNT AND DRONE FLY-IN AS WELL AS THE NORMAL INFORMAL QSOS AND THE FIELD DAY CONTACTS. W0EMP

WAS A 2A STATION. KDØOIX LED THE EFFORTS FOR THIS EVENT AND WAS SUPPORTED BY MANY MEMBERS.

* LUNAR KANZA WAS SUPPORTED BY SOME 6 OR SO CLUB MEMBERS AND WAS LED BY KS1ERS.

* THE KS QSO PARTY WAS LED BY KDØOIX AND USING THE ESU BASED STATION WAS THE 'E' IN SUNFLOWER. THAT IS, WE OPERATED KØE.

* THIS YEAR THE CLUB OPERATED THE TRAILER AT THE GREAT AMERICAN MARKET FOR THE FIRST TIME. KØEMP LED THAT EFFORT AND WAS ASSISTED BY SEVERAL CLUB MEMBERS. IT WAS DECIDED TO FOCUS ON SUPPORT OF THE EVENT RATHER THAN PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT FOR 2018.

* BSA HELD A MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY AND KØEMP LED TWO SCOUTS TO COMPLETION OF THE RADIO MERIT BADGE INCLUDING A VISIT TO AN EYEBALL MEETING AND OPERATING THE ESU STATION TO MAKE SEVERAL QSOS.

* WØNXS, ADØSF AND NØYNN SUPPORTED THE HEARTLAND 100 MILE ULTRA MARATHON WHICH CROSSED THROUGH THE FLINT HILLS.

* WØNXS LED A NUMBER OF CLUB MEMBERS IN SUPPORT OF WADE'S RIDE, A LOCAL MOTORCYCLE POKER RUN AND BICYCLE RIDE TO RAISE MONEY FOR SIDS VICTIM'S, RAISE AWARENESS AND SUPPORT SIDS PREVENTION THROUGH THE SUPPLY OF SWADDLES FOR LOCAL BABIES.

* KØEMP LED A NUMBER OF OPERATORS IN SUPPORT OF THE RUSH THE RAILS EVENT. THIS FIRST TIME BICYCLE/FOOT RACE OF ABOUT 100 MILES BEGAN AT OSAWOTOMIE, KS AND ENDING AT COUNCIL GROVE, KS USING THE ABANDONED RAIL PATH KNOWN AS THE KATIE TRAIL.

* KDØOIX LED THE KØV SPECIAL EVENT AND WAS JOINED BY WØNXS

2016 HAMS OF THE YEAR

WILLIAM AND LINDA WOLCOTT, ADØTV AND KCØUVH.

2017 DONALD L. JOHNSON HAM OF THE YEAR AWARD:
ANNOUNCED AT THE 2017 CHRISTMAS DINNER.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RENAMED THIS AWARD IN

HONOR OF A LONG TIME MEMBER OF THE EARS CLUB THAT FAIRLY RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. HE WAS SERVICE ORIENTED TO HIS CLUB, FRIENDS AND FAMILY. HE IS MISSED. THE RENAMING OF THIS AWARD SEEMS FITTING AND HELPS US ALL TO REMEMBER HIS SMILE, SERVICE AND FRIENDSHIP.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

IT HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL YEAR FULL OF EXCITING AND ENJOYABLE SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY, EACH OTHER AND OUR HOBBY. WE HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN ACTIVITY AT CLUB MEETINGS AND WISH TO INVITE MORE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR WEEKLY NETS. WE HAVE SEEN MORE WORK ON THE TRAILER COMPLETED AND MORE USE OF IT TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES; DK2ØØ, LUNAR KANZA, THE GREAT AMERICAN MARKET, RUSH THE RAILS TO NAME A FEW. MANY IN THE CLUB HAVE TAKEN AUXCOMM TRAINING AND WE ARE THE BETTER FOR IT. I ALSO NOTE THAT ONE OF OUR CLUB HAS ALSO BEEN ACTIVATED DURING THE CLEANUP OF HURRICANE HARVEY. HE GOT TO USE HIS TRAINING AND HOW. WE HAVE MUCH TO DO TO ADD TO OUR CAPABILITIES IN OUR TRAILER AND HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ADD TO OUR FINANCIAL RESERVES TO POSITION US TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT. THE MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE WE ARE, THE MORE USE WE CAN BE TO EACH OTHER AND TO OTHERS. WE AS AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO INCREASE OUR OVERALL KNOWLEDGE LEVEL AND WILL BE TAKING STEPS IN THE FIRST QUARTER TO ADDRESS THIS. WE WILL BE OFFERING A GENERAL CLASS, WE WILL BE RUNNING A MORSE CODE OR CW COURSE ON THE AIR AND WE WILL BE ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE FROM ALL OF YOU TO VERBALLY EXTEND INVITATIONS TO FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES TO COME AND BE PART OF AMATEUR RADIO AND ALL IT PROVIDES US. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED WONDERFUL SUPPORT. IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME AND MY FELLOW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO SERVE YOU.

TIMOTHY F. EAST
KØEMP