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Kansas & Western Missouri Division SATERN presents award to

Henry Monton WØIE

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Back in 2004 when I thought about the different members who had given extra special efforts to SATERN through the past years, I decided I wanted to recognize some of those who went over and above with extraordinary efforts. Thus the SATERN SHIELD AWARD was created. Each year I would chose the one member who had done something exceptional to help all members, with Dee Smith providing the coveted “EDS Red Jacket” monogrammed with their name and callsign as the award.

On Monday, December 12th, Dee Smith, EDS Director, Rich Britain N0ENO Assistant SATERN Coordinator and myself, traveled to Valley Center, KS where the Valley Center Radio Club was holding their annual Christmas party. During their party we presented the 2011 SATERN SHIELD AWARD to our member ==HENRY MONTON W0IE from Wichita, KS==

- Henry and Anna joined SATERN back in 2001 when we first organized a group there in Wichita area.
- They both attended the very first Intro to EDS training class in Topeka in 2006.
- They also are volunteers for their local Salvation Army, trained for working on the canteen.
- He is a part of the team assigned to the SATERN radio room there in Wichita.
- Their volunteer work with SATERN gets interrupted "only" by their vacations --as I recall they were vacationing in Southern Missouri when Greensburg happened, but they returned home to serve in Greensburg.
- He has served as a VEC in Wichita for many years. They both responded within 2 hours for assignment in Joplin, then served 4 days while persevering through a number of personal hardships [ask him about the deer!].
- When Henry returned home from Joplin he then helped Rich for 5 days recruiting and scheduling volunteers. When Rich got called to work suddenly after the 2nd day, Henry continued the recruiting and scheduling by himself--doing a bang up job when left on his own and with little instruction.
- He continued to recruit SATERN members after Joplin activation and is definitely in the top 10% of our members who are very dedicated and always responsive when we need someone to be there.
- They both have been very active every year since they joined, always contributing and participating in our division events.
Rich and I both feel Henry has more than earned the SATERN SHIELD AWARD for his many years of service, not just what he has done this year. Please take the time to congratulate Henry when you seen him.

Henry is our first winner outside of the Kansas City Area which makes this particular award very special. With our current active roster there are 249 members in our division with 175 members being located within 8 counties in the KC area. I am sure having 70% of the members residing here, has something to do with the winners from previous years being from this area. Henry is one of the 29 members that are located within the 8 counties in the Wichita area. With the balance of 45 members located in 24 different counties across the division.

I would also like to recognize our previous winners:

- 2004 Carol Stanton KCØMRJ Olathe, KS
- 2005 Dan Reed NØZIZ Gardner, KS
- 2006 Jim Andera KØNK Gardner, KS
- 2007 Joe Krout WØPWJ Kansas City, KS
- 2008 George McCarville WBØCNK Overland Park, KS
- 2009 Rich Britian NØENO Lenexa, KS
- 2010 Brian Short KCØBS Olathe, KS

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and may God bless you all in 2012.

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Dee, Anna & Henry
2011 SATERN Shield Winner Henry Monton WØIE

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