TOM KIRBY MEMORIAL AWARD
of the
EASTERN VHF/UHF CONFERENCE

Following the passing of Tom Kirby - W1EJ just prior to the 1996 meeting of the 22nd Eastern VHF/UHF Conference it was unanimously decided upon to establish the **TOM KIRBY MEMORIAL AWARD** as a remembrance of Tom's dedication and love for life, the conference and amateur radio in general. This memorial award will be presented annually at the Conference Banquet to a licensed radio amateur who embraces those qualities exhibited in Tom's life. Nominees, along will background supporting material may be presented to a committee which will select each years honoree.

Basic criteria that a candidate would have to meet to be eligible for the award are as follows:

1. The candidate must be a licensed radio amateur.

2. This candidates amateur's known primary interest is VHF / UHF and above.

3. The potential candidate must have or continue to positively promote this aspect of the hobby through:
   A. Helping to promote activity on the amateur bands above 50MHz.
   B. Creating and or maintaining organizations dedicated to VHF and above activity. This could include WWW/reflector sites, conference activities, club involvement, newsletters, etc.
   C. Technical expertise and assistance shared with other VHF'ers.
   D. Energetic hard work in helping newcomers to the VHF community.

4. The potential candidate must also balance his helping hand with actual operating activity. This in itself will promote the evolution of VHF/UHF growth.

Supporting materials may be sent to Fred Stefanik, N1DPM at 50 Witheridge St., Agawam, MA. 01030 or Bruce Wood, N2LIV at 3 Maple Glen Lane, Nesconset, NY 11767.

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YEAR	CALL	RECIPIENT
1997	W1HDQ	BILL OLSEN
1998	W1JR	JOE RIESERT
1999	K2RIW	RICHARD KNADLE
2000	W3RJW	RON WHITSEL
2001	W1GHZ	PAUL WADE
2002	G3WDG	CHARLES SUCKLING
2003	W2PED	PAUL DREXLER
2004		
2005	W3IY	BILL SEABREEZE
2006	W1RIL	KEN SCHOFIELD