

## KB0SA JOTA Report October 15, 2011

Local council name: **Pikes Peak Council, Colorado**

Unit number: **Jamboree District - Boy Scout Troop 6**

Amateur club call sign: **KB0SA**

Amateur calls signs worked:

#	Call Sign	Frequency	Time	Name	Location	Comments
1	K6ZV	20M	9:30	Goran	Queens County, NY	QSO contact
2	AB5A	14.28		Ken	Texas	
3	KD7OBQ	14.285		Jerry	Maricopa, AZ	
4	KD6L	14.299	11:30	Del	Central UT	
5	N0NEU	14.318		Steve	Hamilton, IA	IA QSO contest
6	K3NGK	14.318		Norval	Tulsa, OK	
7	K5USA	14.322		Paul	Lawton, OK	Middle School Radio Club Girls!
8	W7PX	14.325	12:30	Frank	Fort Mesula, MT	JOTA group
9	N0NEU	20M		Steve	Hamilton, IA	
10	KB7KLT	14.296	1:03	Mike	Redmond, OR	JOTA group
11	KD5NDJ	14.321	1:26	James	Paris, AR	
12	K5USA	14.322	1:43	Paul	Lawton, OK	KC5CYY - Paul discussion
13	KE5OYZ	14.322	2:04	Keith	Texas	
14	KD0LVA	14.328	4:12	Ruth	Monument, CO	
15	ZF1A	28.414		John	Cayman Islands	
16	MM0BSM	28.434		Stu	Scotland	

Number of Participants:

- Visitors / 3<sup>rd</sup> Party participants
  - 8 Cub Scouts from Pack 76 and Pack 221
  - 1 Boy Scout
- Troop 6 licensed operators that assisted with JOTA contacts
  - Kyle – KY0HIP
  - Cole – W0COL
  - Jeremy – KD0MWT
  - Evan – KD0OGM
  - Nick – KD0MWM
  - Kent – KD0MFR
  - Quentin – KD0KGJ
  - Daniel & Brandon – {new technician licensees as of 10-22-2011}

- + Parents of Troop 6 Scouts including **Stu Turner, W0STU**

#### Station Radio Equipment Used:

- Besides using several HTs for local simplex and repeater communications we setup two **Yaesu FT-897Ds** running portable at 100 Watts into an end fed wire antenna in a sloper configuration up between 20 to 30 feet. (LnR Precision's P.A.R. End Fedz EF-10 and EF20-40 antenna.)

#### JOTA Commentary:

This is the first year that Troop 6 from Monument Colorado has participated in the Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) event but we had a lot of fun and we plan to be back next year! We setup our portable operation outside of the Tri Lakes Monument Fire Department #1 on Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> which coincided with the Technician License Class that is offered by the local W0TLM radio club ([www.w0tlm.com](http://www.w0tlm.com)). This is the same study class that many of the Troop 6 scouts have attended to study and test for their technician licenses. We currently have 19 boys in the troop with their amateur radio licenses and we appreciate the strong support that we receive from the club and its members!

The event was advertised through e-mail to several local Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops. Visitors dropped-in throughout the day and observed the JOTA operations while discussing our Troop amateur radio experience which includes taking our station equipment on multiple camping trips including a week long summer camp, participation in amateur contents such as the Colorado Ham 14er Event ([www.14er.org](http://www.14er.org)) as well as providing communications during our local 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Monument.

The real fun was watching our licensed Troop 6 scouts coordinate JOTA contacts on 10 and 20 meter bands across the country and the world and then handing over the microphone to our young scout visitors! The scouts enjoyed discussing their favorite school activities as well as scouting events. I would especially like to recognize the **K5USA** station in Lawton, OK and the very articulate set of middle school girls that scouts talked to several times during the day as they were excellent at listening to our young scouts and getting them to discuss various aspects of scouting and amateur radio operations.

Troop 6 also conducts an annual Geofox event which combines Geocaching with Radio fox hunting. This event has been featured on the cover of the August 2011 QST magazine as well as the October 2011 Boy's Life magazine.

QST article - [http://www.scouting.org/jota/JOTA\\_in\\_news.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/jota/JOTA_in_news.aspx)

Boys Life Video - <http://boyslife.org/video-audio/22967/watch-as-colorado-scouts-navigate-the-geofox-course/>

We are indebted to the local Tri-Lakes Women's Club (TLWC) for a generous grant provided earlier this year for the acquisition of Troop 6 amateur radio gear. Our HF radio (Yaesu FT-897D) and ancillary antennas, power supply, cables, etc. were all purchased for our troop with these granted funds.

By: **Eric Hippe, N0HIP**, Cubmaster Pack 76 / Merit Badge counselor Troop 6, Monument Colorado.

A few pictures from our station as Troop 6 licensed operators assisted Cub Scouts with JOTA contacts





