

K2BSA Amateur Radio Association

2017 Annual Report

2017 K2BSA Membership Increase – Successful Jamboree

Membership climbed from 218 at the beginning of the year to 295 at the end. You'll recall that in 2015 membership was restricted to Dallas and stood at 8 members.

The 2017 National Scout Jamboree K2BSA operation saw 2,457 Scouts through the demonstration station and 305 earn the Radio Merit Badge. continued. 44 staff members made it all work with loaned Icom America equipment along with DX Engineering and MFJ Enterprises donated antennas, rotators, and headphones.

Jamboree on the Air in the USA saw participation drop from 2016 but stay even with 2015 and 2014.

Nine JOTA Email Newsletters were issued during the year. The subscription list is 1,713.

Call sign use reached 44 activations at Scouting events across the USA.

The Icom America loan station program for local Scout councils continues with the IC-7300 rig.

Dayton Hamvention booth went well in the new location with sponsorship from Icom America to help with expenses.

The USA Radio Scouting Net began in 2016 and has continued each month on the second Thursday via Echolink. Thanks Chris Overbey, WA5DM for serving as net control.

The Radio Merit Badge requirements were revised, published in January 2017, with the revised pamphlet finalized in late 2017 and expected soon on the BSA Supply shelves.

Planning for the 2019 World Scout

Jamboree has just started with staff selection and equipment finalization expected in 2018

The current officers for 2016-2017 are: Jim Wilson, K5ND, President; Don Kunst, W3LNE, Vice President; Les Mignerey, KB0MEF, Treasurer; and Donald Sonnefeld, KD2FIL, Secretary.

Elected officers for 2018-2019 are: Jim Wilson, K5ND, President; Bill Stearns, NE4RD, Vice President; Mike Crownover, AD5A, Treasurer; and Donald Sonnefeld, KD2FIL, Secretary.

Jim Wilson, K5ND

K2BSA President

January 2018

K2BSA ACTIVITY	RESULTS
Membership	Membership grew from 218 in 2016 to 295 registered on the website at the end of 2017.
2017 National Scout Jamboree	2,457 Scouts on the air at the demonstration station. 305 earned the Radio Merit Badge. 200+ at the ARDF-Foxhunting course. 1,400 contacts. 44 staff members.
JOTA and Radio Scouting Email Newsletter	9 issues published in 2017. The mailing list is 1,713.
Jamboree on the Air Event	7,872 USA Scouts on the air. 226 locations filed reports. 150 Councils participating.
Website Development	Visits in 2017 hit 20,264. 2016 at 18,869. Pages 65,477.
Social Media Engagement	Facebook page "likes" hit 1,450 up from 1,075 in 2016. 736 followers on Twitter up from 508 in 2016.
Call Sign Requests and Operations	The call sign was in use at 44 events in 2017, down from 46 in 2016.
Financial Results	Total income \$4,001.95. Expenses \$3,422.31. Net income \$579.64. End of year \$3,431.27 cash on hand.