

# Section News for October 2004

## Atlantic Division

### Southern New Jersey

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2004 SECTION MANAGER, KA2YKN Southern New Jersey has lost yet another great Amateur Radio operator. Peter Butler, WB2B, became a Silent Key on October 16, 2004. Pete graduated from Haddon Heights High School and Glassboro State College (Rowan University) and was an educator for 39 years. He was also a teaching Principal, a regular principal and the Elementary Curriculum Director. While in the Army, Pete was a Staff Sgt during WW11. He had a lot of interests in life and lived live to the fullest. He was a member of the Deptford Rotary Club, the Thursday Night Spike Pounders and the S.J. Friday Night Operators and a member of the Rotary International, past president of the Deptford Rotary Club, a past District Governor of District 7640 and a member of the Living Faith Christian Center. It is no surprise that when DVRC, Pete's radio club, started classes to bring new hams into the hobby, that Pete was right there to teach. He performed magic with his code practice classes. Pete was also one of the founders of DVRC. He leaves to cherish his memory a brother, sister and many nieces and nephew. He also has a host of friends who will never forget how Pete loved teaching, life, community service and Amateur Radio. We, in DVRC, will forever miss his friendship and caring ways. Contributions may be made for a scholarship memorial fund at Deptford Twp. High School to the PETER N. BUTLER MEMORIAL FUND, 205 Fairview Ave. Somerdale, NJ 08083. The National Weather Service and ARRL are co-sponsoring SKYWARN Recognition Day again this year. It will be Sat. Dec 4th . The times are 0000 UTC to 2400 UTC. Last year 19,000 QSOs were logged. This will be the 6th year that this special event will take place. It pays tribute to Amateur Radio operators for the vital public service they perform. During the 24-hour event operators visit their local National Weather Service office and work as a team contacting other hams across the world. Amateurs certainly deserve this moment in the sun. In May, spotters tracked a tornado passing within miles of the Indianapolis 500 with 100,000 people. Their detailed reports kept officials informed. Check out the web site at <http://hamradio.noaa.gov> and find out all about this event. Want to spend a few hours in the fresh air and (hopefully) sunshine? The Pine Barrens Express Road Rally this year will be on November 20th and will start and finish at the Manchester Fire House (corner of Commonwealth Blvd and Manchester St. off Rt 37, west of Tomes River). Most operators are needed to ride with Checkpoint Crews. Plan to meet at the Fire House at 1PM to get hams and crews matched. Most checkpoints should close by 10PM. The operation will be done on the Chatsworth repeater 145.470, PL127.3. If you are interested, check out this website. <http://home.att.net/~pbxrally/index.htm>. Also let N2GEG, Mike, know at N2GEG@arrl.net The work that is done by both ARES and RACES is equally important and many of us are a member of both. Many counties have a combined organization that respects the individuality of each other much as we do in a marriage. A combined ARES and RACES organization is very much a marriage. It is a marriage of resources and personnel. ARES can activate at any time and on their own authority where RACES is activated for emergency operations only and only by an official agency. Some hams may be members of only one or the other and that is our right to do so. But it is important to see the value of the other group. Regardless of our choice to belong to one or the other group, we still need to respect each other. The ARRL has, in recent years, encouraged ARES and RACES to work closely together and put aside the differences. A house divided against itself can no not stand. If you missed this information before, here it is again. NJ AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE PLATE INFO. Call the DMV Special License Plates number at 609-292-6500. Ask for form ISM/SPU-43 Amateur Radio Plate Application. The forms

ARE NOT available at local DMV offices. The cost is \$15.00 and required is a copy of your NJ Vehicle Registration, a copy of you FCC License (both sides) and if you have a leased vehicle; a copy of the lease agreement. TRAFFIC REPORT FOR OCTOBER, STM Dan Ostroy, K2UL SNJ/NNJ Section net reports... QNI reports NJM 77 N2GJ NJPN 186 W2CC NJSN 141 K2PB NJN(E) 207 AG2R NJN(L) 172 AG2R above nets dual with NNJ. Liaisons with 2RN. JSARS 282 W2HOG SJTN 121 KB2RTZ SJVN no report Station Activity Reports (SAR) WA2CUW 87 KB2RTZ 63 K2UL 58 W2QOB 37 AA2SV 34 K2GW 30 KC2IYC 18 N2VQA 17 KB2VYZ 11 N2ZMI 1 Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) KB2RTZ 170 K2UL 145 N2HQL 137 K2GW 114 W2QOB 97 WA2CUW 90 KC2IYC 88 KA2YKN 80 N2VQA 67 KB2VYZ 41 SJTN is now on 7 nights a week. If you want to be an NCS, we need to fill in Tuesday and Saturday nights. Contact KB2RTZ at kb2rtz@comcast.net. I recently came across a copy of The American Flag Etiquette. I found 3 points very interesting. The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal. The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, police and members of patriots organizations. When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner. The Battleship New Jersey is still opening new displays and getting others ready. Work is progressing in the Transmitter Room. The gang is doing a fine job. The room will be ready for show with old military equipment when the ship opens up that area for tours. The ship always needs new people to be tour guides (docents). If you are recently retired and finished all those projects you said you would do when you retired, why not be a docent at the ship. BNJARS is always looking for groups who have an interest in visiting the SHACK at the ship. Just check out the website at <http://www.nj2bb.org> for more information. There is information about group visits, how to become a member, how to volunteer and how to get your QSL. There are lots of pictures of the radio station that you will really enjoy. See you there. I would like to wish everyone a very nice Thanksgiving and would ask that we remember and do for others less fortunate than ourselves. There is many ways to give to others. It is only limited by the boundaries of imagination. HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

## **Western New York**

Eric KC2JWP won the 2004 Binghamton ARA Esther Valky Scholarship. Eric graduated from Maine-Endwell HS and will attend Penn State University. Alex KC2GFA who is a novice licensee, is the proud winner of a QCWA scholarship and is attending Clarkson University. Two fine young men attending great universities with super high speed internet access and free cable TV. Sound nice to me ! New Rochester Amateur Radio Association (RARA) web site is [www.rochesterham.org](http://www.rochesterham.org). Ed K2MP, curator of the Antique Wireless Association museum in Bloomfield won the Houck Award, that honors an individual who help to preserve the history of communications. Ed also won the JP Taylor award for a significant accomplishment in the field of television. Ed K2MP helped to recreate the trans-atlantic TV signal broadcast, first performed by John Baird. The feat was done with 1928 television equipment and techniques on 20 meters between England and the USA.

## **Western Pennsylvania**

Fall 2004 With our hopefully bad late summer weather behind us maybe we can catch our breath now. I would personally like to thank all those who at times sacrificed their own time from their own damages to help others. Your efforts were appreciated and welcomed by all that we serve here in the section. Again a Huge Thank You! Due to some of our Section staff being involved in these disasters first hand some items you're used to seeing here may be missing for a while. Keep in mind all will return when the situation allows. With fall now an issue and thoughts of the holidays, family and friends and possible some extra

time to be on the radio. I've notice some serious items happening all around. Our local nets seem to be in decline due to a lack of check ins. I know we are all busier than we were just yesterday but I can't stress the importance that we help boost activity on 2 meters and 440. We all came to arms and defended our bands against little Leo's and now BPL. Our best defense folks are to use these bands and get on more. Myself included in this. It always seems we have something else taking priority. But lets face it we need to take the time to do this and do it quickly. I can recall when I was first licensed the human cry was "Gee all the repeater pairs are gone, and I wanted to put a machine up" Well folks these same repeaters are still up and all you hear is them Id ing every so often. Were not using these great devices of our hobby. I realize this is a far bigger problem in some areas and machines then others. If your fairly new to our hobby please check out the nets listed on our section web page [wpasec.com](http://wpasec.com) this page is maintained for you information. Stop and visit who know there may be a net as we speak. Check in and say hi. Your participation will be appreciated and hey it's a good way to test your equipment out! Ok off the soapbox for a minute, it is my plan to bring you some items of interest besides news in our section this coming year. One thing that is happening is Eric WB3FPL SM from the EPA section and myself along with staff from both are going to be working on a new statewide section emergency plan. In these times of unknown it is better to have 1 single plan to better assist our served agencies state wide. More on this as it develops. With that I wish all the Happy Thanksgiving and looking forward to seeing all again at the Beaver Falls Christmas parade the day after t-day. This is a great event in which Amateur Radio participates in and even gets to start the parade! 73 Rich Beaver N3SRJ Section Manager WPa My name is Rich Beaver N3SRJ and I approve this message. (Hey aren't you glad the elections are over! Sorry just had to do that!)

## Central Division

### Illinois

Fall is here with all the leaves turning beautiful colors and then falling. I hope that all of you have your antenna and tower projects done. On October 3 members of the Ogle County ARES organized and provided communications support for the annual 100 plus unit "Autumn on Parade" held in Oregon, IL. Those amateurs participating were KB9AGE, AA9VT, KE9DT, KC9FSC, K9GPC, KB1GRJ, KA9IMX, N9JVG, N9MKI, N9QDJ, and N8MQ. Also on October 3rd members of the Chicago Suburban Radio Association and members of WAFAR provided communications for the 2004 Houby Day Parade. Those helping were: KC9EHL, W9CHI, WB9NLO, N9RNQ, KB9TAR, WY9U, KA9QXR, K9ZOG, KB9INI, Mary Kubik, Diane Lisle, N9NJM, N9TM, and AB9EI. The new officers of the Moultrie Amateur Radio Klub are President Bob, KA9LRZ, Vice-President Bill, W9LYN, Secruary Bob, W9UFR and Treasurer, Byron, KB9BWS. All officers will serve a one year term. We had a great time with JOTA this year. Several hams joined me and WB9MMM (KB9SKW, W9TQ, N9CNW, KC9ATR) to show the scouts amateur radio. They especially enjoyed the ATV aspect of the hobby. We had 45-50 kids and parents coming and going throughout the 4 hour time period. The next day, Tim and Colleen Peterson, KC9DNN and KC9EWJ went to Camp Lowden and ran a JOTA station there and also had a great time. The Peoria Area hosted JOTA with Troop 254 from Northwest Methodist Church in Peoria. Ron Morgan, KB9NW, gave a talk on amateur radio and JOTA to the scouts at their Monday evening meeting. The scouts seemed very prepared to communicate with other scouts and enjoyed building the antenna farm with John Coker, N9FAM, Allison Gillespie, N9ZBE, John Gillespie, N9YUY, and Dave Pearsall, KA9YSE. Contacts were made to British Columbia, Georgia, North carolina, Massachusetts, Washington and Texas. Another JOTA report came from R.A.D.I.O. who operated with the scouts from the Buffalo Trace Council using the special event call of W9S. A good time was had by all of us who participated in this event. The new officers of the Bolingbrook Anateur Radio Society were seated at the last meeting. They are: President-

Phil, NW9V, vice President- Toni, WX9WRN, secretary-Don, N9VJV, and Treasurer-Barb, KB9JLB We have yet another club here in Illinois that is celebrating a big anniversary. On November 17th the Egyptian Radio Club turns 75! This is quite an accomplishment for a band of people brought together by a love of amateur radio and a desire to volunteer services in times of crisis and need. Our hats should be off to those who were there at the beginning and all those silent keys who had the fortitude to mold the club in the early years. Congratulations! On Sunday October 17 members of the Dupage ARC provided communications for the CROP walk through Downers Grove and Westmont. This annual 5K/10K walk-a-thon raises hundreds of dollars annually for world hunger relief organizations. Those participating were: N9ANA, WD9AYR, KC9BZJ, KC9DKM, N9HRT, N9IZU, KE9MC, N9NWA, K9VIC, K9VIX, and KB9WVJ. Congratulations to the Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club who has been officially renewed as a Special Service Club. Thanks for all the good work that you do in your community to further amateur radio. October traffic: W9HLX-29, KA9IMX-16,KA9MZJ-16. North Central Phone Net-26 Sessions, QNI-244, QTC-26.

## Indiana

Indiana Section News for October 2004 Condolances to the family and friends of Virgil E. "Ed" Dunkin W9MWY of South Bend, who became a Silent Key October 23rd. Ed was the Indiana Section Technical Coordinator for a number of years, and a good friend. He will be missed. October is the traditional Simulated Emergency Test month. A number of ARES groups have their local SET in conjunction with a Halloween Patrol, Goblin Patrol, etc. Any time between September 1st and December 1st is acceptable for the Emergency Coordinator in your county to hold the SET. If your ARES group has not conducted an annual SET, contact your Emergency Coordinator. Our Section Emergency Coordinator has placed a copy of the Indiana Section ARES Plan online. Visit the INARRL.ORG website to get a copy. Additionally he has links put on the page for the FSD-98 and FSD-212 forms. These are there for your convenience and are not required to be used. However, if you make a copy of the FSD-98 Station Registration Form and mail it to Dave N9YNF, he will forward it to the appropriate EC. Dave reports that he has been talking with the Indiana Homeland Security. They are very interested in having Amateur Radio Operators available as a resource. This will require re-districting the DEC Zones in the Indiana Section to match the State Homeland Security Zones. This change will become effective January 1, 2005. The re-zoning maps are on the Indiana Section ARRL Website.([www.inarrl.org](http://www.inarrl.org)) Also, it will become necessary to start collecting the ARES station information on the FSD-98 forms and putting them into a centralized Section Database. Comments from the Field: N9LYY Howard County - Halloween Patrol: In conjunction with Howard County EMA, 14 amateurs participated in the annual Halloween Patrol. A total of 114 volunteer hours were logged this year assisting EMA in patrolling areas prone to vandalizing (schools, cemeteries, etc.). Patrols were conducted on the 5 nights leading up to Halloween. //WA9DAN Jay County - Once again we were asked to provide communications for the fall Boy Scout Camp out. This two-day affair went off well with a new Scout Licensee making his first contact. //KB9UAG Knox County - Had JOTA with 3 hams in action for about 5 hours, with an audience of 50 or so Boy Scouts, with about 100 CW contacts. //N9JPX Morgan County - On October 23rd nine Morgan County amateurs assisted the Hoosier Hikers Council by providing communications for their walk/run event in the Morgan/Monroe State Forest. //KB9RVB Monroe County - Hilly Hundred Weekend (10/16-17) in support of the Central Indiana Bicycle Association annual ride over the hills of Monroe, Greene, and Owen Counties. This year's cold weather and wind kept the participant riders to around 6,300. 25 amateurs on Saturday and 26 on Sunday provided communications support between CIBA organizers and Edgewood HS in Ellettsville. Support and Gear (SAG) drivers on the routes, and stationary operators at rest and lunch stops. In addition to logistics communication, amateurs linked to event to local emergency and medical services. //RED Cross/FD

Exercise - Oct 30, had 7 amateurs providing communications between Monroe County Red Cross Chapter House and ERV and transportation at the site of a training exercise for 4 county fire departments. Included was a test of the 146.58 simplex frequency as a tactical emergency relay. //N9FEB Marion county - I made announcements about ARES on 4 of the Marion County ARES Nets. I checked into the IN ARES HF Net on Oct. 2nd. I attended the Red Cross Radio Group meeting on Oct 12th where I made a few announcements. I attended a Pre-Marathon Meeting on Oct 13th. 30 Marion County hams participated in the Indianapolis Marathon on Oct 16th. On Oct 23rd, I acted as a "judge" for the first annual Chili Cook-off of the Indianapolis Repeater Association. Many ARES members were present. I attended a Pre-Indianapolis 500 Festival Parade Medical Meeting on Oct. 27th. //K9GPS Dearborn County - Quiet month here. Some photos from the Fort Wayne Hamfest/Indiana ARRL Convention are already on the Indiana Section website. Be sure and check them out, along with the announcement of Indiana's Outstanding Amateur of the Year. OCTOBER Section Net Activity: NET FREQ DAILY TIMES (UTC) QNI QTC QTR SESS ITN 3910 KHZ 1330/2130 2101 118 1066 56 QIN 3656 KHZ 1430/0000 ARES 3910 KHZ 4TH SUN/MO @ 1300Z 11 0 8 1 HOOSIER VHF NETS 12 REPORTING 556 14 746 45 HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS (2) 34 0 ?? 62 OCTOBER ORS Traffic Reports: KJ9J 108, K9PUI 75, WA9JWL 61, K9GBR 40, KC9UU 11, AB9AA 8, NZ9S 8, WB9NCE 6, W9XD 2. OCTOBER Public Service Honor Roll Reports CALLSIGN 1 2 3 4 5 6 TOTAL WA9JWL 40 40 10 20 5 0 115

## Wisconsin

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG. BWN 3985 0500-0715 W9IXG. BEN 3985 1200 KE9VU. WSBN 3985 1715-1800 K9FHI. WNN 3723 1800 KB9ROB. WSSN 3645 1830 WA9ZTY. WIN-E 3662 1900 WB9ICH. WIN-L 3662 2200 W9UW. (All times are Central) \*\* With regret I must inform you of the passing of Hale Blakely, W9CBE, 84. Hale was an Assistant Section Manager and he specialized in traffic handling on the Wisconsin and national traffic nets. Hale was the first to receive the West Allis RAC "Worked All Counties Award" in 1999 that included a congratulatory letter from then governor Tommy Thompson. A more detailed article on Hale can be found in the BSSS written by Richard Regent, K9GDF. Go to [www.bsss.org](http://www.bsss.org) Joseph Jachimiec, 66, W7KXD, is a Silent Key. He was a member of the Chippewa Valley Amateur Radio Club. Frank Kashinski, 73, W9DUB, passed away. Frank co-founded the Lakes Amateur Radio Club in Delavan. He was an avid DXer and sported 12 towers, at one time! Jacob Spinhirne, Jr., N9KQN, passed away after a long illness. Jim Burns, K9ERO, is a Silent Key. Jim was very active providing leadership and study classes in the Sheboygan Amateur Radio Club. \*\* We welcome back to Wisconsin Michael Baker, KB9TWI. Michael served a long tour of duty in Iraq and we are glad to have him back safe and sound. His mother, Margaret Baker, KB9VGM, is especially happy to have him back home! \*\* Not too early to start thinking about the upcoming Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' club's FM SIMPLEX CONTEST! Rules are now available at <http://www.qsl.net/mrac/index.html> or from KB9Q, kb9q@arrl.net directly as a PDF or Word Document. The rules are essentially the same as last year and the date is February 13, 2005 from 1:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Central Time. \*\* The sixth annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) special event will take place Saturday, December 4, 2004. SKYWARN Recognition Day, co-sponsored by the American Radio Relay League and the National Weather Service, pays tribute to Amateur Radio operators for the vital public service they perform. SKYWARN Recognition Day will be held from 0000 UTC to 2400 UTC on December 4th. Last year, participants logged nearly 19,000 QSOs during the 24 hour event. To learn more, check out the web site: <http://hamradio.noaa.gov>. \*\* The 6th annual ARES/RACES Leadership Conference was held on November 6 in Plover. 90 ECs, DECes, and ARES/RACES members attended. Each year the conference grows with more participation. We appreciated the excellent presentations and look forward to next year's conference! Our thanks to Bill Niemuth, KB9ENO, for making the arrangements and for his excellent leadership as our SEC! \*\* From

K9LGU: STM Report October 2004 I join in mourning W9CBE, a true gentleman, now a Silent Key. Hale's fist will be truly missed, as will his genuine concern for everyone on the nets. He was active in every aspect of phone, CW, and digital traffic handling, and did it all exceptionally well. FAQ #34 -- CW nets? Starting with the Novice Net on 3723 KHz. at 6 p.m., or the Slow Speed Net on 3645 KHz. at 6:30, operators check their CW fists just to be sure they're still operational. Speeds from 5 to 8 w.p.m. aren't beyond reach, and every NCS has been instructed to slow down to the speed of the station checking in. At 7:00 p.m. and again at 10:00, WIN meets to handle traffic at slightly higher speeds. Each net is very efficient. Abbreviations speed things up. Typically, our CW nets last around ten minutes to maintain an important part of the National Traffic System. Join the fun. CU on CW \*\* When former Milwaukee Repeater Club member Don Broeske (KB9VMA) became a silent key in 2003, the club received several donations in memoriam to his dedication and service to amateur radio. This year, the MRC has put those funds to use and created the KB9VMA Memorial Library, purchasing several books and reference materials so that members and their families can learn more about amateur radio, and even pursue upgrading to General or Extra class. Our thanks to the membership of the Milwaukee Repeater Club for approving the KB9VMA Memorial Library to promote the continued education of amateur radio with ARRL publications!! \*\* We thank the many clubs and individuals who participated in JOTA! Let's all continue to work with our youth! 73, Don, W9IXG

## **Dakota Division**

### **North Dakota**

NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Kent Olson, KAØLDG -Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy the turkey and good company. Congratulations to the Theodore Roosevelt ARC on renewing their Special Service Club certification. I encourage all the clubs to check out how you can become a Special Service Club on the ARRL web site. Let me know if you need help filing the application. The Dickinson hams are also exploring a way to provide ham license classes through interactive TV. This sounds like a great way to get some new hams from the small communities in ND. The hams in Grand Forks did a little fall cleaning, and got all their equipment in shape including their Field Day gear and trailer. Remember the National Weather Service Special Event will be held at the NWS office in Grand Forks, on Saturday December 3-4. Please send me information on what your club is doing, so I can put it in this article for others in the state to read. Once again, I'll make a plea for some hams to volunteer some of their time to join the ND Section Team. Please check out the web site listed below for positions, and e-mail me if you're interested. There are a lot of hams out there who could put their talents to good work and help ham radio in ND. Ten months till the Dakota Division Convention (Sept 9-11, 2005), an event that you won't want to miss. Please let the RRRA in Fargo know if you or your club would like to help, as we want it to be the best seen to date. Section's web site at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~qtipf16/>. HF NM KØHDA net reports for October: Goose River Net, 5/62/1; WX Net 26/703/9; Data Net 31/758/14.

## **Delta Division**

### **Arkansas**

The Clinton Presidential Library special event station W5C was a great success, with almost 600 contacts made from the Historic Arkansas Museum. Complete information will be included in the next version of Section News. The Arkansas Diamond ARC has installed HF antennas at City Hall in Morrilton for

emergency use. The Fort Smith Area ARC recently participated in an air crash exercise and assisted with a Health Dept mass immunization clinic. Ed Calianese, W5SVR, is the new Warning Coordination Meteorologist in the Fort Smith office. KD5GSP, Franklin County EC, reports that members of the Franklin County ARES team assisted Franklin County Search & Rescue with communications for their annual fall exercise/drill and pre-planning session. This is within the Ozark National Forest and is a somewhat remote area with many communications challenges. Flash flooding occurred in Ozark on Oct. 27. Participating in disaster response to the event were KD5NFJ, KD5MXV, and KD5GSP. Nevada County EC KB5ILY is experimenting with ATV for ARES and RACES. DEC K1ARK reports that the SET saw very good participation in his area. N2YV is the new EC for Stone County. CLUB NEWS: KX5N gave a program for the Ozark Wireless Society on the Global Positioning System. Benton County Radio Operators club assisted in the Tour de Cure 100 mile bicycle race. W0ZUX reports that over 300 riders took part. The BCRO club repeater was used to keep contact between race officials and 7 check points. 17 amateurs took part, and assisted with routine traffic as well as several incidents. Cross County Amateur Radio Club supported a Marathon race on November 6 ADXA member AI5P has been on the air from Australia and New Zealand but conditions haven't allowed many stateside contacts. Bill, W5SJ, was active at VP2EJ - Anguilla - And actually checked into the Razorback Net from there. ARVARF is recruiting prospective new hams for a January licensing class to be held at Arkansas Tech as part of their community education program. HAMS SUPPORT 100 MILE RACE Over 120 runners from around the country (and 3 from Japan) assembled in the Ouachita National Forest for the Arkansas Traveler 100, a 100 mile cross-country "ultra" race, held this year on October 2nd & 3rd. Nearly 60 radio operators were stationed at 15 remote locations along the course. The Central Arkansas Radio Emergency Net (CAREN) spearheaded communications arrangements, with operational assistance provided by the Diamond State Communication System. Operators were required to bring everything they would need for operating for the extended period, including food, water, shelter, and power source. Amateur Radio served a vital function for the event, because no other commercial radio communications or telecommunications covers the race route. Medical teams were requested several times during the event, which would not have been possible without ham radio. WINLINK: KB5WBH reports good progress with the Winlink 2000 system. He sends thanks to Glenn N5GK and Steve K4CJX for getting the PMBO at ADEM going on HF The W5AUU Winlink PMBO is now on VHF on 145.010. It can be reached by connecting to the APN node CONWAY then connecting to W5AUU. The District C TelPac node is on the air at the Craighead County OEM. Plans are for a TelPac node in each DEC district. ASEC N5XFW sent a very good report on the Arkansas Winlink 2000 system to the ARRL ARESCOM committee. Details on our system can be found at [www.arkansashams.org/packet/](http://www.arkansashams.org/packet/) TECHNICAL SERVICE: Earlier this year, I nominated Kevin Manzer, AC5DK, for the Technical Service award. The application included letters that several of you wrote about Kevin's accomplishments. I recently learned that the Technology Task Force decided not to give this award this year. Although I am disappointed in this decision, we know that Kevin is a winner and nothing personifies "service" more than the work he has done on the statewide packet system. Here's what Kevin had to say: "I'd like to thank all those that contributed to nominating me for the 2003 Technical Service Award. Your efforts and kind words on my behalf is appreciation enough. There should be no bitter feelings about the Technology Task Force's decision not to give out an award this year. On the contrary, it is good to know that the ARRL maintains such high standards and does not pass out praise lightly. It is to the betterment of ham radio that they do so and gives me encouragement to aspire even higher." N6VC reports that JOTA was a resounding success, with 780 Scouts visiting the three sites. The ARKAN club also reports a successful JOTA from the Air Museum in Fayetteville. Rick Spear, N5HQO, ARES/RACES DEC for District J and owner of RLS Electronics in Russellville, recently became a silent key. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family - he will be missed. October Net reports from STM WB5HIL: ARKANSAS PHONE NET: QNI 374, QTC 25, Manager W5SXV ARKANSAS MOCKINGBIRD NET:

QNI 427, QTC 7, Manager WB5YLI ARKANSAS RAZORBACK NET: QNI 1984, QTC 78, Manager K5BOC ARKANSAS OZK CW NET: QNI 53, QTC 6, Manager WA5JAN PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL: KB5ILY 255 October traffic: K5BOC 33, WB5HIL 11, K7ZQR 10, KB5ILY 10, N4OWB 3, KA5RRK 2

## Louisiana

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – OCTOBER 2004 Members of the Shreveport Amateur Radio Association (SARA) were active in the Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) again this year. Two stations were set up at the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area and Randy K5SL reports that the W5J call sign really helped during the pileups! Many scouts participated in making voice and digital QSOs during the event and apparently at least a few of them were bitten by the radio bug. SARA members who operated or visited the W5J JOTA site include K5TPG, K5SL, W5JLH, N5FH, KH2DF, WB5HDX, W5WRG, KE5BSY W3GAT, and KE5CPL. The Southeast LA ARC once again joined up with members of the Southwest MS ARC to provide communications for the 21st Annual Multiple Sclerosis "Tour for Cure" in early October. The following amateurs participated during the event: W5KCH, WB5FBS, KB5SKW, KC5BXU, KD5WYM, N5VYW, N5ZNT, K5NDT, KD5LWJ, K5CAV, KD5PCM, KD5PCK, AD5PU, KB5YZF, KD5QNT, AG5AT, KD5PKS, KD5JXD, and KC5SAS. Herman KN5GRK, Vice President of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, reports that KD5QYV, KD5QZG, WD5FDD, KD5JCT, KD5NVC, KE5AWZ, KN5LSU, WB5GAF, KC5VRN, KD5JSM, KD5TJZ, K5LFT, K5FNQ, K5QXJ, and KN5GRK supported the Cajun Cup Run on October 30. In addition, KN5LSU (Lafayette Parish EC) submitted a detailed report of the Acadiana ARES Group participation during the Simulated Emergency Test (SET). Four members operated from the Lafayette City-Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. The following 16 amateurs were active: KN5LSU, KN5GRK, KD5NVC, NA5Q, KD5VPC, WO5G, KB5RXZ, W5TJZ, KD5YWB, AD5HA, KD5QYU, KE5CKT, WD5CAE, KC5BLQ, WB5GAF, and K5DPG. David K5SRZ is the new Emergency Coordinator for Bossier Parish. A big thanks to the ECs who have already submitted their SET reports to K5GLS. If you haven't yet submitted your SET report to Gary, please do so as soon as possible and absolutely no later than January 1. If you want to sign up to receive special ARES advisories and other related email, check out <http://www.aresla.org/> This is an automated site developed by KC5LFB (LA Public Information Coordinator and NE LA DEC) that you can visit to add, change, or remove your email address from the list. You may also visit the archive section of the site if you think you may have missed an email. KD5IGG (Central LA DEC) wants our section to establish a scholarship fund in order to recognize and award our deserving young hams in LA. I think Jim's idea is excellent and I hope that there will be enough support among our members and clubs to firmly establish and maintain a scholarship fund for years to come. In the near future we will contact other sections for information on their scholarship programs. In addition, Jim and I would most definitely welcome suggestions from any LA hams. A LA Section Scholarship Committee will probably be formed by early next year as well. W4DLZ (LA Section Traffic Manager) wonders if there is sufficient interest to start a slow-speed CW traffic net. Frank is concerned that only a small number of traffic handlers are active on LCW and newcomers are very few and far between. Perhaps a slow-speed net would encourage more folks to try their hand (fist!) on CW message handling. On a personal note, although I handle some traffic via voice and digital modes, I find CW traffic handling to be much more enjoyable. If you are interested, send an email to Frank ([w4dlz@arrl.net](mailto:w4dlz@arrl.net)) and let him know what days and times would be most convenient for you to participate on the slow-speed net. I am very sorry to report that W5RRK is now a Silent Key. Upcoming hamfests include Minden on December 18 and Hammond on January 15. Traffic totals: K5DPG 151, K5MC 85, W4DLZ 68, NF5B 36, N5KWB 16, W5PY 16, AE5V 14. Public Service Honor Roll: K5DPG 140, W5PY 131, N5KWB 111, K5MC 110, KD5ITA 100, W4DLZ 97, K5ER 97, KC5LFB 94,



AE5V 88, NF5B 73. PSHR (Sept): KC5LFB 125. Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 31/300/91. Louisiana CW Net: 30/120/59. Louisiana ARES Net: 4/58/0. Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. AARA Net: 4/118/0. ARES reports: parish/EC. Allen/KA5NXT, Avoyelles/KD5IGG, Caddo/KB5PKW, Claiborne/KD5JJP, East Baton Rouge/N5ULA, Franklin/N5ASA, Lafayette/KN5LSU, Ouachita/K5ER, Richland/KC5RJY, St. Bernard/KD5BPW, Terrebonne/KB5UOO, Webster/KB5WFE. 73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Manager Email: k5mc@arrl.org LA Section Website: www.laarrrl.org/

## Mississippi

Mississippi Section Report for October 2004 SM: Malcolm Keown, W5XX. Mississippi Section Web Page at arrlmiss.org. Web Master W5KWB at w5kwb@arrl.net. STM: AD5IS. NM: WB5ZED, K5NRK, KB5W, WY5S, KD5KRX, W3TWD, KM5UH, and N5LAJ. In spite of two visits by Ivan and one by Matthew the Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Texas sections were able to conduct their annual SET on October the 9th. This was the first year that tactical, H/W, and digital nets were all in simultaneous operation during the SET. Preliminary results indicate that some 300 Mississippi hams participated in the 3-hour exercise. Across the three section area 24 county/parish EOCs were on the air (9 in Mississippi), 11 Red Cross Chapters (6 in Mississippi), and NWS stations in Memphis, Jackson, Shreveport, Lake Charles, and Corpus Christi. In addition 5 hospitals were on the air. It is difficult to report on scenarios at the local level until the ECs have filed their reports, but there was plenty of emergency preparedness action in the Tupelo Area, Jackson Metro, Harrison County, Meridian, and Vicksburg. DEC KA5ICO reports that the SET got a nice write up in the Houston Times-Post. Don't forget the Ocean Springs Hamfest on November 19 and 20 (see page 100 in the November QST for details). For additional information contact KB5FHX at kb5fhx@cableone.net. The Jackson County Amateur Radio Association (JCARA) is taking an active part in Project White Dove. This project is to provide new toys in their original packaging together with a QSL Card. These toys will go to help make Christmas for the numerous children displaced in Florida by the recent hurricanes. The Club voted at the October meeting to allocate treasury funds to purchase toys for the project, which has been done. It was also decided to provide a collection point for donations by Amateurs and other donors wishing to support the program. This collection point will be located in the lobby of the St. Martin's Community Center on November 19 and 20 during the Ocean Springs Hamfest. Collection hours are 5-9 PM Friday and 8-2 on Saturday. Please contribute small items for children ages 1-14. Do not wrap the items as this will be taken care of at a distribution center. The Club will provide shipping for all contributions. POC for this effort is Marilyn Harvey, N5RPV, at mharvey@datasync.com or (228) 497-4018. Congratulations to EC KD5CQT, who received a plaque from the Jackson County Board of Supervisors in recognition of his efforts during Hurricane Ivan and to W4TX, who successfully completed ECC-002, the ARRL second level EmComm course. Also congratulations to Team Mississippi (N4OGW, WQ5L, KB5IXI, and W5XX) who were 16th out of 65 team entries in the 2004 North American QSO Party. Also to N5PA for winning first place in the Delta Division in the ARRL RTTY Round up and AE5RM for receiving the CQ DX RTTY Award. And in late breaking news, W5KK made the DXCC Honor Roll ..... congratulations, Ken. This is no small achievement! Welcome to the following new Mississippi Hams: KE5CMN William – Brandon; KE5CRA Ashley – Mississippi State; KE5CRV Victor – Petal; and KE5CRW Robert – Poplarville. Congratulations to KE5AAO on his upgrade. DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON, KD5CQT, KD5GWM, KA5ICO, W5LMW, KD5NSP, AC5SU OBS Report: W5KWB Net reports: session/QNI/QTC (Net Manager) MSPN 31/3152/64 (K5NRK) MS TFC Net 31/126/9 (KB5W) Magnolia Section Net 31/1289/5 (WY5S) Pine Belt Rpt Assc 31/665/1 (W5NCK) Jackson Co ARES 31/352/5 (KD5CQT) MS Slow Net 21/68/2 (W3TWD) Metro Jackson ARES 5/82/0 (AC5SU) MS Baptist Hams Net 5/45/0 (WF5F) Miss/Lou WX Net 5/63/1 (N5JGK) Jackson ARC EN

4/43/0 (AB5WF) Meridian Area EN 4/38/0 (KD5GWM) South-Central WX Net 4/35/0 (AA5SG) NE MS ARES 4/65/9 (KD5RTF) Lowndes Co ARC Net 4/55/0 (KM5UH) PSHR: AB5WF 174, WB5ZED 170, W5XX 150, AC5SU 72. Traffic: WB5ZED 2355 (BPL), W5XX 30, W5LEW 17. Compilation of Traffic statistics provided by AD5IS, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager

## Great Lakes Division

### Michigan

November 15, 2004 A reminder to those having an interest in Public Service: The Michigan State ARPSC Net meets every Sunday at 5:00PM. The Net frequency is 3932 kHz. This is the weekly meeting place for Michigan hams with an interest in Public Service. Designed primarily for ECs, DECs, ORSs and NMs, other Section staff members participate as well. Very frequently the latest news hits here first, and it is the opportunity to communicate directly with Section officials. Discussions include various current topics and information relating to the NTS, ARES and RACES programs. Attention ECs: How well prepared is your organization to handle formal radiogram traffic? Can everyone do it? Does your local ARES/RACES Net have a regular liaison to an NTS traffic net? Do you include message handling in your training program? Our served agencies' expectations are for everyone to be able to originate, receive and deliver formal radiogram traffic – and that is our basic commitment. Be certain to check ACC Dan KB6NU's MI Section Club News for the full details on the Michigan club newsletter award winners. The winning entry will participate in the Great Lakes Division Newsletter Contest. Those awards will be presented at the GLD Convention in Toledo, OH on March 19 and 20. We are always pleased to report club officers when their new terms are announced. Sometimes a thankless job, but definitely a vital one as the team of officers truly leads a club, making it grow and prosper. Congratulations to the new officers of these Radio Clubs: Milford ARC: Pres WA8UYZ, VP K8ZKJ, Treas KC8NQJ, Secty KC8TEZ, Trustee WA8WOQ Activity Chair KC8SZT. Hiawatha ARC: Pres WD8OKJ, VP KC8ULE, Treas KG8YT, Secty AB8RE, Trustee WB8NJP. Station Activity Reports (SAR) with my thanks to all and also my apology for an oversight: I received, misfiled and therefore failed to report the following SARs for the month of September: WB8RCR 91, K8LJG 86, WR8F 48, K8AMR 37, KK5KZ 31, WB8YPG 14, K8YB 10 and K8KHZ 8. SARs For October: WB8RCR 206, K8KV 150, K8AE 146, WD8USA 90, K8LJG 83, WB8TKL 55, WR8F 51, AA8SN 44, KK5KZ 35, K8UPE 32, WA8EFK 31, K8KHZ 30, WB8YPG 30, K8AMR 26, WI8K 26, N8UN 22, K8ZJU 17, KA8NCR 8, KC8RTW 5, KC8CKM 3. SARs are the combination of originations, receipts, and delivery of radiograms handled by your station during the month. Please forward them to me for inclusion in the news column. The deadline is the 8th of each month. 73, Dale WA8EFK

MI Section Club News, November 2004 LCARA Captures Newsletter Contest It was a very close contest, but in the end the Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association Waveguide has won the 2004 Club Newsletter Contest. The top three finishers included: 1. Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association - Waveguide 2. Branch County Amateur Radio Club - Branch Signals 3. Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council - Flashovers The entrants were rated on four different criteria: layout and composition, grammar and style, content of interest to radio amateurs, and local content. The awards were presented at the Michigan Section Convention in Holland on Friday, November 6. Need More Members? To increase their membership, the Top Of Michigan Amateur Radio Club is now offering incentives to members who sign up new members. For each new member they get join, the member gets a \$5 discount on their membership. If they sign up four or more, they get a free year's membership. Get Members Involved As a way to get more members involved in club activities, the Branch County Amateur Radio Association holds an annual QSL card design contest. The winning card is the official QSL card of the club for a year and bears the winner's callsign, crediting him or her as the creator of the design. Website Tip Looking for a way to make

your website more interesting? Consider posting pictures of members' shacks. I picked up this idea after surfing the Garden City Amateur Radio Club website at <http://www.gcarc.net/>. Having such a page will allow some of your members to show off and others to learn from them. That's all for this month. If you have a tip for increasing club membership, improving a club's website, or getting members involved, e-mail me at [kb6nu@w8pgw.org](mailto:kb6nu@w8pgw.org).....73, Dan KB6NU

## Hudson Division

### Northern New Jersey

SM Bill Hudzik-W2UDT, ASM-N2WZB, STM-WB2FTX, ACC-N3RB, SEC-K2SO, OOC-K2ZD, PIO-WB2CRD, TC-NR2H NNJ Webpage: [www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj](http://www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj) MONTHLY ARES NET: Second Monday of each month (unless first Monday is a holiday then Net is third Monday) at 8PM on the Morris County OEM Repeater; WS2Q 146.895 (PL 151.4) minus 600 Hz. Some outstanding NNJ Field Day scores are reported in the December QST issue. The W2GD Group operating 2A Battery came in First Place nationwide. In the 1A Battery category both the Ramapo RC (N2NO) and the Morris RC (W2YD) scored in the top half of the field. In the very competitive 2A section the Ocean-Monmouth ARC (N2NO) came in first in NNJ. They were closely followed by Middletown ARC (W2MAR) who were a mere 400 points behind! In another popular category 3A, Sussex RC operating as W2YD came in 5th nationwide. In the same category the Bergen RC (K2BAR) also made a very good showing. The "lots of transmitters" section had the 10-70 Repeater Association putting 12 stations on the air! EOC site operation ("F" category) produced some outstanding NNJ results with the New Providence ARC 1F setup (WK2I) placing 3rd in the nation and West Essex RC (W2EF) in 5th position. The West Jersey DX Group (W2EN) operated 2F from the Somerset County Fire Academy and finished with the top score in the country! Not far behind was the Garden State ARA operating W2GSA to a top half finish. Many Field Day points were enhanced by public service exhibits and visits from local officials. Congratulations to those groups who made the extra effort to make the public aware of what we can do in emergency situations. In other club activities the Raritan Bay Radio Amateurs celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a Special Event operating club call, K2GE on 40 and 20 Meters. With the help of the Garden State ARA the Tri-County ARA held its 70th Anniversary celebration at Ft. Monmouth's K2USA station. I know that the Raritan Valley RC has been around for 77 years. Anyone know of other clubs who can join the "50 Plus Years" group? For its 19th year the Roseland ARC provided communications for the Roseland and Essex Fells annual Heart Fund Walk. Club members worked closely with both Police Departments in providing supplemental communications during the event and were recognized by local officials for their volunteerism. The Bergen ARA will be holding its next VE session on Friday November 11th. Check the club's website for details. Also, the club is continuing its successful Kit Nights with project help and hints. Tri-County ARA will be holding its VE session on December 11th. As a reminder to clubs, don't forget to post your events and VE test sessions on our section webpage which is listed at the top of column. It's another way to "get the word out". By now all NNJ OES appointees should have received a copy of the section's revised ARES Emergency Responder manual. The original manual, compiled by former SEC Mike Hoeft-K2MPH, was recently updated by SEC K2SO and DEC N3DV with input from our other DEC's. This is the first time that the section ARES manual has been distributed to all ARES appointees. Steve and I hope that it will serve as a good reference source for NNJ ARES members. We intend, as well, to send out updates on a yearly basis. Congratulations to Jim Dry-KB2VRO for completing ARRL's EMCOMM Level III course! Jim is active in NNJ traffic nets as well as coordinator for Somerset County SKYWARN. Good luck to Matt-N2NUD, who has been in Florida the past month as a member of FEMA's Hurricane Recovery and Assessment group. He should be winding up the 14 hour days by now and ready for a planned cruise! Don't forget about the ARRL

sponsored Toy Drive to help out Florida's hurricane victims. Info can still be found on the ARRL webpage. Finally, the W2UDT family wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! 73, Bill Hudzik, W2UDT

SECTION TRAFFIC Oct-04 NORTHERN NJ PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL ORIGINATED  
 RECEIVED SENT DELIVERED TOTAL 1 2 3 N1JX 0 55 81 1 137 40 40 10 90 WB2KNS 10 12 13 6 41  
 40 40 10 85 175 N3RB 10 1 10 10 31 40 31 20 20 111 W2CC 0 20 0 1 21 40 21 30 91 N2GJ 0 9 5 3 17 40  
 17 30 15 10 112 NET MGR. SESS. QNI QTC QSP QTR LIASIONS NJ MORNING(NJM) N2GJ 15 77  
 24 24 116 11 2RN NJ PHONE(NJPN) W2CC 26 186 60 38 210 17 2RN NJ SLOW(NJSN) K2PB 27 141  
 11 11 398 12 2RN NJ NET (NJN/E ) AG2R 31 207 74 60 261 12 2RN NJ NET (NJN/L) AG2R 31 172 43  
 34 291 9 2RN CEN.JER(CJTN)KB2VRO 31 183 82 62 291 25 2RN,PACKET" NJ VHF(NJVN/E)N2RP  
 31 257 61 53 316 40 "NJN,NJPN" NJ VHF(NJVN/L)N2OPJ 31 260 32 27 195 30 "NJN,NJPN" UCTN  
 KY2MMM "NJVN,CJTN,NJPN"

## Midwest Division

### Kansas

Kansas Section News Summary- October 2004 SM, Ron Cowan, KB0DTI-- SEC/OOC: Robert Summers,K0BXF ASM: Orlan Cook,W0OYH SGL: Steve Hamilton, KB0JYL JCRAC auction at the Marshall Ensor Museum was well attended. I believe Assistant Director W0AFQ even bid on an item. The professional auctioneer,John-N8WTX, made it fun.The auction was a benefit for the museum as well as the club. Witchita ARC is progressing with their antenna project. WARC President Larry Skinner-N0WVD reports that the 146.82 repeater has increased it's effectiveness with temporary antennas. A total of 5 antennas comprise the aerial hardware for the system. Weather permitting, the tower work should be accomplished by now. WARC Fall Campout was held at Lake Afton with around 40 attending the dinner that Saturday nite after the VC hamfest. Valley Center Hamfest was well attended. K0RH reports Table sales were up 40% with over 50 tables out and attendance was up 25% with over 230 people showing up and all of the dealers said they did very good. Everybody liked the new location in North Wichita. DCARC went to Nowhere, KS for their annual special event operation. KC0AUH and the SW Kansas gang have an APRS digi on in Dodge City and are planning for UHF repeaters at Arnold and Dodge as well. The Simulated Emergency Test this year was not as busy as in the past. Net Mgr. N0KFS Reports that the combined SSB and Phone nets handled 21 messages over a period of an hour and a half with 56 different stations reporting in. Both K0BXF and I received several messages of ARES activity taking place on the designated weekend. Kansas City area holds their S.E.T. in November so they can participate with various governments and public service agencies. Those reports are not in as of yet but I listened to several of the counties and know they found weaknesses to address. That's the whole idea of the S.E.T. weekend. If you have not done so already please send your S.E.T notes or reports to SEC Bob-K0BXF. Plan to get out and see what your group can do for next year. Technical Specialist AB0RG reports that he helped Mike K0MGM with some portable antennas for his family trip to Wyoming. The 2 stations were able to make contact with each other while Mike was Portable \7. Bill worked with Bruce W0SPC to set up his 2 laptop computers and GPS radio on APRS using the internal TNC, and also worked with KC0NYS to do the same. Bill is also working with KC0MRJ in the ARRL electronics course that will be available soon. Leavenworth Co. ARES is looking into using the Anderson Power Pole connector as their groups standard connector. Miami Co. is going with that program and Johnson Co. has adopted it. Kansas Slow Speed Net Monday and Wednesday at 7:31 PM on 3710 KHz. Feel free to stop by and say hi. -----

----- From the desk of K0BXF ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator Activity for Sept 2004: Zone 1A Sessions 2 QNI 28 QTC 5; Zone 1B Sessions 0; Zone 1C Sessions 4 QNI 29 QTC 4; Zone 2B Sessions 4 QNI 55 QTC 0; Zone 2D Sessions 1; Zone 3A Sessions 24 QNI 203 QTC 10; Zone 3E-3F Sessions 4 QNI

62 QTC 0; Zone 4A Sessions 23 QNI 201 QTC 31; Zone 4B Sessions 8 QNI 96 QTC 3; Zone 4C Sessions 12 QNI 131 QTC 7; Zone 4D Sessions 8 QNI 103 QTC 8; Zone 4H Sessions 1 QNI 3 QTC 0 ; Zone 5B Sessions 0; Zone 5I Sessions 1 QNI 8 QTC 0; Zone 6B-6C-6D Sessions 2 QNI 4 QTC 1; Zone 6F Sessions 4 QNI 29 QTC 0 Totals: Zones 19, Sessions 98, QNI 952, QTC 69 Very good report for this month. Several zones reporting SET activity and others gearing up for same. More details on SET later. -----  
 ----- Official Bulletin Station: K0RY Rec. 3 Sent 3 Total 6 Sep. Sessions/QNI/QTC/Mgr: KSBN/30/757/ 69/N0KFS KPN/21/221/14/N0KFS KMWN/30/573/482/WB0YWZ KWN/30/ 763 /584/WB0YWZ CSTN/26/1844/108/ AB5PA QKS 55/ 275/ 93/ QKS-SS 3/ 8 /0 TEN: 60 sessions, QTC 235 , KS 82 % with WA0LYK K0PY AB0WR W0WWR & NB0Z . Dave W0SS/Mgr. (CW Net) Traffic: KC0HHO 64 K0KS 51 NB0Z 51 KI0BK 46 AB0UY 19 KB0DTI 17 N0ZIZ 12 KC0MRJ 9 W0OYH 9 K0RY 8 N0ENO 5. 73- Ron To receive or contribute to Orlan's Kansas Amateur Radio News E-mail News Letter contact Orlan-W0OYH-Editor at orlan@postcomp.com See KSN on ARRL Website for detailed PSHR and more Kansas news: <http://www.arrrl.org/sections/KS.htm>

## Missouri

NOVEMBER 2004 MISSOURI SECTION NEWS The month of November is the month of Thanksgiving. I thought perhaps in addition to dealing with the many concerns of the Amateur Radio Service, it would be a good time to think about what we have to be thankful for. I personally am thankful for all of the talented Amateur Radio Ops in Missouri that have volunteered to be ARRL appointees and a special thanks to those that have accepted the additional responsibilities of being a Section Cabinet member. We can be thankful for all of the Amateurs that volunteer their time, equipment and sometimes even safety to help their fellow citizens in times of emergencies as members of ARES, SATURN and SKYWARN. Amateurs and all citizens can be thankful for all of the innovations and inventions that have been brought into the world by Hams. All Amateurs can be thankful for families that either tolerate or sharing in our love of electronic communication. We are thankful for all of the MARS operators that have and continue to assist our troops by handling messages to and from home. All Amateurs need to be thankful for Hiram Percy Maxim and the other visionaries that founded the ARRL. Because without the efforts of the ARRL and that of the Amateur Radio operators that have supported the ARRL, Amateur Radio would look far different than it does today. You've probably got the message by now, we Amateurs have lots of things to be thankful for and it is impossible to make a complete list. If you have some suggestions, pass them on, I would be interested in reading about some of the things for which you are thankful. HAM'S BOOK PUBLISHED Ken Ralls, NØAUZ, from Clarence, MO has written a book about adventure in the South Pacific called McKay's Island. The book is a fun read and suitable for everyone in the family. The story is based on the experiences of U.S. Navy Captain Dan McKay, along with his family and a small Navy crew, occupies an uninhabited island near the Marshall Islands in the Pacific. Soon after their arrival they enlist the aid of a native family from a neighboring island to help in buildings construction while the Navy crew clears the island of hazards from its use as Navy bombing practice. There are many unexpected twists on McKays Island, from a sleeping volcano to human skeletons from World War II found in a sea cave. With the help of amateur radio and a Piper J-3 Cub airplane, the McKay family is always having adventures on McKays Island. To find out more about this book, go to the following internet site.

<http://www.publishamerica.com/shopping/shopdisplayproducts.asp?Search=Yes> CONVENTIONS & HAMFESTS The Southwest Missouri ARC Hamfest in Springfield, MO was a rousing success. Patrick Boyle, KØJPB, ARRL MO ASM hosted the ARRL booth. Patrick did his usual great job in representing the ARRL and sharing his knowledge with those that attended. Patrick reports that there were 17+ that participated in the License exam at the Hamfest. SMARC President Lance Riffle, KCØKBL and Roger Grable, N7IXL, did a fine job organizing the Hamfest. I was sorry to miss the SMARC Hamfest this year

(because it was on the same date as the St. Louis ARC Hamfest in Kirkwood), but I am looking forward to seeing everyone there in 2005. The St. Louis ARC Hamfest in Kirkwood, Missouri or as it is usually described the "Halloween Hamfest" was excellent. There were more commercial exhibitors, more flea marketeers, more Hams in attendance and more children helping themselves to the candy at the ARRL Booth than in the past. All the tables were filled with an interesting assortment of Flea Market goodies and the day seemed to fly by. Steve Welton, WØSLW, and the group deserve a big pat on the back for doing such an excellent job this year. If you live in the St. Louis region and didn't attend, you missed a good one. There are no more Hamfest or Conventions scheduled for the remainder of 2004. It's not too early to begin the process of registering your club's hamfest as an ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest in 2005. The application can be filled out on line and e-mailed to Wade Walstrom, WØEJ, the Midwest Director for his approval. Next month's Section News will highlight the January Hamfest and have a "Hypothetical Hamfest Calendar" put together for 2005. AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS KEITH HAYE, WEØG, ACC The St. Charles ARC Garble reports that the club provided communications for the annual St. Louis Scottish Games held in October. There were some great photos provided to the newsletter by David Livingston, WBØRAB, Linda Carr, KCØQAJ, and Jim Templeton, NØTPN. The Mississippi Valley DX and Contest Club newsletter "THE DX HOG" reports that Jim Glasscock, WØFF, has finally got four large holes dug at his new QTH. Jim says that he has two of them formed up ready to plant some towers. Joe Duerbusch, KØBX, the "THE DX HOG" editor does a great job with the newsletter. It looks great and is fun to read. Tom Tosh, KØRGT, Emergency manager for Douglas County told Patrick Boyle, KØJPB that they have tested 26 new Hams in the Ava, MO area and now have their repeater back in operation. The Hannibal ARC and the Western IL ARC are working together to operate the Special Events Station K9C "Christmas Lights in Morman Park" The event under the leadership of Bob Mitchell, AB9DU, will be from Dec 3rd to Dec. 12th. Bob is organizing another special events station K9E that is known as "On the Mississippi with the Eagles", but the date of this operating activity has not been set at this time. The Southwest Missouri ARC had Jon Fitzpatrick, KNØX share his experiences with "Radio-Over-Internet" with the membership at a recent meeting. Jon uses EQSO and ECHOLINK and enjoys sharing his knowledge that is the result of his long time operation using this mode. SECTION ARES REPORT DON MOORE, KMØR SEC Total # of ARES members: 832 Change since last month: -12 Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 92 Man hours: 382 Number of public service events this month: 4 Man hours: 16 Number of emergency operations this month: 4 Man hours: 85 Total number of ARES operations this month: 100 Total Man hours: 483 Comments: 7 of 9 districts reporting. The ARES® Winlink 2000 PMBO in central Missouri continues to get some usage from locals. It currently has VHF and UHF ports available and an SCS HF modem has now been acquired. The sponsoring club hopes to have the HF capability running before the end of the year. SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS FOR OCTOBER. 2004 DALE HUFFINGTON, AEØS, STM NET REPORTS MON - CW Sessions 33 QNI 49 QTC 21 NM K9ZTV MO Phone Sessions 31 QNI 598 QTC 62 NM KØDAT MESN Sessions 5 QNI 139 QTC 1 NM AEØS Audrain AARC Sessions 5 QNI 54 QTC 1 NM KBØKWC Callaway CARL Sessions 3 QNI 24 QTC 0 NM WBØHKN Boone Co Sessions 4 QNI 59 QTC 2 NM WMØH Hickory Co Sessions 10 QNI 68 QTC 2 NM KCØFDF Jackson Co Sessions 5 QNI 78 QTC 1 NM KØUAA St. Louis Co Sessions 4 QNI 38 QTC 0 NM KBØH (NEW) Rolla RRARS Sessions 31 QNI 574 QTC 12 NM KFØXQ Vernon Co ARES Sessions 3 QNI 11 QTC 0 NM WØHL WAARCI Sessions 5 QNI 135 QTC 0 NM NØVJ 10th Reg Sessions 62 QNI QTC 265 MO 50% with W7FB, K9ZTV, NM WØSS

## **New England Division**

### **Connecticut**

ASMs: NK1J, KY1F, K1STM, N1FNE, K1BRF, W1AGP, N1YAE; BM KD1YV; OOC W1GC; PIC W1FXQ; SEC AB1CR; STM K1HEJ; TC N1KHB. A Call for ACTION! In January, legislation will be introduced in the General Assembly to incorporate the Federal limitations on local regulation of amateur antenna structures (PRB-1). If enacted, this legislation will help current and future Connecticut amateurs erect legal antennas and antenna support structures. This presents each of us with an opportunity to help in giving back something lasting and significant to Amateur Radio. Having broad, bipartisan support and co-sponsorship is vital for a relatively obscure piece of legislation in its first time before the legislature. Many members of the General Assembly will not even consider co-sponsorship of a small, technical bill such as an amateur antenna bill without concrete evidence of support from their own constituents. So, if you'd like to help Amateur Radio make a statement in Hartford, consider composing and sending letters to your legislators. It takes very little time--please contact k1mk@arrl.net or your Amateur Radio club for further details. Please send Mike a copy of your letter for tracking purposes. Please do it today--there is no better time than the present! Thanks. --Mike, K1MK SGL and Betsey, K1EIC SM Register now for the "How To" course, which will be held on January 22. This class, specially designed for licensed hams, is devoted to the practical side of ham radio. Among the planned topics: soldering, installing connectors, adhesives and sealants, homebrew methods for metals and plastics, antenna analyzers, choosing and obtaining materials and parts, and review of basic electronics with practical applications. Experienced instructors provide everything at no cost all in a helpful and non-threatening atmosphere. Date is January 22 with a snow date of January 29 from 9-1. Reservations are advised. Contact Technical Coordinator Joe N1KHB at 203-457-9770 evenings, 203-785-2998 weekdays, or n1khh@aol.com. Location is Hale Propeller, 4 Center Road, and Old Saybrook 06475 near I-95 exit 66. Talk-in is 145.68 simplex. Time is running out--get those toys to The United Way in Stuart, Florida before Thanksgiving! Media relations and public information manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP has announced this effort to bring toys to children of victims of the hurricane for the Holiday Season. I just sent a big box down and to tell you the truth, I had a blast picking out the toys! Come on folks, it's fun, really fun! Send your unwrapped toys or donations to Ham Radio, United Way White Doves Project, 50 Kindred St., Suite 207, Stuart, FL 34994. Several members of The Bristol Radio Club / Chippens Repeater Association participated at the Bristol Mum Festival Parade helping out with communication. It happened that a spectator with Alzheimer's disease got separated from her husband; this of course, caused real concern. The hams were helpful communicating information to the police to affect a happy rescue. Those who participated will receive a Public Service Commendation Certificate, which will be presented to them in person by either me, or SEC Chuck AB1CR soon. There was a nice article in The Hartford Courant--Richard WB1J was interviewed. Congrats--keep up the good work! Jon, N1BDF gave an APRS demonstration to The Valley Amateur Radio Association at their November meeting; KD1YV spoke to the CARA meeting on the subject of QRP; Jonathan, K1RFD spoke to the Greater Norwalk ARC on the EchoLink registered system. Jonathan is the developer of this popular software for which he has received technical awards from ARRL and from The Dayton HamVention. The Greater Norwalk ARC provided communications for about 800 participants in a walk a thon sponsored by The American Diabetes Association Fairfield Chapter. Several GNARC members were on hand to help out--and the weather even cooperated! (Did WX1CT have anything to do with the weather?) Many thanks to all for a very fine job. December 4th will be the annual Skywarn Recognition Day. Most NWS offices across the country will be on the air, try and work as many as you can! If anyone is interested in operating from WX2OKX at NWS Upton, please contact Phil, WX1CT wx1ct@arrl.net.

## **Eastern Massachusetts**

USS SALEM COMMEMORATES VETERAN'S DAY: As of this writing, the USS Salem ARC plans a special on-air operation to commemorate Veteran's Day from aboard the historic WWII-era ship. The

group hopes to have "five concurrent operating positions" on the air, according to Harold "Pi" Pugh, K1RV. Incidentally, the crew is expecting more than 200 scouts to visit the ship on November 13. They need several more volunteers to do the Morse code presentations and/or HF and VHF demos from 3pm to 6pm.

**EMA SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST:** Eastern Massachusetts ARES conducted another successful SET on October 30. The drill was an "add-on" to another planned drill that Cape Cod ARES put together for their group. According to Assistant SEC Rob Macedo, KD1CY, "the original Cape Cod ARES drill was designed around an immunization scenerio with the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention involving flu vaccinations." However, the drill was cancelled by the CDC due to a lack of vaccine. The modified drill/SET instead tested message relay between Cape Cod and various points in the section. It utilized HF, 6 Meters, Packet and 2-meters.

**NASHOBA VALLEY ARC HELPS CHARITY WALK:** The Nashoba Valley ARC provided communications for the Groton-Pepperell Rotary Charity Walk on the Rail Trail between Groton and Pepperell on October 4. Seven members provided end-to-end communications as well as four bicycle sweeps to monitor the walkers and sweep the last walkers. The support was organized by Stan KD1LE. Participants included: KB1ESR, KD1SM, WR1Y, KB1HDO, K1KEY, N1MNX, and KD1LE. It was a nice fall day and all walkers returned safely. -Nashoba Valley "Signal".

**EMA HAM TO SET UP INTERNET REMOTE BASE IN IRAQ:** An Easton, MA Amateur has announced plans to install a remote base system in Iraq. Keith Lamonica, W7DXX has obtained the call sign YI9DXX and identified a location to house the installation. In addition, Lamonica has recruited willing Iraqi Amateurs to help maintain the remote base. "A group of us: Stan, W4MQ, Pete, W6PJ, George, K4GM, and I have gotten together with the idea of installing an Internet remote base in Baghdad, Iraq," says Lamonica. "Working with the kind help of Diya Al Asadi, President of the Iraqi Amateur Radio Society and Mr. John B. Lyons, Chief of Staff, Office of Communication, Iraq Reconstruction Office, I have been able to obtain a license and a home for the remote base... Our group will donate [the equipment] to the Iraqi Amateur Radio Society." The list includes: a Kenwood TS-2000 transceiver and power supply, a Dell computer, an all-band antenna and coax, an uninterruptable power supply, "rig blaster" and other items. Lamonica says he'll personally assure funding to pay for a static IP for the Internet server. "Once all the equipment is delivered we will set it up here in the U.S. to completely test it out. Then it will be sent either by military transport of DHL to Baghdad," Lamonica adds. The group will be constantly tied into YI9DXX Remote by PC-Anywhere so that password files and software can be updated. The YI9DXX Remote Base System will be a closed system, available only to those control operators who have participated in the group's existing remote base operations and have shown they can operate in a responsible manner. "There will be Iraqi amateurs using the system of course," says Lamonica. "Most of these fellows are in situations where they have no antennas, or dare not to erect any." W7DXX adds that his group will be sending more information on the project as it develops. The ARRL awarded co-awarded Keith Lamonica, W7DXX, Bob Arnold, N2JEU, and Stan Schretter, W4MQ its 2001 Technical Innovation Award for their development of Internet control of remote HF stations with new and unique software and a hardware interface. Their efforts were recognized in an article, "Remote-Controlled HF Operation Over the Internet," by Brad Wyatt, K6WR, which appeared in the November 2001 issue of QST.

**FORMER LOWELL HAM LOSES LIFE IN EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT:** The Billerica Amateur Radio Society reported in its November newsletter that Charles Schwartz, W1TE, of Shirley, MA was killed when his experimental aircraft crashed in Leominster on October 26. The former Lowell, MA ham is survived by his wife, Lorraine, N1ZRO. "Over the years I came to know him through my contesting activities," commented Billerica ARS newsletter editor Ken Caruso, WO1N. "During the mid-90s Charley and I swapped first place SOLP Massachusetts finishes in the 160-meter contests. I asked him how in the world he could beat me on 160-meters living on a small lot in Lowell. [Charley] revealed he would go to his in-laws farm in Shirley and he would lay out beverage antennas and phased verticals supported by helium balloons. We had a good laugh over that." According to Caruso, W1TE was instrumental in revitalizing the NEDXCC



club; he also published the club's newsletter. Details of the October 26 crash were reported in a Lowell Sun article the following day. -Billerica ARS newsletter, "Lowell Sun." BELMONT "HAMSTERS" HELP BRING HOLIDAY CHEER TO HOMELESS CHILDREN IN FLORIDA: The "HAMsters" of Ms. LaRoche's First Grade Class at Winn Brook School in Belmont are just one of the many groups throughout the country who are helping to bring a little Christmas cheer back into the lives of Florida children made homeless by this year's hurricane damage. "My little ones, their families and my colleagues here at Winn Brook loved participating in the Toy Drive for Homeless Children in Florida," said Donna LaRoche. LaRoche, who is a member of the Framingham Amateur Radio Association, has integrated Amateur Radio into her teaching curriculum in innovative ways. The ARRL Toy Drive will fold into the United Way's White Doves Holiday Project. Thanks to a disaster services grant from the State of Florida, the Volunteer & Community Resource Center has been developing a strong relationship with local amateurs. "We have been so impressed by the skill and dedication of the ham radio volunteers," said a United Way spokesperson. "The way ham radio operators nationwide have embraced the White Doves Holiday Project reinforces our already strong opinion of hams." LaRoche's students' exemplary action just goes to show that you're never too young to lend a helping hand to your community and to others. -Thanks, Donna LaRoche. 73, K9HI

## Rhode Island

Greetings fellow Rhode Islanders: Congratulations once again to our newest RI Affiliated Club, The Narragansett Bay ARC on the occasion of its formally becoming a chartered ARRL Affiliated club. The club hosted a very friendly and enjoyable party at the famed Edgewood Yacht Club. ASM and ACC WA1RI and I attended and presented the certificate. Please go to the RI website for interesting pictures. Simply click on the RI website, <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=RI>. Please consider participating in the ARRL Holiday Gift Program to benefit the children in Florida who were made homeless by one or more of the four hurricanes that hit their state in August and September. Go to the ARRL website and read the three news stories posted to date about the program. <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/10/18/2/> <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/11/02/1/?nc=1> <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/11/09/4/?nc=1> All that is asked is for each of us to send a new unwrapped gift for a boy or girl from age 1 to 14 along with your QSL card to their White Dove Program central warehouse in Stuart, Florida. Ham Radio The United Way White Dove Project 50 Kindred Street - Suite 207 Stuart, FL 34994 The idea for this program was launched by returning FEMA volunteer and CERT graduate, KB1KWJ. It was Joanne's first deployment using her brand new training from RI CERT classes. The sight of hundreds of hungry and homeless children broke Joanne's heart. She saw her role as much more than simply operating a radio. She knew that something had to be done for these unfortunate kids and ARRL picked up the ball and ran with it. They even ran a toy drive at HQ! The program has become a huge success, thanks to Joanne KB1KWJ from Pawtucket. Your Section Manager sent a box with ten gifts in it weeks ago when the program was announced. I personal thank you card came in a week ago from the program directors. It's important to NOT PUT THIS OFF AND FORGET! PLEASE DON'T DO THAT. THE UNITED WAY FOLKS MUST RECEIVE THE GIFTS BEFORE THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 25TH. This will permit adequate time for them to distribute the gifts to the most suitable center. I plan on sending another box full of dolls, coloring books, crayons, puzzles, etc this week. How about you doing the same? It will make a terrible Holiday season a little brighter for some kids who don't understand why their home is gone. How lucky we are..... I'm delighted to report that RI Affiliated clubs will once again donate new ARRL publications to the public or school library of their choice this year. Each of our nine club presidents have been contacted by e mail and asked to decide which library they wish to receive their donation. Last year, we ran a similar program and it was a great success. Each book will be imprinted with club and ARRL contact information.

The program has multiple goals; Recognition of the club in their community, promotion of our hobby to non-hams as well as the library staff, encouragement to become licensed. The program does not cost any club a single cent. My Section Manager's budget covers the entire cost of the books and delivery and the recognition is aimed toward the local club. Now that I'm back on my feet and mobile again, I'm going around to the clubs in RI, partly just to visit but also to determine if there are problems needing my attention. So far, Bill WA1RI and I have attended meetings of the Fidelity ARC, Newport Co. RC, BVARC and the new Narragansett Bay ARC. Bill and I plan to visit OSARG later in November and PRA, ARASNE, Pawtuxet Valley and CT-RI Contest Group after the Holidays. See y'all there. The 80+ page BPL FCC Report and Order is out and is bringing plenty of reaction. ARRL President Jim Haynie and CEO Dave Sumner have come out strongly disappointed in FCC's position. This matter is far from over. You may follow developments on the ARRL website. Just as this report was being finalized, I learned that Matt Hackman, KB1FUP was named RI Army MARS State Emergency Coordinator. This position is an Army MARS appointment, not an ARRL position. It is not to be confused with the RI Section Emergency Coordinator appointment held by Sean Brennan, KE1AB. Good luck Matt. Speaking of our new Section Emergency Coordinator, KE1AB is looking to recruit RI amateurs interested in emergency communications. ARRL membership is not required (although it would make me a far happier camper). All you need to do is contact Sean, KE1AB at ke1ab@arrl.net and offer your service. Sean will send you an ARES application or you may download one from the ARRL website and send it to him electronically or by snail mail. Sean is especially looking to recruit some experienced (ARECC grads? RI has 27) folks to serve as District Emergency Coordinators in strategic locations of the state. All of this is aiming at building a viable ARES organization state wide and resumption of on air net drills. ARES will work if you make it work for us. The very well publicized RI CERT program is about to resume its training classes. Bill Ewan, W1VH, our Chief Instructor has told me that they're nearly ready to start. He has need for one or two more instructors, however, to assure a smooth program. If you are an experienced teacher and have some minimal time to contribute to this great program, please contact Bill right away at W1VH@cox.net. The program's progress is governed by the number of classes we can conduct at once. Last term, Bill taught them all, so the classes had to be one by one. Now, he has some help but needs more. There seems to be little shortage of students. The plan is to conduct CERT and Amateur Radio training eventually in every community of RI. You know what notoriety our previous CERT training has brought us from mention earlier in this report. Let's continue and do some more good things. That's it for now. Happy Thanksgiving to all. 73 for now, Bob Beaudet W1YRC Section Manager

## **Vermont**

Hello my Vermont Ham Radio Friends It seems like things have been quiet in Vermont over the past month, but then I always find plenty of activities to write about. Many of you have been very active in your community by participating in local activities. Others have been quietly taking and passing the ARRL Emergency Communication Courses. Whatever it is that you do, you are working to show off Amateur Radio in a good light to our community. I really appreciate that. I try to do the same in my own little way too. Please keep up the good work, keep learning, and keep mentoring (elmering). Your efforts will always be appreciated. I am please to announce that the recently formed West River Radio Club of Windham County has been awarded the distinction of being as ARRL Affiliated Club. They have been moving fast to establish themselves in their corner of the state, and they are to be congratulated for their fine efforts. WRRC also recently participated in a RACES drill with the Vermont Emergency Management Department. The club president Tim Bell KA1ZQX is a member of the Vermont National Guard and has been activated, and is leaving the area for a while. Please join me in wishing him good luck. The club will be holding their first annual Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday, December 11th. Here is what some of our other

Vermont Ham Radio Clubs have been up to. SOVARC tells me that several members had a great time at the Hosstraders Hamfest. In addition to scarfing up bargains, the club also sold some equipment from an estate, and was able to increase the club's coffers. Dave Cain W1DEC (our SGL) dropped by to give his yearly presentation on RACES. In addition to updating the members on the recent goings on with Homeland Security, and such, Dave hinted that the new Rover Radio Vehicle might possibly make an appearance at their 2005 Field Day. What a treat that would be! The SOVARC holiday party will be Saturday, December 11th. RANV just had their elections, and as usual with this hobby, there was one candidate for each office. Congratulations to Brian N1BQ, Bob KB1FRW, and new club secretary Carl AB1DD. Carl was away from the hobby for a few years, but recently became active again, and is enjoying several aspects of the hobby. Bob recently coordinated the Boy Scout/Veterans Day Parade communications in Burlington, and did a great job. The RANV Holiday Party will be Tuesday, December 14th. BARC also held elections recently. They have a new Vice President in John Mauger N1WQS. Dave W1HRG is staying on as club president, but is looking for additional help with some of the committees. GMWS has been supporting several events recently. On October 16-17, they supported JOTA. Also on that weekend communications support was provided for the CROP Walk. On October 3rd, they supported the American Diabetes Association Walk. TSARC also recently provided communications support for the ADA Walk and the Fairlee CROP walk. It seems like these events go on around the state at similar times, and even though we do not have a statewide coordinator, the charity events get supported through the individual efforts of the local clubs. I think this is great! STARC recently tested a NVIS antenna that can be used for local communications on 75 Meters. The club also made trips to Jay Peak to improve the repeater antenna situation, but due to several factors, there will not be an outside antenna until next spring. Currently the antenna is in a small building near the top of the mountain. Mitch Stern W1SJ, our Technical Coordinator has completed his five part series on "Operator Training for Emergencies". This has been a great series, and I want to thank him for his great efforts. The articles were published in several area newsletters. If you have not viewed them, they can be found at [www.ranv.org](http://www.ranv.org) and follow the links to the various newsletters. The 2004 ARRL Field Day results were published in the December QST. This is a month later than usual. I made a note of the Vermont participants in order by class entered. W1MOO The Udder Club ran 1A in a reduced effort from their previous winner in 5A. K2EI James Griffiths made the trip up from New Jersey and also ran as 1A. N1BS/N1BQ The Northern Vermont QRP Society operated as 2A Battery. N2JFS Hans Hammarquist of Halifax, VT also tried his hand at 2A Battery. W1NVT/W1PU Radio Amateurs of Northern Vermont pounded out a high score in 2A. N1VT/AB1CH Green Mtn Wireless Society put VT on the air running 2A as well. K1SV/K2IIR Southern Vermont Amateur Radio Club ran 3A. KB2EBL Don Tardiff, also of New Jersey tried his hand at 1B-1 Operator. KM1Z Francis Flynn stayed home and ran rates as 1E. W1KMH Ken Hayes of Pittsfield also decided to stay home as 1E. W1KOO Burlington Amateur Radio Club activated the Burlington Red Cross Station, as the state's only 1F station. Congratulations to all that participated in Field Day. It is truly a great learning experience, as well as a chance to socialize and eat. I do hope that you got the chance to sit down and operate, or at least support the effort in the background. Don't forget to visit the new Vermont ARES web page for the latest news in Vermont Emergency Communication preparedness. You can find it at [www.vtares.org](http://www.vtares.org). I want to thank Mat Atwood WE1H for taking the time to put the page together. Not too much more new news going on at the moment. As always, I enjoy writing the monthly summary when I can find the time in my busy schedule. Please feel free to send me any interesting tidbits about Ham Radio that I may be able to use. Until then, Happy Thanksgiving! Here is the October Traffic Report Submitted by Bert Morton W1DFU  
NAME/SESSIONS/QNI/QTC/MINUTES/MGR VPEN 5/36/0/101 WA1DLA GMN 26/578/18/1761  
N1HXC VTNH 31/187/83/428 W1DFU KWN (Kingdom Weather Net) 21/124/0/536 KB1HWB  
Bennington County ARES 4/24/0/65 N1SP CVAN (Central Vt. ARES NET 4/16/3/59 WA1LIE CVFMN  
(Central Vt. FM NET ) 5/54/4/226 W1AAT GERITOL NET (Via Tom K1VG) no report VE2MTM

## **Western Massachusetts**

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS: SM: William C. Voedisch, W1UD, w1ud@juno.com - ASM N1VRC, KD1SM (digital) STM: WB1CHU, SEC: K1VSG, OOC: N1FL- By now I thought the bands would be open for DX but I guess I was wrong. The past week we have been experiencing the aftermath of a solar storm and an Aurora. Chasing DX is one thing but when you are involved in traffic handling and can't clear the traffic for a few days, everything starts to back up. That is the situation that occurs when we have an Aurora for a few days. Thinking back, when we had no satellites and other forms of communications and was dependent on the HF bands. What would be the result of these conditions. One classic example was December 7, 1941. Can you imagine being involved in military communications and the bands die. This was the problem that presented itself the days prior to the seventh of December and may have occurred at other times. We should have an alternate means of communications other than high frequency. We have, in Western Mass. There are a number of repeaters that can be pressed into operation to handle our needs for communications throughout the section. If we utilize them during an emergency, we have a path from one end of the section to the other. During a widespread emergency situation you can forget about the telephone, cellular phones, and the web. Our only means will be through HF or VHF communication and if HF is not working because of propagation we will have to depend on VHF. Relaying messages more than once is not uncommon to amateurs. In fact, we have our licenses as a result of the 'Old Man', HPM, arranging with the Navy to relay a test message to the West coast. The same message was given to the amateur relay system and the Navy. When the smoke cleared, ham stations handled the message reliably and faster than the Navy. It probably was the first contest. During those days, on 200 meters and spark operation, the maximum distance would be about 200 to 300 miles. Each station copied and relayed to the next station until the destination and delivery was made. This operation showed the Navy that we were capable of handling traffic in an emergency and justified our use of the spectrum. The emergency coordinator will be calling upon the various repeater owners for cooperation during an emergency situation.-- In past issues of the Sections News, I have mentioned a past member of CMARA, Dave Fortin, V73UX, and his experimental underwater video camera. It is made out of a piece of weighted PVC pipe and sealed at both ends with the coax attached to a tag line to take the weight of the camera. Now Dave has a link between his boat in the harbor and his home. He suspends the camera from the boat to a depth of about 50 to 70 feet looking for wrecks in the harbor. The coax is attached to an ATV transmitter and 10 watt amplifier that is assembled in ammo box. Superimposed on the transmission is the GCA coordinates received from an on board GCA receiver indicating the position of the boat. This information is transmitted back to his home on shore and received and then recorded by a VCR. On board he has a LCD monitor from the camera so he can position it. He is having a slight problem with adjacent channel reception from the local TV station at his home but with filtering he hopes to cure that problem. He has found relics of WW2 and shipwrecks. Now you know what Dave does when he is not operating. Just another facet of our great hobby. For you that chase DX, here are a few of the stations that will be active and the times: Nov. 16 to Dec. 5 Nepal 9N7BCC Nov. 18 to ? South Georgia VP8SGK Nov. 20 to ? Fiji 3D2? Nov. 20 to Dec. 4 Falkland Isl. VP8? Nov. 22 to Nov. 30 Cambodia XU7ADI Nov. 22 to Dec. 9 Christmas Isl. VK9XG Nov. 28 to Dec. 11 Fiji 3D2FI If you didn't get your aluminum repaired then you probably will miss these. 73 Bill W1UD

## **Northwestern Division**

### **Montana**

We attended the Bozeman hamfest held at Sacajawea Middle School again this year. A fine gathering as always. The Bozeman club always puts together a good show and it was well attended this year. Lots of gear for sale and good company to share the day with. As others have, your SM is disappointed in the BPL rulings that have been forthcoming from the FCC. Some of their comments seem to tend toward relegating Amateur Radio to a lower level of "experimenters". While we truly come under that title, far more is accomplished by members of our hobby. I'm aware the ARRL has taken up the challenge and has gone back to FCC for further understandings on the systems and the interference they might cause. This no doubt will be a problem to be dealt with in the future, so learning now what is and what is not BPL interference will be necessary for all of us. When we DO file complaints via whatever system is laid before us, we'll need to be accurate and completely sure the noise is coming from one of the systems. More to follow I'm sure. We've had great net participation last month with some new members coming on board. Also, the OT's are providing good training by example to be shared by all on the net. Thanks to all who participate. Reminder to all: The SM election is coming soon giving any who may want to participate in the process time to file paperwork with ARRL. Those interested may contact myself or Jim Fuller, N7VMR for information. IMN, WB7UYH-QNI 553, QTC 97 MTN, KD7HWV-QNI 2283, QTC 97 MSN, K7YD, KC5YED-QNI 128 73 Doug, K7YD

## Oregon

Oregon SM: Randy Stimson KZ7T. SEC: KK7TT. SCC: W7WZ. ACC: K7SQ. STM: W7IZ. OOC: AB7OC. PIC: W6ABM. TC: WB7UNU: SGL KA7KYQ. I went to the last Ham-fair, called Swap-Toberfest. I didn't stay long as I was fighting a bad cold. It was bigger than last year and seemed to have more commercial dealers than before. I even bought a used AEA Isopole. A note from ARRL that should be good news for affiliated clubs. Not only will they get \$15.00 new hams joining ARRL but now will get \$2.00 for renewals. I am a little late on the request because of when I get them and can send it. Now for the Field Day results. I just hope that I didn't miss any one. 1A-Battery- The Three Amigos K7HZ 940, KC7EMZ 902 2A Battery-High Desert Contest Club K7AW (+N7OU) 8432, K7ZS 4014, W72VJN 3264, Southern Oregon ARC K7LIX (+WM7K) 2632, WPPC RC KG7GK 2324, SCARE KM7P 1052, The Maxim ARC AD6K/7 861 3A Battery- Keno ARC K7ENO 2260 3A-Central Oregon DX Club W7MT 5042, Skyline Tower ARC W7DTV 1734, Sunset Empire ARC W7BU 1246, Quality ARC KX7YT (+KD7YCU 1224, Umpqua Valley ARC K7AZW (+KB7WDR) 904, 4A Battery- Portland ARC W7LT 7210, Salem ARC W7SAA 3924. 5A-Hoodview ARC W7Q 6748, 1B-1 OP Battery- AD7L 1840, W7VN 880, AA7IH 840, N0DA 670, 1B-1 OP-K7KI 1093, N7ICK 1004. 1B-2 OP Battery- KB7LJP 680, 2B-2 OP KD7DMF 420 Mobile Station IC- K7CN, 2C K7FD 774, Home Station COM Power K1JA, Home Station EM Power AC7IB 226 2F- Oregon State ARES unit- W7OEM 992 I read this article in the The Eager Beaver New Letter and thought that it would be a good thing to read every so often. If nothing else it might bring up some discussion. "Emergency Net Activation We asked our experts what frequencies we in BSN should go to in an emergency .Here are their answers: FROM DICK, K7DDI: Check 3993.5, a dedicated frequency for ARRL activities. Then go to normal traffic nets from there. Anyone familiar with our net knows who to contact to get traffic to certain areas. Handle all you can on two meters. Leave HF for long haul stuff. On 2 meters, we plan on high level repeater 146.85 for check ins, then lower level 146.61 to handle local stuff. (Simplex 146.44 local) FROM SCOTT, W7IZ, STM We have several HF emergency net choices, OEN, OARES, BSN, and OSN. OEN is a resource of people from little towns who can deliver traffic. Like we who check into BSN and OARES, checking in everyday helps to let others know they are available. We can explain traffic handling to those who do not handle traffic regularly ( the "check" etc in the message when the emergency happens) Vic, W7VSE, said in past emergencies, the stations originating traffic at the scene don't have time to put messages in correct form.. So, the first

receiver of that traffic must put it in correct form, acceptable to NTS. Actual Emergency Traffic is not generally handled on NTS, but by Red Cross. If no other means are available, NTS will do it. Hams don't like to handle death messages. In a widespread emergency, like the California Quake a few years ago, all services will be confused, not just ham radio. Nets are territorial, so there is resentment when a net that generally is over at 6 PM runs 24 hours for 3 or 4 days. Then other nets that normally use that frequency later in the evening ( plus "ten up" or "ten down") for moving and handling) are not able to. 3927 works great for BSN before 6 PM to move off and handle traffic, but other nets are there later. We can start there, modify things as needed. Some questions are: During an emergency should BSN-ers tune in to 3920 or 3993.5? Answer: Go to 3993.5 first. We have limited numbers of traffic handlers. Everyone should go to 3993.5 and get that net going first. If only one net is up and running, it should be OARES. Many of the NTS people are also ARES people. So, fire up 3993.5 ASAP. Would we get directions on 3993.5 to go to BSN, OSN, or RN7 freqs? Answer: After enough folks are on OARES frequency, the OARES net control should ask some of the NTS stations to move to BSN and move traffic. NTS does not work FOR the ARES, but NTS cooperates and supports ARES to get OARES functional. When BSN is activated it can be held open for several hours, or days, depending on the traffic and the number of operators present. After BSN is up and functional, OSN people can bring OSN up and keep it going as long as necessary. We should recognize that during an emergency in Oregon, OUTGOING traffic will be the priority, NOT INCOMING. For a large number of messages to come out and be routed around the country, our Oregon nets have to be functional and our regional ones as well Questions Continued: Where would NTS traffic be handled? At present, NTS traffic should be handled at any NTS traffic net, which would be OARES, BSN, OSN and NTTN. If the only net running at the beginning of the emergency is OARES, then the traffic can be handled either on frequency or up/down from that frequency. Liasons would take that traffic to DRN7. If BSN and OSN are running, the OSN liason would take that traffic to RN7 (cw). We hope a lot of traffic will be sent out on Packet via NTTN & N7YSS. Bottom Line, Remember: In an emergency, tune up on OARES, 3993.5. After OARES is fully staffed, BSN and OSN will be activated. And: Number 1: Don't Panic! Don't become a victim Number 2: Be sure your family is OK! You can't help if you are worried about your family members. Number 3: Check in on your local ARES 2-meter emergency frequency” Congratulations to James Davis AA7AZ, Mechelle K7MGO and Kevin Hedgepeth for passing EMCOMM #1 also Richard Banton KD7THV, Patrick Colton KC7ZZB, Hal Merritt KD7ZLF, Richard Rutledge KE7BOS and Joel Simmons for passing ARECC-001. Bill Morris has passed ARECC-003. Great work Bill. Traffic; W7IZ 293, N7YSS 177, N7CM 137, KD7ZLF 61, KC7SGM 50, KC7SRL 49, W7VSE 41, KK1A 4 and N7APE 3. PSHR; KD7ZLF 240, KZ7T 235, K7EAJ 207, N7CM 110, N7YSS 110, KK7TN 98, W7VSE 94, KC7SGM 90 and KK1A 71. The web site [www.oregonsectionmanager.org](http://www.oregonsectionmanager.org) didn't work sorry for the delay but I will have one in December

## **Pacific Division**

### **East Bay**

Amateur Radio Club of Alameda (ARCA) ARCA qualified as an ARRL affiliated club and official notification was received from ARRL Headquarters on October 8, 2004. A prospective ham contacted ARCA as a direct result of the ARRL Affiliated Club listings and has he has since become licensed. Congratulations Jim Lynch, KI6AAD. ARCA participated for the third year in the annual Alameda Hospital Health Faire. Club members that participated include: Al Sweet, KG6HM; Bill Lawson, AE6HP; Joe Kohler, KL7IDY; Michael John Torrey, KF6YRG; Sam Nicholls, KJ6AF; Thomas de Lellis, KN6EI and Tom Tazelaar, KG6MAC. A booth was setup complete with the new ARCA banner. The operation of the permanent hospital amateur radio station was demonstrated to the public by using handheld and battery

powered mobile radios to communicate with the hospital station. ARCA also operates this hospital station during the Alameda city wide emergency preparedness drill in May, during regular nets and will participate in the State wide Hospital Drill on November 18th. Congratulations to Sandy Lavine, KO6JF and Bill Lawson, AE6HP for earning their Volunteer Examiner certifications. Alameda County Sheriff's Communications Team (ACSCT) (Dennis Jennings, KG6HYT) The immediate feedback I got from our Team members who were in the Comm Room for the 2004 ALCO Disaster Exercise was positive – a busy morning, with a variety of outside agencies checking in, and enough message traffic to send out to keep interested. This year we exercised a “dirty bomb” scenario, actually five “RDD’s” (Radiological Dispersion Devices) were set off by the “New Black September” terrorists in different parts of the County. Yikes! I’m glad this was only an exercise, but the unthinkable is now the “almost inevitable”, so we need to wrestle with all the complicated issues that such an event would create. Many thanks to Bob Vallio, Varon Smith, and Art Andersen for their time and skills, under the able guidance of Comm Unit Manager Randy Hagar, the new County GSA Communications Director. October was a busy and productive one for the Team. First, on the afternoon of Saturday, October 2, there was (re-)scheduled ATV in the Sky demonstration for the San Francisco SO, to help them determine how to best set up their own system (dead spots, etc Next up was the FIRETRAILS 50 mile ultramarathon on Saturday, October 9, 0530 – 1930 hours! Stephen Hawes, Martin Hooey, David Harnish, Jerry Miller, Ti Connelly, Andy Oppel, Gene Alga, Mike Borkon, Bob Vallio, Neil Fullagar, J. Dunn, and Varon S., plus yours truly handled the safety and logistical communications Finally, Pumpkin Patrol finished out the month. September and October also the historically worst months for major wildfires in Alameda County. We have initiated the Red Flag Day Patrol program, and in the two weekends of Red Flag Day warnings in September, we had Comm Team participation of 42 person-hours, and a total mileage of 648, valued at almost \$1800.00. Thanks to everyone who got out there in the heat and wind to keep our citizens safe! ACSO Commander Williams and Alameda County Fire Chief Bill McCammon are both very pleased with your patrol activity. On November 18 will be the annual statewide Hospital Drill. We always participate, and this year will be no exception. Benicia Amateur Radio Club Benicia Amateur Radio Club Simulated Emergency Exercise at the monthly meeting Location: Main Fire Station, 150 Military West, Benicia. Enter via West 2nd street door. As suggested last month, plans have been made to provide you with something exciting at the BARC meeting this coming Tuesday, Nov 9th at 7:30 PM. With the help of Bob Hewitt, K6HEW from County OES/ACS, and Russ Clifton, KG6SYK, our new Emergency Coordinator, we have prepared an interesting desktop exercise for everyone attending the meeting. Mt. Diablo ARC By Trevor Hall, WA6JAU PACIFICON was memorable. October gave us the most memorable PACIFICON in many years. There were a lot of last minute changes, but everyone worked as a team and made it a success. I want to thank John Schulze, KR6CR and all the volunteers for a job well done. With the unexpected power failure a lot of hero’s came forward with emergency power sources that kept the wheels of progress rolling. Thank you Rich Harrington, KN6FW, Ed Ritchey, K6SFD, and Trevor Raty, KG6MDW for your extraordinary emergency resourcefulness. Thank you Tom Schiller for the antenna and rotor installation for the Boy Scout Jamboree. Looking forward to this year, we have the general meeting on November 19th at Our Saviors Lutheran church. On December 17th we have the Annual dinner. Please contact Dick Schulze if you plan to attend the annual dinner. East Bay ARC (EBARC) By Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF. It is time to think about elections; both on election day, and at our next club meeting. There are many important issues on this November’s ballot, and I urge every registered voter to get out and cast their vote. I also invite you to come to the general meeting on November 12 for the election of officers. The rains have certainly started early. We will be finishing up on the projects that we have going at the club station, and getting everything ready for another winter. We had another successful VE session in Oakland on Sunday, October 24. We tested three new hams and one returning former ham. EBARC and ORCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. The sessions for 2005 are tentatively Jan. 23rd, Apr.

24th, July 24th, and Oct. 23rd. Exams are held in the 2nd floor conference room of the Kaiser Building, 1950 Franklin, Oakland (1 block from the 19th St. BART station). The 2004 fee (and retest fee) will be more than \$12. For info; 510-987-2867 or 510-741-8227. Henry is gauging interest in a General upgrade class for the spring semester at the adult school. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact us. Gordy NU6W will be reminding you that he is collecting dues for 2005. We have kept the dues at their current level for the coming year. South Bay ARA Now meets at 7:30 PM on the second Friday of every month at the Washington Township Veteran's Memorial Building at 37154 Second St. on the corner of Second and E street in the Niles district of Fremont. SBARA will have it's annual Christmas dinner on Friday December 3, 2004 in the Veteran's building instead of it's regular monthly meeting. The November meeting will be on Friday November 12th. Section Traffic Report W6DOB SEPT 2004 ORIG/25 REC/38 SENT/18 DEL/25 TOTAL106 AK6DV Sept 2004 ORIG/0 REC/285 SENT/210 DEL/9 TOTAL 504 WB6UZX September 2004 Orig/ 0 Recd /10 Sent/ 10 Del/ 2 Total 22 Wb6UZX October. Originated / 0 Rec /34 Sent /23 Del/ 4 Total 61 PSHR: WB6UZX Sept. 1/40 2/22 3/10 4/10 Total 82 Oct. 1/40 2/40 3/10 4/90 Total 180

## Nevada

Greetings to everyone in the Nevada Section! Shortly after my last report the Section lost a giant of a man when Bill Cornelius K8XC became a Silent Key. Bill had long been a mainstay of the Las Vegas amateur community and his loss leaves a tremendous vacuum. As ARRL President Jim Haynie W5JBP said when he received the news, "Bill was a kind and gentle man. He was always the best of hosts. He will be missed." Bill was interred at the Arlington National Cemetery. Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) Don Carlson KQ6FM reports that the Simulated Emergency Test (SET) was a major event for the month of October. The SET was held on Saturday, October 30, with statewide participation. Many different modes were used to pass traffic throughout the state. We even saw the first exercise using Airmail in the HF Winlink system, which some members are experimenting with. Southern District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) Glenn Hale KB7REO also reports the SET had good participation from Southern District ARES members. Dick Grady AC7EL and Jerry Fuge KC6ILH acted as HF Net Control Stations and South Nye County set up net control operations on the 146.880 repeater to handle traffic between Clark and Nye Counties. Glenn also reports that a local ARECC EMCOMM Level 1 study group is being held in Clark County, facilitated by Vern Garman K0EGA . Northern DEC Doug Abramson KA7FOO reports that discussions continue with Washoe County Emergency Management in the planning stages of the new communications center at the new County Emergency Operations Center. An equipment proposal for purchase has been submitted. The County Emergency Manager was present and witnessed a demonstration of amateur radio during part of the state-wide SET on October 30. Doug also reports that he will be continuing an ARECC EMCOMM Level II Course through November. Two major new repeaters have come on-line in Northern Nevada during this reporting period. Both are on the 147.270(+) pairing, though they are about 300 miles apart. The first is part of the W7LKO system (PL 100.0) and is located at 8600 feet on EllenD Mountain, connecting Elko, Jackpot, Wells and Twin Falls, Idaho. The second is part of the W7DI system (PL 123.0) and is located at 7400 feet on McClellan Peak, connecting Reno, Sparks, Carson Valley and the Highway 50 East corridor. Congratulations to the Elko Amateur Radio Club (EARC) and Carson Valley Radio Club (CVRC) . Southern Assistant Section Manager (ASM) Gary Hartman KK7LV reports that most clubs in the southern portion of the section are preparing to elect new officers for the coming year. I can attest that officers and committee leaders are the life-blood of any volunteer organization. If you would like to help your group, then roll up your sleeves and raise your hand as someone willing to make a positive contribution. A lot of Section members attended the ARRL Pacific Division Convention (PACIFICON) held a few weeks ago in Northern California. Of particular interest



was the large amount of interest generated for EMCOMMWEST 2005 to be held in Reno the weekend of May 14-15, 2005. Gordon West WB6NOA will be the Saturday night banquet speaker and Mark Spencer WA8SME from ARRL HQ will be giving the keynote address. Mark your calendars and keep an eye on the EMCOMMWEST web site. Finally, but by no means least, Technical Coordinator (TC) Kent Johnson W7AOR has been very busy putting together a state-wide IRLP network connecting repeaters all over the state. The progress Kent has made is really amazing and you can learn more about his efforts at the Nevada Amateur Radio Repeater, Inc. (NARRI) web site . For a current list of all ARRL Nevada Section Field Appointments, you can always check <http://www.pdarrrl.org/nevsec/officers.html>. Please send me your concerns, opinions, questions and newsletters. Until next month, 73, Dick K7VC Nevada Section Manager

## **Sacramento Valley**

The recent rainfall may have stopped the grass and forest fires for the year, but if we have continued above normal rainfall, there may be danger of flooding. So, check out your GO bag and keep it handy, just in case. Those in the Sierras, be prepared in case of heavy snows – the season started early. On October 30 a Section –wide ARES meeting was held in Chico. Dave Thorne, K6SOJ, was the Chairman and did an excellent job. There were 38 in attendance, including SM, SEC, DEC, EC and AEC. Each county group spoke of the good and bad happenings in their area. Michael Colvin, W6CUJ, and Harry Miller, W6HFM, spoke of their three weeks experience in Florida, for the Red Cross, in providing communication expertise after the hurricanes. They also showed many pictures of the damage. Those that were involved in the fires in the section described some of the problems as well as things that went right. I am sure everyone in the section appreciates their efforts in providing help during the fires, as I do. EMCOMM: The date for next years EMCOMM WEST is May 14-15 2005 and will be held in Reno, so keep this date open. Dave Thorne's EMCOMM MONTHLY was sent out on email Nov. 2. If you have not received a copy, and wish to, then send an email to [k6soj@arrrl.net](mailto:k6soj@arrrl.net), or to [www.emcomm.org/subscription.htm](http://www.emcomm.org/subscription.htm) and he will put you on the list. This months was 14 pages long. A lot of information. Well done Dave. TOYS: Amateurs across the nation are sending toys, to Florida, for the children that were victims of the hurricanes. This is a project that individuals or clubs can do. Clubs can gather new toys and then send them to the United Way. They ask you to include a QSL with the gifts, which will then be sent to ARRL. If a club sends a package, then a card from each donor should be enclosed. Toys should be in original package and not wrapped as gifts. Send them to: Ham Radio, The United Way Dove Project, 50 Kindred St. Suite 207, Stuart, FL 34994. In lieu of toys send money to purchase toys. ELECTION TIME: No, the National election is over – the important ones are the Officers of the several clubs in the section. The Officers of a club can make or break it. A club with active officers, programs or projects at each meeting will bring in the members and attendance to the meetings and of course affiliation with the ARRL is important. What part can you play you ask, well you can volunteer for one of the Officer positions, Chair a committee or be a member of a committee. The clubs need new blood and active participation to remain a viable organization. In recent years club membership and meeting attendance has dropped by a large percentage. Let's get involved with the local clubs, put something back into the greatest hobby there is. Some of the clubs are doing well with new and younger hams. They may have more energy and stamina than us old fogies that have been around the block several times already. YUBA SUTTER ARC: Michael Colvin, W6CUJ, reports that the Three Rivers Chapter of the American Red Cross has a club call for their regional communication center, it is KG6WGQ. They hope to have the center completed by February 5, 2005 and hold an open house and a swap meet on the 6th, to raise money for the center. The center will include amateur as well as public safety radios. Nearly all of the equipment has been procured, some antennas are still needed. The club will hold a VE session on Nov. 6, contact W6HBU or KC6JPP for information and registration. The club Election potluck will be held on Nov. 9th. Volunteers are needed for the Veterans Parade on Nov. 11.

Contact Paul, N6XVL. A Technician Class will be held at the Red Cross in Yuba City, beginning on January 11, 2005, on Tuesday and Thursdays 7-9 pm. The class is free but the text book is just under \$20. Contact Ron, W6KJ, or Herb, W6HBU for information. RIVER CITY ARCS: Next VE session is November 20, 8:30 am at the Carmichael Elks Lodge. Call 916-492-6115 for info – leave message. The club did well financially with the annual White Elephant Sale. There was a joint club Picnic on October 2nd, with the RCARCS, North Hills and Sacramento Radio clubs participating. Because of the election RC's meeting was held a day earlier in Nov. Their annual Holiday Dinner will be December 12, at 5 pm, at the Buggy Whip Restaurant, Sacramento. El DORADO ARC: Their October meeting had a presentation from a former P G and E employee on his experience as a RF noise investigator. Their bulletin had an excellent article on W6HFM and W6CUJ's activities, for the Red Cross, in Florida. For 17 days they worked 12-14 hours a day. The clubs Christmas party will be held December 4th at the 50 Grand Club in Pollock Pines. GOLDEN EMPIRE ARC: Next GEARS VE exams will be held December 5, 2004 at the Butte County Library at 2 pm. For information and Registration call Gene, WA6ZRT, at 345-3515. Their October Newsletter had an excellent article on Net Control Guide – Hints and Kinks for the Net Control Station, by Ray, KO6TW. RAMBLINGS: As we approach the Holiday Season, let us reflect on what joys we have received from being an Amateur Radio Operator, the many friends we have made and the many services we have provided for the general public. Our Public Service very rarely is publicized and the public has little knowledge of the time and effort that amateurs put into helping with parade, walks, and during emergencies such as fires and floods and providing, their own equipment. With the Free labor and use of our own equipment that we provide to the government, during emergencies, they still want to take away either our frequencies or in case of BPL develop a system that can interfere with the reception of radio signals, not only for hams but commercial and government communications. To help retain the frequencies and ability to communicate with weak signals, we must support the ARRL, as they are the only one that can represent our cause to the government agencies. Please respond to the ARRL's request for funds to fight for our cause and also file your remarks on BPL with the FCC. I want to thank all of the people that helped in communications during the fires and other emergencies. PACIFICON: The Pacific Division of the ARRL, PACIFICON was held, again, in San Ramon. There was a good turnout, many excellent presentations and many items to look at and buy at the several exhibitors. The ARRL booth was kept busy with questions and comments as well as membership applications. The Sunday swap meet was greeted with a misty morning that rather spoiled the outing. As usual the Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club did an excellent job of running the convention. I am sure they have begun planning for next year. Have a Happy Thanksgiving. 73, Jettie, W6RFF

## **San Joaquin Valley**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of October 2004: SM Charles McConnell, W6DPD- ASM K6YK, ACC W6DPD, SEC N6ZFN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC KE6IGJ, TC W6TE. Greetings from the ARRL San Joaquin Valley Section. Happy Thanksgiving to all!! The sixth annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) special event will take place Saturday, December 4, 2004. SKYWARN Recognition Day, co-sponsored by the American Radio Relay League and the National Weather Service, pays tribute to Amateur Radio operators for the vital public service they perform. During the 24-hour event, Amateur Radio operators visit their local National Weather Service (NWS) office and work as a team to contact other hams across the world. See the Public Service Column in the December 2004 QST for information, also <http://hamradio.noaa.gov>. Emergency Coordinators are needed in Mariposa, Mono and Calaveras Counties. Contact N6ZFN (n6zfn@ares-races.net) or W6DPD (w6dpd@arrl.org) if you can help. Thanks to KR6DY for his work as EC in Mariposa County. N5FDL is the new EC for San Joaquin County. The Western States Weak Signal Society (WSWSS) Ham Radio

VHF/UHF Conference was a success. Pacificon 04 was well attended by Amateurs from the SJV. The convention was a good one despite a power outage on Saturday and rain on Sunday. Need to take an Amateur Exam? Exams are given on various times of each month throughout the San Joaquin Valley Section. Check the ARRL web page, [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) for the schedule by clicking on the Exams button in the upper left corner. You should be able to find an exam near you. You can also check your local radio club newsletter or web page for an exam schedule. Remember the General Class Exam changed on July 1, 2004. When your affiliated club elects officers for the next year, be sure to update your club's information on the affiliated club area of the ARRL web page. The Northern California Net (NCN), the Section Traffic Net, meets nightly on 3.630 MHz at 7 PM Pacific Time. The slow speed training session of the net meets nightly on 3.705 MHz at 9 PM Pacific Time. Handling traffic on CW is a good way to improve your CW skills. The Daytime Region 6 Traffic Net meets daily at 3:30 pacific time on or near 7.275 MHz. It is my sad duty to report that WB6BGL and AE6W have become a Silent Keys. They will be missed. Congratulations to the following on completing the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Courses: Level One: KK6C and K6RCW: Level Two: N6JYW, AA6K, K6RRS, KB6QIT, and W6MSU: Level Three: K6RRS and WB6MFV. Sierra ARC members had a special event station to demonstrate Amateur Radio for the JOTA. Kern County Central Valley ARC members helped with communications during the Kern Wheelman Spooktacular, a bike race with distances between 20 and 100 miles up steep mountains. The Bakersfield ARA operated a special event station on Halloween. TCARES members participated in the Groveland 49'er parade. N6QIY is web master for the LeGrand Lions Club. The club received an award from the Lions Club International for the best website of 2004. Congratulations Ron on a great job. WA6QYR and KC6UTF attended the Microwave Update in Dallas TX. The June 2004 VHF/UHF QSO party had 6 entries from the SJV. KF6YUV was first in the SJV and the Pacific Division in the multi-op category. K6YK was first in the SJV in the single op high power category. KF6KDA was first in the SJV in the single op low power category. Field Day 2004 had 26 entries from the SJV. W6SW was first in 4A and highest in the section. W6GR was first and W6TO was second in 2A. WA6IRC was first and WA6BAI was second in 3A. WA6YBN was first in 3AB. WA6YGA was first and K6YV was second in 5A. W6ERE was first in 9A. W6LIE was first in 11A. Traffic for October was K6RAU 10. PSHR K6RAU

72

## Roanoke Division

### North Carolina

NORTH CAROLINA: SM, John Covington, W4CC - SEC: WA4MOK. STM: K4HA. TC:K4ITL. BM: KD4YTU. PIC: N2COP. OOC: W4ZRA. SGL: AB4W. ACC: N4JCK. There will be a special session of the Tar Heel Emergency Net on Tuesday December 7, 2004 at 7:30 PM on 3923 kHz. Most of this month's Section News comes directly from information I received in an e-mail distributed this week. Thanks to John Guerriero, KG4HDT and Tom Brown, N4TAB for providing this information. Jeff Orrock, the Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the National Weather Service (NWS) in Raleigh, will present a training presentation entitled "Winter Weather 2004" for the benefit of amateur radio operators involved in providing emergency communications. Jeff is an experienced meteorologist who has served in eastern NC and has a talent for presenting scientific information in a way that non-meteorologists can understand. As in previous sessions, Jeff has prepared some graphics that may be downloaded in advance of the presentation or viewed at the time of the presentation. This is available at: <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/rah/skywarn/> Danny Hampton, K4ITL, has arranged for the use of the Piedmont Coastal Repeater Network 146.88 repeater for this presentation. Use of the 146.88 repeater will allow us to originate the presentation from the North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) Emergency

Operations Center (EOC) amateur radio station, NC4EO, and Tom Brown, N4TAB will provide a relay to the THEN on 3923 LSB. There are plans to link repeaters to enable many operators and listeners across the state to participate in this training net. The effort to coordinate the repeater linking includes several repeater systems. A coordinated effort will be made to account for individual operators checking into local repeaters before they are linked for the presentation. If there are any questions about the repeater linking please contact KG4HDT or N4TAB. This special THEN is designed to provide training information from the NWS and an exercise in linking repeaters. We would like to thank you in advance for your support and cooperation for this net. We are looking forward to seeing just how many people we can reach using amateur radio. On other matters, if you are an officer in an ARRL-affiliated club, make sure your club files a new annual report. This can be done electronically. If your club is not ARRL-affiliated, but would like to be, contact Jason Kay, N4JCK @ arrl.net for further information. SET activity must be completed by the end of this month. If you are an EC or Net Manager, don't forget to file the appropriate reporting forms so your group's efforts will be shown in QST. The FCC Report and Order on Broadband over Power Lines (BPL) has been released. As we expected the R&O has both good and bad elements, but I think it is much more in our favor than it would have been if we had said nothing. We owe thanks to lots of people in NC who helped, but I must acknowledge three people in particular who worked very long hours to document the effect of BPL on Amateur Radio: Tom Brown, N4TAB; Frank Lynch, W4FAL and Gary Pearce, KN4AQ. We also had a lot of valuable assistance from Ed Hare, W1RFI and others at ARRL Headquarters. Your dues do make a difference for Amateur Radio. Upcoming Hamfests: Benson, Sunday November 21st; Gastonia, Saturday December 4th. Hope to see you there. October Traffic: W4EAT 1752 (BPL), W4DAC 1264 (BPL), W4UEF 447, K4IWW 189, AA4YW 123, W0UCE 117, KE4JHJ 113, N4AF 87, KF4OCU 75, AD4XV 74, K7UGT 73, W4DNA 66, W3HL 60, W4LN 58, K4RLD 42, KE4AHC 37, W4FAL 36, WA4OBR 34, AG4ZB 32, KI4YV 32, KG4OQA 31, W4IRE 9, WD4LSS 5. October PSHR: K4RLD 170, W4DAC 150, W4EAT 140, K7UGT 140, K4IWW 120, AD4XV 120, KE4JHJ 110, W0UCE 110, W4LN 110, W4DNA 105, KI4YV 103, AG4ZB 102, KF4OCU 85, KG4OQA 80, AA4YW 80, W4FAL 75.

## South Carolina

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators. This is Dr. Jim, N2ZZ with the November 2004 South Carolina Section Manager's Report! Please remember that the SC Section website can be found at [www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/](http://www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/) where my full SM report will be listed as well as up-to-the-date information on Amateur Radio in South Carolina! As I mentioned in my last report, October was quite a month for activity! Rock Hill had their hamfest on October 2nd, Jamboree on the Air was held on October 16th, The South Carolina State Convention was held at the Sumter hamfest on October 23rd, and the Grand Strand annual Beachfest was on October 30th. For those of us on the Western side of the state, the Augusta Georgia hamfest was held on October 9th! I reported on the Rock Hill and Augusta hamfest last month, so now for the rest of the story! Thanks to the Sumter ARA for sponsoring the SC ARRL State Convention on October 23rd! The hamfest consisted of Indoor vendors, outside tailgaters, a VE Session, and several forums. Les K4NK, our Vice Director and I held the ARRL forum at 10 am. My talk centered about BPL, as the FCC has cleared the way for this technology to be implemented in our country <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/10/14/1/?nc=1> . Various means to address the issue were discussed. To my knowledge, BPL has not been deployed in South Carolina as yet. Recommendation was made that if BPL does enter South Carolina and interference is received, address the issue immediately. Let the ARRL assist you in your efforts. Les's talk centered about Board Meetings of the ARRL. He reminded us that the Vice Directors cannot cast votes on ARRL policy, as that is reserved only for the Directors. He also reminded us that the officers of the ARRL are current directors that are voted in by the directors, not by

popular vote. Les also took questions from the audience. It was a beautiful day for the hamfest, and a good time was had by all! I enjoyed attending the Grand Strand ARC BEACHFEST in Conway on October 30th! Rather than driving from Aiken on Saturday, I stayed overnight in Conway, so it was great attending a hamfest well-rested! This was a great hamfest, selling out all the inside tables, and having a very respectable outside tailgate flea market! The Conway Armory was an excellent location. The GSARC would like to remind everyone that they have set the date of next year's hamfest on October 29, 2005. They will be hosting the ARRL South Carolina State Convention on that date! The second annual digital seminar has been scheduled for December 4th, 2004 at the American Red Cross building, 1601 West Lucas Street (Hwy 52) in Florence. Lloyd KD4HTW has reported that APRS and PSK31 will be among the digital modes discussed, and actual demos of the modes and the interfaces will be part of the seminar. A VE testing session will be held at 9 am, and the seminar will begin around 10:30 am. This is a great opportunity! Please make an effort to attend. Driving directions are on the [www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/](http://www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/) home page. Peter KG4VDR, STM surprised me with an e-mail message that was generated via Winlink 2000 and sent over HF radio to the internet. Winlink 2000 is a Worldwide Amateur Radio Digital Radio Email Network, which will allow delivery of message traffic anywhere in the World where Internet services are active, or where Amateur Winlink Participating Network stations (PMBOs) are operating. Peter has purchased hardware that has allowed him to experiment with Winlink 2000, and hopes to make it mobile so that he will be able to demonstrate this system to area clubs and emergency management officials. Thanks for your work, Peter! Members of the York County (SC) Amateur Radio Society (YCARS), responding to a call by ARRL, the National Association for Amateur Radio, donated dozens of new toys for children in the storm-ravaged state of Florida. Toys sent to the United Way White Dove Project will be distributed to needy children by the Martin County United Way in Stuart, Florida. YCARS President Van Brown, KG4LUT and Trustee Bob Bacharach, WA2EMF organized the toy drive saying "At this time of year we reflect on our blessings and keep in mind how difficult it is for children to deal with the loss of home and possessions caused by the devastating hurricanes that assaulted Florida this fall. We are glad for the chance to do something to brighten their lives in a small way." I received a note from Dan Donovan KF4VIS, PIC (Public Information Coordinator) who desires to continue his PIC duties until the end of this year, but wishes to leave this post as of January 1st, 2005. Dan has recommended Mike Duff KG4SLH, Asst PIC to be his successor. I have confirmed this with Mike, and Mike has accepted the position. I would like to thank Dan for his years of service as PIC, and I hope he will remain active in the ARRL-SC field service! We have a new member of the ARRL-SC team. Ken Kasper N2IXX will be assuming the duties of Assistant Section Manager for AREA 3, which includes Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, Richland and Saluda counties. Please click on "Section Leadership" on the left sidebar of the [www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/](http://www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/) website, where Ken's picture and biography are listed! Ken, welcome to the ARRL-SC team! Tom Palmieri, K2PJ and I spoke at the Myrtle Beach Beachfest about working on an Echolink net backbone throughout the state, perhaps starting with holding a weekly Echolink net. If interested, please contact [k2pj@bellsouth.net](mailto:k2pj@bellsouth.net). October 2004 National Traffic System Report for South Carolina submitted by Peter KG4VDR, STM: Net Reports: Net Name/Check Ins/Traffic/Sessions/Reported By Anderson Radio Club 2M Net/963 /43/32/KD4HEY BRARS 2 Meter Net/1815/45/31/K4SUG Carolina's Net/442/133/62/K4IWW Carolina Slow Net/131/23/31/W4EAT Columbia ARC 2 Meter Net/155/9/9/K4RKC Greater Pee Dee 2 Meter Net/1033/73/31/K4DTT Greenwood ARS 2 Meter Net/90/8/4/W4DEW Greenwood Friendly Net/602/33/31/W4JAK Horry County SkyWarn Net/9/4/1/KF4HAV Lancaster County 2 Meter Net/23/19/12/N4WMB PALS Net/1217/88/31/KG4KOE SC Sandlapper 6 Meter Net/65/4/4/K4IRT SC SSB Net/1398/93/31/WA4UGD York Co. ARS 2 Meter Net/746/29/49/K4CON Station Activity Reports: Station/Sent/Received/Delivered/Originated/Total KA4LRM/16/21/4/0/41 KA4UIV/62/82/6/0/156 WA4UGD/0/32/0/0/32 KG4VDR/5/30/11/0/46 Public Service Honor Roll: Station/Cat. 1/Cat. 2/Cat. 3/Cat. 4/Cat. 5/Cat. 6/Total KA4LRM/40/40/20/0/0/0/100

KA4UIV/40/40/20/0/0/0/100 KG4VDR/40/40/20/10/0/0/110 I wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving!  
See you next month! '73 de Dr. Jim N2ZZ ARRL Section Manager South Carolina Section  
[www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/](http://www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/)

## **Southeastern Division**

### **Georgia**

SM: Susan Swiderski, AF4FO; ASM/South GA: Marshall Thigpen, W4IS; ASM/Legal: Jim Altman, W4UCK; ASM/Webmaster: Robert Tyler, KF4VBR; ASM/Youth: Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM; ASM/Scouting: David Pearce, ABØNG; SEC: Jim Cote, N4PJR; STM: Jim Hanna, AF4NS; BM: Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL; OOC: Mike Swiderski, K4HBI; TC: Fred Runkle, K4KAZ; PIC: Kevin Martin, W4SJR; SGL: Bill Cherepy, WB4WTN; ACC: Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC [www.arrl-ga.org](http://www.arrl-ga.org) [www.gaares.org](http://www.gaares.org)

Greetings, All. This mid-monthly summary is just a wee bit later than usual, because my better half and I just got home from a "whirlwind tour" of south Georgia. (FYI, this middle of the month tidbit is intended to replace the Section News that used to appear in the back of QST, and carries a similar deadline to what we SMs had when it had to be submitted for publication in the magazine.) We enjoyed special stops in Thomasville, Brunswick, and Jesup, that allowed us to enjoy the company of a bunch of terrific hams, in between attending the Emergency Management Association of Georgia (EMAG) conference at St. Simons. It was great. Besides all of the obvious pleasures that go along with enjoying such good fellowship with other hams, and getting to talk to those hard-working folks in emergency management about what we hams can do to make their job easier, this ol' Baltimore gal still gets a huge kick out of the sights in that part of our state. Things like the sprawling cotton fields and those huge bales of cotton wrapped around with brightly-colored plastic that dot the landscape, those groves of majestic pecan trees, the palm trees, and other trees, all dripping with Spanish moss, the snowy white egrets, and those hapless armadillos. (It would've been nice to have seen even ONE armadillo whose little feet weren't pointed skyward...) It was great, and I'll fill y'all in on some of the details in the December newsletter, but for now, it's great to be home again, even if it means dealing with a pouting cat and a mountain of email that managed to accrue while we were away. (If you sent me an email and haven't heard back from me yet, please be patient.... I'll get to it as soon as I can.) Whole lotta shakin' goin' on! In Georgia ARES, that is. As you probably know, MIKE BOATRIGHT, KO4WX, stepped down as our SEC, and we've entrusted that position into the capable hands of JIM COTE, N4PJR, who had been serving as Mike's assistant. Jim recently tapped Gwinnett county's top notch EC, STAN EDWARDS, WA4DYD, to serve as his assistant. GREG TILLMAN, N4VAD, will be stepping into Jim's former DEC position for Southeast Georgia. In the metro Atlanta district, TONY KING, W4ZT, has assumed the reins as DEC, and he has lured STEVE REYNOLDS, W4CNG, back out of retirement to serve as his assistant. In the Northwestern district, Gilmer county, WAYNE BURGESS, W4YNE, stepped down as EC, and taking the helm there is BILL CAMPBELL, WB4HAT, and his able assistants DAVE MEADOWS, K4LDI, and JOE FRACK, AD4NH. And in the Northeast district, in Dawson county, JERRY ADAMS, has passed the EC position on to SCOTT SPENCER, KG4WPU. Jerry will continue to serve as EC in neighboring Forsyth county. Sincere thanks to each and every one of these fine people who have served so well, and who continue to serve. We appreciate all of you for the commitment, dedication, and vision you bring to the ARES program, to your communities, and to your fellow hams. CONGRATULATIONS to the newly re-elected slate of officers for the Valdosta ARC: President- WAYNE BRANT, KO4QJ; VP- JIM JACOBSEN, W4MOR; Secretary- LISA BRANT, KD4CJV; Treasurer- JAMES SMITH, KE4HZS; and Webmaster- MARK MILLER, KD5BNS. Best wishes for another successful year in leading the club. Valdosta club members also voted for their Ham of the Year recently, and winning that honor was JOHN YOUNG, W7OPT, the club's

esteemed NCS. Congratulations to John for that special recognition. CONGRATULATIONS, also, to another recently selected Ham of the Year: JAY SAMPLES, KG4LEY, of the ARC of Augusta, who served as club president for two years, and who also set up the popular Echolink at his QTH, hooked in with one of the club's repeater. Our ham Santa, CLAY POWELL, KD4DMT, who has been soliciting donations, collecting toys, and packing boxes to send to Florida for the White Doves toy drive, sent a note to the United Way office in Florida to get a better idea of what the greatest needs were. He found that there's still a great need for items suitable for teenagers, and that they've already received an ample number of stuffed animals. If you're still considering sending a toy or two, here are some of the items that were suggested by United Way: baseball caps and gloves, boom boxes, (radios) building kits, clock radios, cologne, comforter sets, hand-held electronic games, fishing gear, hair accessories, handbags, helmets and knee pads, jewelry, lava lamps, (that's what it said!) lego or bionicle, lotions, make-up kits, pogo sticks, portable CD players, shaving bags and kits for teens, skate boards, tools and tool boxes, wallets and watches. Games which were suggested include: chess, checkers, radica, i-top, funky hair flair, My Mash Destiny Diary Game, Wooden Shoe Wanna Paint These, and My Scrapbook. Thanks again to Clay for all of his efforts in support of this project, and for sharing this latest information on items that are still needed. Thanks, also, to those of you who put a donation into the box that was at the ARRL table at the Lawrenceville hamfest, and especially to the members of the Gwinnett ARS, who were very generous, both as a club, and through individual donations, when I "passed the hat" at a recent club meeting. CONGRATULATIONS to JERE SANDIDGE, K4FUM, who earned a Brass Pounders Award for the month of October, for delivering over 100 messages. His total numbers were 93 messages sent, 176 received, and 103 delivered, for a grand total of 372. Way to go! ++HELP WANTED: DAVID ZISKIND, KE4QLH, could still use some volunteers to help provide communications for the Thanksgiving day mini-marathon in Atlanta. If you can help him, please contact him at ke4qlh@arrl.net. TIM ROSING, KC4ELV, who is once again heading up the communications efforts for the Childrens Healthcare of Atlanta Parade, to be held on December 4th this year, could also use some more help. You can contact Tim at kc4elv@etoii.com Sadly, three SKs to report: HUGH FAULK, K4GVG, CHARLES PLAYER, W4OQT, and JAMES SHY, KU4UC. Sincere condolences to their families and friends. There's never a good time to lose a loved one, but it's especially difficult this close to the Holidays. Well, that's about it for now. May the stuffing in your turkeys be moist, and your Thanksgiving be stuffed with blessings. Until next time, this is AF4FO, signing clear. Take care of yourselves. And each other, 73, Susan QTC October: WB4GGS-378; K4FUM-372; AF4NS-119; K4BEH-100; WB4BIK-50; K4WKT-37; K4BG-30; KG4FXG-14; KR4JI-10; K4JNL-8 +++ No trees were killed in the sending of this message. However, a large number of electrons were terribly inconvenienced. +++

## **Southern Florida**

Hi Everyone, There's limited news so far this month. Please send club info and photos soon The following TSs reported for October -- N4TZH, W4KPG, N4BG, KE4PWE, KF4KDO, K4AW & KF4DQY. Many of our TSs have been assisting their local repeater groups on post-hurricane repairs. TS Phil, KE4PWE, moderates the weekly PBC Tech Net, Fridays, 7 PM on the 147.135 WPB ARC repeater. ECs reporting for October: N4LEM, KG4CHW, WA4ASJ, WA4GUK OES reports for October: KE4UEI and W4RCL. Also, W4RCL submitted a report for August and September after I compiled the news. SFL Station Activity Report October 2004 -- KA4FZI 441, WA9VND 218, KD4GR 131, KE4UOF 111, K4FQU 72, WA2YL 48, AA3BN 41, WA4EIC 34, KG4ILJ 23, KG4MLC 23, KG4MLD 21, KG4EQY 20, AF4NR 18, W4WYR 18, WY4F 6 SFL Public Service Honor Roll October 2004 -- K4FQU 135, KA4FZI 110, KD4GR 110, KE4UOF 110, WA2YL 110, WA4EIC 100, AA4BN 89, KG4MLC 43, WY4F 14 How do you do the above reports? Here's an example, courtesy of KA4FZI: Activity report for OES (call sign)

September, 10 nets, total messages passed: informal traffic 40 pieces, formal traffic 20 pieces, Health & Welfare 15 pieces; hours of operation, Frances 100 hours, Jeanne 80 hours The SAR format is simple: orig (NTS messages originated for others), recd (NTS messages received), sent (NTS messages sent), deld (NTS messages delivered), Total (of all NTS messages) Your report for Sep might look like: SAR SEP orig 0 recd 10 sent 24 deld 1 total 35 The PSHR format is: 1/(# of traffic/emerg nets checked into - max 40) your Sep score would have been 1/10 2/(# of NTS messages handled - max 40) your Sep score would have been 2/35 3/(ARRL appointments @10 each) for OES you earn 10 so the score is 3/10 4/(Scheduled emerg prep activities 5/hour) ARES nets, SET, etc. 2nets=10 pts so 4/10 5/(Unplanned emerg activities 5/hour) your total hurricane service was 180 hours so your points would be 5 X 180 or 900 so 5/900 6/(running a digital BBS or MBO 10 max) yours would be 6/0 Total (add them) 900+10+10+35+10 = 965 GREAT!! (70 points is required for credit by ARRL) Your report to me would look like: PSHR SEP 1/10 2/35 3/10 4/10 5/900 total 965 Pretty simple ... yes? ----- SFL Net Reports October 2004 NET – Abbreviation -- # of Sessions -- QNI (participants)—QTC (messages handled)-- MGR ARRL Information Net – AIN – 4 -- 47 -- 5 -- W4WYR Southwest Florida Traffic Net -- SWFTN – 26 -- 354 -- 42 -- K4FQU Martin Co. Amateur Radio Assn. -- MCARA -- 2 -- 19 -- 0 -- KE4UEI St Lucie Repeater Association -- SLRA – 5 -- 56 -- 1 -- KE4UEI Southern Florida ARES Net – SFAN -- 5 -- 54 -- 3 -- KD4GR Florida Medium Speed Net -- FMSN -- 31 -- 243 -- 31 -- AG4RJ Florida Amateur SSB Traffic Net -- FAST -- 62 -- 382 -- 38 -- WA9VND Southeast Florida Traffic Net – SEFTN -- 62 -- 976 -- 135 -- KD4GR (If your club or ARES group has a traffic net please send your net reports to KA4FZI, our Section Traffic Manager. She compiles these reports and sends them to Headquarters and the information is used when ARRL officials lobby in Washington and or apply for grant money. Not sure what info is needed? Send her an e-mail for instructions – ka4fzi@aol.com.) ===== Bulletin Report from David Smith KE4UEI: Recd 22, Sent 6, Total 28 ----- The South Florida DX Association felt it important to contribute to the Spectrum Defense Fund. They will be sending a check for \$100 to that ARRL Fund and will be encouraging our Members to contribute as well. Has your club made a contribution? ARRL has reinstated commissions to clubs. For the past couple of years, clubs have earned \$15 commissions for NEW memberships, only. Effective immediately, clubs will also earn \$2 for each RENEWAL they turn in. The program applies to regular and senior membership dues. There is a Brevard County Youth Net, run by Alex Fisher, KG4WMM, on Saturday Evenings at 1930 local on the K4EOC Repeater in Rockledge, 147.135. It begins as a directed net and then after traffic is passed, it goes informal to allow the kids to get on the air. Do we have any other Youth nets in the section? Would young hams, 21 and under like to get together at the Section Convention at the Miami Hamboree? Drop me an e-mail with your information and comments. EMCOMM Exams will be given in Okeechobee at the Red Cross Building after the hamfest on 11/27. Information & directions to the test site will be available at the ARRL table at the hamfest or via e-mail to me. (w4stb@arrl.net) TOYS – Please contribute to the ARRL toy drive if you are able. It's OK to give to a local charity instead, just realize that ham radio will not get the national recognition for the local donation. ----- Media Hits: Here's a link to a good article about antenna restrictions:

[http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/news/local/states/florida/counties/broward\\_county/10169229.htm](http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/news/local/states/florida/counties/broward_county/10169229.htm)  
Our new PIC (Public Information Coordinator) Stephanie Phillips, K4MVO was one of the amateurs interviewed for the article. David Marquardt, KG4NDD, Alex Fisher, KG4WMM, and James Dean, KI4GMB, appeared on Brevard Notes, a program on Brite House cable TV. They talked about ARES, BEARS, JOTA & their Ham Radio experiences during the recent hurricanes. David Smith was interviewed by the Granada Television Network (BBC) for a weather program concerning lightning. It will be seen on the Discover International Channel and around the globe on various networks. David is a two-time lightning strike survivor. (Dave always sends us OES, Skywarn, and Net reports. He had sad news recently – both of his teenage daughters were seriously injured in an auto accident on their way home from a



statewide band competition. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers). That's all for now. News & photos will be on the news page at [arrl.org](http://arrl.org) soon. 73, Sherri W4STB

## **Southwestern Division**

### **Arizona**

Time is flying this year. It is already November and my mind is still in August/September. My vacation is over and it is time to get back to work. The Old Pueblo Radio Club hamfest is over and it is time for the Cochise hamafest for 06 November 2004 at Green acres in Sierra Vista. Talk-in will be on 146.76 (-) with a p/1 of "162.2". The Superstition Fall Hamfest is presently scheduled for December 4th at the Mesa Community College. See Ron McKee, KD7FGY, at 480-510-3025, for more details. January 15th 2005 is the Westfest hosted by the Thunderbird Amateur Radio Club. This event will take place at Glendale Community College north parking lot with the hours of operation between 0600AM and 1400 PM. Admission cost will be \$2.00 per person. The Yuma ARC is planning to sponsor their first Hamfest on the 19th of February at the Yuma Arizona fair grounds. Scheduled time is 0600-1500. Scott Seamans, W7RFI, at 928-627-9269 (e-mail: [w7rfi@beamspeed.net](mailto:w7rfi@beamspeed.net)), can provide you with more details if needed know. Don't forget that the Williams ARRL State convention will be July 8-10, 2005. This is the weekend after the 4th. Chuck Green, from the AMSAT organization, will be here in Tucson to give a program on AO51, ECHO. This presentation will describe the activities surrounding ECHO in the month leading up to its launch. Emphasis will be on the activities in Baykonur, Kazakhstan (Russia). He will also give an overview of what's inside ECHO, showing the internal works of each of the six trays. He will also provide an insight into the lives of the people of Baykonur. This promises to be a great talk. He will be at the Kuiper Space Science building on the U of A campus, 1629 E. University BLVD, room 312 at 1800 hours on the 15th of November. Mark your calendar and don't miss this event. I have been out of touch for several weeks and need to get caught up on all activities. So this will be short with more to follow later. I plan to be in Show Low at the Kachina club meeting on 11 November 2004. My home telephone number is 520-744-9095, and I do have an answering machine. If I happen to miss your call, please leave me your name and telephone number and I will return the call as soon as possible. If I don't return your call within a few days then please call back. My son sometimes erases my messages. If you want this article sent to you by e-mail, just drop me a note and give me an address. 73 from Clifford Hauser, KD6XH; E-mail is [kd6xh@arrl.org](mailto:kd6xh@arrl.org).

## **West Gulf Division**

### **Oklahoma**

Greetings Oklahoma Section! Enid Hamfest -November 6 Great Amateur Radio hamfest held in Garfield county. Always a very fun and active gathering. Thanks to all the participants and planners. The League forum was vibrant with a presentation by Alton KD5KVQ on Florida relief and recovery as well as the caring process. Sure enjoyed having his wife Barbara, of the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management, to help in the presentation. Appreciate the League booth set-up by Eddie-K5EMS and Jim-N5OHL. Ardmore Club Gathering October 9 On a rainy Saturday evening the group at Ardmore hosted a club cookout in Sulphur at the National Park. The rain did not slow the festivities one bit. Very good fellowship with a large group in full enjoyment of the food and story telling. Thanks so much to the club for inviting the Ada and Durant clubs to be a part of the event. Sure nice to see clubs working together to

have fun. Such fun allows for enhanced public service when emergency communication needs arise. The fox hunt and VE session were special. Great to see WG5B, N0IRW and N5KEY being such great hosts. Enjoyed the visit with KC5TGA and KC5ZQQ from the Ada club and yes this was a green van journey! Tulsa Repeater Organization (TRO) TRO next meets on Tuesday November 23 at 7:30 pm. Contact person is Mark-N7XYO@arrl.net This is the club narrative on the recent Tulsa Run. Downtown to St. John's to Brookside to Riverside... .. and back to downtown. That pretty much describes the route of the Tulsa Run. The 15 kilometer race goes from 3rd & Boulder south to 15th, east to Utica, south to 21st, west to Peoria, south to 49th, back north on Peoria to 31st, west to Riverside, and north to Veteran's Park. Along the route, the Tulsa Run organizers arrange for water and First Aid stations to keep the runners and race-walkers going. To connect the water stations with the water truck, and to connect the nurses with ambulances, the TRO puts hams at strategic places along the route. Thanks to the following who helped with the event: Jay Eimer AD5PE, Carrie Eimer KD5WXF, Lloyd Colston KC5FM, Fred Williams KD5NBR, Ben Joplin WB5VST & Jesse, Doug McDonald KD5NWK, Kevin Blair KD5WXE, Merlin Griffin WB5OSM, Paul Papke WB5MPU, Allen Goodson KB5SND, Bill Griffin NI5X, John Green KD5GUU, Mark Conklin N7XYO and Doug Lee KC5ZQM Oklahoma Volunteer Organizations active in Disaster (OKVOAD) This very important group to Amateur Radio is having their state conference on November 18 & 19. The meeting is being held at the Salvation Army's Camp Heart O Hills near Tahlequah. Thanks to Eddie-K5EMS for representing the Section. Oklahoma Phone Emergency Net (OPEN) Thanks to Gordon-W5JPI for being net manager on the OPEN. This net meets each Sunday morning at 8 am on 3900 and is a good time to get acquainted with the Section's key players in emergency communication and net participants. Edmond Amateur Radio Society (EARS) Special Event Saturday November 13 was the club's StateHood celebration in Guthrie. As you know Guthrie was the first state capitol of Oklahoma with the club doing it up in style in Logan county. The club operated a special event station with a good number of HF contacts throughout the United States and Canada. Thanks to club President Ron-KCQCV, Sam-W5CU, Jim-N5OHL, and many others for accomplishing a very effective special event. The local newspaper, the Guthrie News Leader ran a front-page article with a wonderful picture of the State Capitol Publishing Museum which was the site of the event. W5CU was quoted in the article: This is not an emergency, yet a lot of what we do in the fun events are the same as in an emergency. His point is well taken and should encourage us to use the club picnics and special events as emergency communication preparatory events. Thanks to April Black of the Guthrie News Leader for helping get the word out about Amateur Radio. Amateur Radio cartags You doubt know that the price has gone up dramatically. This reinforces the need to have an ongoing relationship with your state legislators in order to discuss in civil manner issues relevant to Amateur Radio. Effort is underway to get background information on this change in order to take recommended action. But as previously suggested, get to know your state legislators and invite them to a club function. Good things will happen! Vice Director Election Results will be known in the next few days. A strong relationship with the Division staff will continue regardless of the winner. Oklahoma Section Traffic Report October 2004 Gathered by Arlyn Seidel-KK5GY Section Traffic Manager Public Service Honor Roll O.C. Elfers WA5OUV, Tom Johnson-N5IKN, Pat Murphy-NJ5M Sessions-103 Checkins-1115 Traffic-454 Station Activity Reports O.C.Elfers-WA5OUV, Tom Johnson-N5IKN, Melvin Miller-K5KXL, Pat Murphy-NJ5M, Cecil Carter-KI5LQ, Arlyn Seidel-KK5GY Net Managers Reporting W5JPI, WA5OUV, NJ5M, KC5OKG, KM5GZ, N5IKN, KK5GY, N5VEA Take time to realize your blessings during Thanksgiving 2004! 73, John-WB5SYT