**WYCO SATERN**

The October 25th meeting was held at the Salvation Army Harbor Light Village Corps Building, 6721 State Ave KCK at 7pm. Yes, we have a sister. SATERN/WYCO ARES is alive and well. Want to venture out of the Johnson County “bubble?” Meetings are the fourth Tuesday each month. We have an open invitation! Need directions? Contact Joe Krout jkout@gmail.com, Glen Dikes gdikes@kumc.edu, or Mike Asselta kd0cdq@arrl.net.
JOCO SATERN

The November 14th meeting was held at the Salvation Army Olathe Center, 420E. Santa Fe at 7pm. June Jeffers KBØWEQ provided information on Bell Ringing and the Electronic Kettle opportunities for raising funds for the Salvation Army efforts to provide a little light in needy family’s holidays. Along with Rich Britain NØENO many ID badges were distributed to SARTFN members and new members. The ARES members presented many interesting Show-n-Tell projects. Members were asked to contemplate taking on leadership rolls in 2012.

June Jeffers announced the 2011 SATERN SHIELD award winner.

Henry Monton WØIE of Wichita, KS was presented the award December 12th in Wichita.
Salvation Army Harbor Light Corps WYCO Installed Antenna:

Glen Dikes KDØGIE, Ed Rust KDØBKH, Curtis Robinson KCØNVK, Major Bill Heaver K8EDS, and Joe Krout WØPWJ topped off the Radio Room with the 6BTV vertical antenna which adds the HF capacity.

The goal of SATERN is to develop a pool of trained emergency communication traffic handlers to provide support for The Salvation Army in times of disaster and also to educate Salvation Army personnel regarding the benefit and availability of amateur radio in their disaster plan.

SATERN Meetings Schedules for January:

JOCO Monday, January 9th at The Salvation Army Center Olathe, 7pm

WYCO Tuesday, January 24th at The Salvation Army Harbor Light Village Corps, 7pm

Let us know when and where your group meets and find the notice here in future publications.

Member Profile Corner

Dee Smith
The Salvation Army
Divisional Director, Emergency Disaster Services
There is more to Dee Smith than the TSA header. The header might provide a hint to Dee’s involvement in the TSA, but here is rest of the story....

- **Where is Dee from? Where were you born & raised?** I was born in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania and stayed there until after I finished high school. I went to Weaver Airline Personnel School in Kansas City, Missouri and actually lived in the dormitory building located next to the current Salvation Army Divisional Headquarters on Broadway Blvd. I got a job with TWA and went to New York City and worked at Kennedy airport, and then two years later moved to Phoenix, Arizona and worked for Frontier Airlines.

- **When did Dee become involved with TSA and where?** In 1977, my husband and family moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he was employed as the Social Services Director and I finally got a clerical job in the Women’s Department. When I first interviewed, the Divisional Secretary said he would not hire me because he did not have a handle on my capability. BUT I was finally hired and I start my 35th year this month. I worked at Divisional Headquarters and also was a volunteer for disaster services so I learned how to man a canteen.

- **Why is Dee so dedicated to TSA? Why is the TSA so close to your heart?** My dad was a community servant, spending 35 years as a police officer and 25 years of that as Police chief. I guess public service is in my blood. I see the good work TSA does in so many areas and I truly believe it is more blessed to give than receive. You just can't put a price tag on helping others.

- **Dee, could you provide us with a thumb-nail sketch of your TSA activities in 2011 or longer?** This has been a good year with the recruitment and training for volunteers and staff. I am also an adjunct instructor for the state of Kansas and Missouri, teaching FEMA classes - my specialty being Volunteer and Donations Management, Developing Volunteers Responses and Working with Children in Disasters. This year I was invited to be part of the FEMA team which went to Guam and Saipan. There were 10 of us that did a week of classes in each territory. The exciting part was seeing the VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) come together for a meeting the last day of training to revitalize their VOAD and make plans to work together in preparation before their next event. Both islands are isolated and it will be necessary for them to use their own resources before resources can be brought in (they are 9-10 hours from Honolulu). On a personal note, I took two weeks’ vacation to Russia. I have a pen pal I have known for 20 years and she is now married with two children so I consider them my "Russian Grandchildren." They live in Orenburg which is in southern Russia. I did a layover on the way there and the return trip and visited friends in Moscow. I also added a layover in Helsinki, Finland on the return trip rather than try to check the flight to St. Petersburg.
[SATERN-KS] RED KETTLE WINNER: Chuck Simpson KC0NUG

Our SATERN online Red Kettle competition is over as of last Sunday morning. Our MO-KAN SATERN Red kettle received 11 donations for a total of $675 through December 24th. The donated Symbols of Freedom sculpture goes to Chuck Simpson KC0NUG with his individual team kettle site which received a total of $400 in donations. ....this makes a total of $1,075 for SATERN donations so far this year. As I understand it, the online Kettle will still be available through the month of January for your donations. Thank you so much for your support of SATERN. June Jeffers KB0WEQ SATERN Coordinator

SATERN History Corner

June 1988

SATERN is the brainchild of Captain Patrick McPherson, emergency disaster services (EDS) coordinator for central Illinois and eastern Iowa in the Heartland Division. SATERN’s first network consists of Pat, EDS volunteer Arthur Evans and two Canadian Salvationists. The possibility that the fledgling network could accommodate international emergencies begins to dawn on its founders.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF S.A.T.E.R.N.:

- To develop and maintain a corps of Amateur Radio Operators skilled in emergency traffic and communications to assist the Salvation Army during times of disaster.
- Assist in training other Salvation Army personnel to access and use the resource of local, regional, national and international disasters.
- Development of training materials and exercises designed to enhance the use of Amateur Radio within the Salvation Army Disaster Services programs.

SERVICES AND OPERATIONS

SATERN volunteer duties may include:

- Providing communications support for mobile units and field operations sites during major emergencies.
  - Emergency monitoring.
- Coordinating the delivery of food, cots, blankets and other materials to shelters and other emergency centers.
  - Health & welfare inquiries.
- Represent the Salvation Army Disaster Services at emergency operations command and service centers.
- Participation in weekly radio nets for the development and continued readiness of the SATERN program.
- Conducting training programs for individuals interested in securing an Amateur Radio license.
  - Provide other support as needed and appropriate.
William Booth - Founder Of The Salvation Army

William Booth was born in Nottingham in 1829. At the age of 13 he was sent to work as an apprentice in a pawnbroker's shop to help support his mother and sisters. He did not enjoy his job but it made him only too aware of the poverty in which people lived and how they suffered humiliation and degradation because of it. During his teenage years he became a Christian and spent much of his spare time trying to persuade other people to become Christians too.

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