

Section News for April 2003

Atlantic Division

Delaware

Hello Again The Delaware Traffic Nets are in need of your assistance, especially if you from New Castle and Kent county. In order to insure that traffic moves in a timely fashion regular check-ins are needed, especially from amateurs representing these two counties. If you are interested handling traffic but are not quite sure how to go about it, you can find out more information on how to do it by consulting the National Traffic System Methods and Practices Guidelines. This document is an appendix to the Public Service Communication Manual and is available on the ARRL web site at [//www.arrl.org/FandES/field/nts-mpg/](http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/nts-mpg/). This document has information and examples on all the important procedures used in passing traffic on NTS nets. The Delaware Traffic Net meets M-F on 3905 KHz at 18:30 local time. The Delaware Emergency Phone net meets on 3905 KHz at 18:00 local time. For the CW folks there is also the Maryland-Delaware-DC net (MDD) meets on 3643 KHz at 19:00 local time. So how about it? Can we count on you? Summer is upon us, and folks will be hitting the road, especially for the Delaware resorts. It's a good time to keep an ear open on the local repeaters for travelers that are passing through the area and are in need of directions, help or just some conversation to pass the time as they travel through our state. Field day is just around the corner, I plan to visit as many sites as I can during the event. If you group is participating drop me a line with directions to your site and I will try to drop in for a visit. Traffic for April DTN QNI 134 QTC 16 in 22 sessions, DEPN QNI 26 ATC 4 in 4 sessions. K3JL 41. 73 Randall Carlson, WB0JJX ARRL Delaware Section Manager

Southern New Jersey

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY MAY 2003 KA2YKN JEAN PRIESTLEY Are you looking for a great activity now that the weather is nice? GREAT! Glad to hear it! Come and visit the Battleship New Jersey. How old is the Battleship? She is 60 years old this year and she is looking very good for a woman her age. This is due to hundreds of volunteers who keep her ship shape. (Hihi). In May, BNJARS will celebrate her birthday with a special event station and will be using the call sign of NJ2BB. Operations will be 24 May 2003 from 1400 UTC to 0200 UTC 25 May 2003. A Special Anniversary certificate signed by a member of the original radio room team will be available. For one of these you need three things. You need to work NJ2BB during our special event and you need to send us your card (be sure all info is filled in and correct) Third, to receive this certificate full size (9X12) send a SASE with two units of postage. Further details are posted on the BNJARS website. While on the subject of the Battleship New Jersey, all the volunteers collectively received the 2003 Governor's Award for Volunteerism. It is a beautiful dark blue plate and will have a seat of honor on the ship. The ship still needs docents

(tour guides). Just call the main office for details. Coming up in August will be the 44rd Annual New Jersey QSO Party. The contest runs from 2000 UTC Sat August 16 to 0700 UTC Sunday August 17 and from 1300 UTC Sunday August 17 to 0200 UTC Monday August 18. Phone and CW are considered the same. The Englewood Amateur Radio Assn sponsors it. For more information contact the club at PO BOX 528, Englewood NJ 07631-0528 The Foundation For Amateur Radio is a non-profit organization. It is devoted exclusively to the scientific, literary and educational pursuits that advance the purpose of the Amateur Radio Service. Each year a number of scholarships are given. This year it will be 58. They are given to assist licensed Radio Amateurs. The Foundation is composed of over 75 local area Amateur Radio Clubs. Amateurs may compete for these awards if the plan to pursue a full-time course of studies beyond high school and are enrolled in or have been accepted for enrollment at an accredited university, college or technical school. Although this year's deadline has passed, there will always be next year. For information contact the Foundation at FAR Scholarships Post Office Box 831, Riverdale, MD 20783. It is important for the league to always have accurate numbers in traffic. This can only be done by those who work traffic. If you work traffic, check into the nets, have a field appointment such as ORS (10 points) the league needs these pieces of info. If you have said to yourself. "It isn't enough or important", that is not true. It is important. Lets see your report next month. Southern New Jersey traffic report for April 2003. QNI rpt NJM 41 - N2GJ NJPN 179 - W2CC NJSN 184 - K2PB NJN(E) 181 - AG2R NJN(L) 155 - AG2R above nets are dual section nets of both SNJ and NNJ. Liaisons with 2RN JSARS 481 - WJ2F SJTN 72 - KB2RTZ SJVN 259 - WB2UVB. SJVN - training Net QNI 4 in 9 mins 1 sessions WB2UNB MGR SAR rpt K2UL 88 AA2SV 69 WA2CUW 61 KB2RTZ 44 WJ2F 42 WB2UVB 42 KC2IYC 24 N2VQA 16 N2WFN 12 W2QOB 12 WA2NDA 10 AB2LF 6 N2ZMI 1 PSHR... N2HQL 193 KB2RTZ 160 WB2UVB 126 WJ2F 125 KA2YKN 115 K2UL 110 AA2SV 90 WA2CUW 90 KC2IYC 79 N2VQA 53 N2WFN 51 WA2NDA 50 W2QOB 40 KB2YJD 22 AB2LF 22 This is a good time to remind everyone that FIELD DAY will soon be here. WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS? If you are a member of a club, they will appreciate your support. If you are not a member of a club, there is no better time to go out and work with one locally. You may find you want to be a member of that club after your 24-hour bonding session. If you cannot get out, dust of that mic and work a few contacts. If you have a special talent like cooking or holding a rope (not pushing the rope) come out to FIELD DAY. If you have never been to a FIELD DAY, come on out.

Western Pennsylvania

As we come to the close of May I want to remind everyone to make sure they have their radios in good operating condition. The end of May has often brought several severe storms that required amateur radio operators to pitch in and help. Last year a tornado touched down and cause damage in an amusement park and left one person dead in the aftermath. Previous years have also shown some of our worst storms have hit during this time. Check your radios and be sure you have fully charged batteries should our services be needed. June first will be the 49th annual Breezeshooters hamfest held in Butler. This is one of the major hamfests of the section and is always a great deal of fun. I will be at the league table throughout the day as will other

section staff members so please stop by and chat with us. Additional information regarding the hamfest is available at <http://www.breezeshooters.net> One feature new this year will be testing for the ARRL level one (EC001)Emmcomm course. This testing will be provided by members of the Ellwood City Amateur Radio Association. Another feature for the hamfest will be ICOM radio attending and demonstrating the newest in amateur radio equipment. The last full weekend of June brings about the Field Day operating event. This event, designed to demonstrate the emergency capabilities of amateur radio has often been looked upon as a contest and other things. Many clubs make this into the operating and family event of the season. For several years I have visited several of the field day sites and always enjoy the opportunity to see what other clubs and operators are doing for the event. Most clubs have family oriented picnics and other activities during the weekend. I would like to encourage every club to be sure and set up a Get On The Air station and encourage individuals that have never operated or have not operated for many years to get involved in the station. This is a great opportunity to encourage people to become hams and maybe get some old hams more active in the hobby. Don't forget to also order your field day t-shirts and pins from the league and also new this year are t-shirts and pins to recognize the Get On The Air station as well. These go fast so order early. Also remember to send me a message via the national traffic system to earn your bonus points for the message. The WPA Phone and Traffic net will handle the messages for me. They meet every evening on 3983 hz at 6 pm. Check the field day rules for the message content requirements. If you would like me to stop by during the weekend be sure to send me a message and also directions to your field day operating site. I want to encourage every club in the section to set up and operate a field day station. Be sure to invite local officials and the public to see how amateur radio can benefit the community. Set up a computer and have the new Amateur Radio Today video showing to inform the visitors of what services we provide. The video is available from league headquarters for a minimal fee for the materials and copying or you can download the file from the web site. It is about a 60 megabyte file so be sure you are on a high speed connection. I hope every one will get out and join in the fun and excitement of field day and make this year the best ever. I would like clubs to forward me photos of their club operation for me to post some of the photos on the section web site. Send the photos to me at n3mse@arrl.org or by mail to my home address listed on page 16 of QST. A beta operation of the logbook of the world has started and individuals that are interested in participating in the test should go to the league web site at <http://www.arrl.org/lotw> and download the software. The beta will help the developers detect and correct any problem areas before the program is implemented. The logbook of the world is designed to become an electronic validation of contacts made by amateur stations that would be recognized for awards. Please give it a try and help members services get this benefit into full operation. Hope everyone has an enjoyable Memorial Day holiday and look forward to seeing you at the hamfests or at a club meeting. Still a few open dates for visits so let me know if you would like me to attend one of your meetings. 73 de John

Central Division

Illinois

Well it is time once again for the annual trek to Dayton. I hope that all of you that are going will have a great time and find that one special piece of equipment that you are looking for. See you there! Military Day is May 17th. This is the only day of the year when you can communicate with military stations that normally operate outside the ham bands. You must TRANSMIT INSIDE the ham bands and you will LISTEN OUTSIDE the ham bands. See the web page for details: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/af-day/armdfrcs-2003.html> The Jasper Amateur Radio Club will have a foxhunt on the 2nd Saturday of every month. The first one was held on May 10 and they will continue until November 8th. The fox will begin transmitting at 1:30 PM, one minute on and 4 minutes off until he/she is found. The FOX frequency will be 146.565. Any questions, please contact K9ZN or N9PZ. They can be found on the Newton repeater, 146.490. Everyone is welcome to attend. The River-to-River Relay Race was held on April 17th. Team leader was N9VKO. They had 60 operators spaced across the state (80 miles); all were active. The team organizer has been doing this for several years. Preparations started at 0200 and ended ended about 2300. Good job! On April 14, 2003 Ham Radio operator Gary Auerswald, WB9UDJ, and his wife Estella, KA9SBY, were accosted by four drunken trespassers who had ventured onto their family farm property. WB9UDJ requested that they vacate the property immediately. Three of the men proceeded to beat WB9UDJ unconscious with clubs. While this was happening, KA9SBY was calling for assistance. N9WCC, Robert Carwile and his wife Eunice, KC9CVK, answered the call for assistance on the AI9H repeater in Mt. Carmel, IL. N9WCC immediately proceeded to drive the 15 miles to give assistance, while KC9CVK made the call to the Wabash County 911 Emergency Center and they relayed the information to the adjoining Lawrence County, IL ambulance service and law enforcement agencies. KA9SBY got WB9UDJ back to their truck and directed the ambulance to a more accessible location where WB9UDJ was transferred to the ambulance and taken 20 miles to the hospital. If it had not been for amateur radio and the great hams on the local repeater WB9UDJ would have bled to death. As it was he lost so much blood that the ambulance crew had an extremely hard time finding a vein. WB9UDJ was in the hospital for a day after many stitches and other repairs. I am told that Gary is slowly getting better, and I am thankful that this story has a happy ending. The SEC reports that this month there were 14 public service events with 1,132 manhours; emergency operations 15, with 220 manhours; total ARES operations this month 81, with a total manhours of 2,359. The Winnebago County ARES participated in two events in the last month. First was the Heritage Run, a 10K race held in downtown Rockford. Those helping with communications were: N9SH, N9OTC, N9MCS, KA9GNR, WB9MCZ, KC9DHX, WB9MMM, KB9SKW and KC9ATR. Then the next weekend was the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. Those helping with communications were: N9SH, KB9YRW, KA9GNR, WB9MCZ, N9MCS, N9JBA, KB9SKW. Upcoming hamfests that you might like to attend are: May 25 the Chicago ARC; May 31 the Sangamon Valley RC at the Illinois State Fairgrounds; June 1 the Starved Rock RC in Princeton; June 8 the Egyptian Radio Club in Effingham; June 8 the National Trail ARC at Percival Springs Airport; June 8 Six Meter Club of Chicago. Traffic count for April: TB9TVD-36, W9FIF-10, WD9F-41, PSHR 100, NC9T-14, WA9SLT-23, KA9IMX-41. ISN report for April, QNI-254, QTC-114 SESSIONS 30

Indiana

INDIANA SECTION NEWS FOR APRIL 2003 Condolances to the Family and Friends of these amateurs who became a silent Key during April: Norman W. Bedford Sr. N9GTF, April 4, Terre Haute; Charles Campbell W9UEM April 16, Indianapolis. They will be missed. As many of you know by now, Senate Bill 109, The Amateur Radio Antenna Regulation bill, was signed by Gov. Frank O'Bannon on April 30th. This legislation, incorporating the essence of PRB-1, will become part of the Indiana State Statutes on July 1, 2003. The letters, phone calls, and e-mails made to our State Senators and Representatives urging them to support SB 109 were of untold value. When Speaker of the House Bauer sent SB 109 to the House Rules and Procedures Committee, I imagined that SB 109 was at a dead-end. But the pressure on our legislators by your letters, e-mails, and phone calls turned the trick. There aren't enough words in my vocabulary to express my gratitude for your support for this bill. A simple "Thank You" seems inadequate. Section Emergency Coordinator Dave Pifer N9YNF wants to thank the many Emergency Coordinators that are diligently taking care of things. There were a number of SKYWARN activities during April, which is expected during springtime in Indiana. Several groups participated with various local March of Dimes walks as well. We had what is believed a new reporting record during April, with 22 of 59 appointees reporting their group's ARES activities. Good Work! Please see if we can get more to report at the end of May. Ideally, each appointee is to report their activities monthly. But if every EC, DEC, ORS, OES, etc, would at least, report their activities from time to time, it truly helps our SEC and STM keep a handle on the level of Amateur Radio activity throughout the Indiana Section. There are so many seemingly "little" Public Service activities that it is easy to overlook reporting them. These are just as important as the "big ones". Every time a Public Service Activity occurs, SKYWARN, a Walk-a-thon, Triathlon, or anything that we amateurs supply some form of communications for, a Public Service Activity Report Form (FSD-157) should be filled out, and sent to ARRL Hq. This form is available from your Section Manager, SEC, and on-line at: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/fsd-157-online-form.php> Also EC's: be sure to report the number of activities and person-hours(man-hours) on your monthly EC Report Form (FSD-212) as well. NET FREQ DAILY TIMES(UTC) QNI QTC QTR SESS ITN 3910KHz 1330/2130/1300 2960 187 1735 83 QIN 3656KHz 1430/0000 218 135 1099 59 ICN 3705KHz 2315 21 5 168 9 ARES 3910KHz 4TH SUN AT 1300 10 1 14 1 HOOSIER VHF NETS 16 REPORTING 1015 26 2013 80 HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS 30 6 ?? 60 April ORS Traffic Reports: K9PUI 237, WA9JWL 101, KO9D 86, K9GBR 82, N9KNJ 53, KB9TUI 30, AB9AA 13, W9EHY 8, W3GQJ 7, K9CUN 5, WB9NCE 5, KC9BZL 4, W9XD 1. 73, James Sellers K9ZBM Indiana Section Manager

Wisconsin

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2000 KC9IS (All times are Central) - - With regret, I pass along the sad news that Arnold Bachmann, K9DCJ, passed away. Arnold was an avid county hunter and managed the amateur department at Madison's Satterfield Electronics in the 60s. Glenn Miller, WA9VYE, 76, is a Silent Key. Bill Vosburg, W9VLL, 77, passed away on April 23. Bill was a member of the Ozaukee Radio Club. William, "Del," Jellings, WD9ESN, 73, and W9IIB, Darwin Alverson, 87, and W9SUF, George Halper, 79, are Silent Keys. - Pete Fawcett, WBØJUW, reports that ITT Technical Institute, Green Bay ran a Technician Class and that all 6 students passed! These six new hams are the Charter members of the ITT Technical Institute -Green Bay, Ham Radio Club. The Wisconsin Rapids Exam Team traveled to Green Bay just to perform the exams for this class. A special thanks to them for their time and effort in helping to make this first class an outstanding success! - - - - - Congratulations to Reno Goetsch, W9NA, for being selected the Wisconsin Valley Radio Association Ham of the Year! Reno has been an Amateur for 70 years! - The City of Phillips and the Price County Emergency Management sponsored a CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) course in Phillips. Dwight Simpson, AG9G, took the 20 hour course which centers on "first" responders providing light search and rescue, triage, and safety. Well done, Dwight! - - Marlin Gilman, WA0AUX, received a Certificate of Merit from Assistant Section Manager, W9RCW, for his long and faithful service to the Badger Weather Net. - Effective April 28th, the RMRA 146.22/.82 repeater at Wausau has been interfaced to the Emergency Alert System (EAS). It will now transmit all weather, disaster related warnings and new "Amber Alerts" system. - - From our Public Information Coordinator, Patrick Moretti, W9UQ, w9uq@arrl.net: "A QST article recently reminded us that Amateur activities span a whole year and are not limited to "just Field Day". There is a wealth of Amateur Radio Club activity out there that benefits or would interest the public at large in some way - if only we could let them know... There is a group within the ARRL organization that wants to help, and that needs your help. The PIO (Public Information Officer) program within the ARRL is made up of men and women, Radio Amateurs who want to gather Amateur Radio activity information and share it with the public through the Media. The questions to ask are: "Is your club represented?" "Does your club have a PIO?" "Do you want to be that representative?" It is a fun job that allows you to meet some interesting Media people. It is a rewarding job that highlights the activities and achievements of our Amateur Radio community. It is a job that requires some time spent behind a keyboard and on the phone and in person to wave the flag of Amateur Radio activity, achievement, and availability/willingness to help in our time of emergencies. So Mr. /Mrs. Club President, does your club have a "PIO?" "Can you find one?" - - Thanks, Patrick! More information on becoming a PIO can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/pio.html> - And, from our STM, Denny Rybicki, K9LGU, k9lgu@arrl.net : "FAQ #10: How can I introduce traffic into the NTS? Begin by preparing a message in NTS format. Look at the famous "pink card," operating aid FSD-218. List your traffic on any of the section nets. The net control station will find someone to get your message on its way. As a technician class licensee, your best route is to contact a local Ham who can take your traffic and pass it along to a section net. Ask on local nets, at your local club meetings, or look at the QNI Roster on the Wisconsin Section page of the ARRL web site. You can request the list via Email or hard copy from your STM. On all of our section nets, we try to disseminate as much traffic as possible. Traffic that is not passed should be sent to the next section net ---

BWN to BEN; BEN to WSBN; WSBN to WNN, WSSN, and both sessions of WIN; Late WIN to BWN. That way we try to make traffic available to all of our outlets. We're looking for a net manager for the WSBN. K9FHI deserves a long vacation for his many years of service. ARL SEVEN. -K9LGU/STM " - - 73, Don, W9IXG

Dakota Division

South Dakota

Aberdeen 15 Members visited KGIM. Rolly, N0AHL and others have been evaluating training tapes for the technician class license. Brown county tested their sirens on April 9th to ensure they were all working. Rolly N0AHL volunteered to act as chairman for Field Day again this year. Brian Anderson, Marvin Dreesen, Gary Dahlerup, and Randy Imberi volunteered to assist him. Weather spotter training was held April 16th at 2 PM. Open house at the Brown County Dispatch Center was April 17th. It is located in the basement of the Brown County Courthouse Annex. The group viewed the ARRL Library Video "All China Amateur Radio Direction Finding Competition". Pierre The ATV antenna was moved to the top of the tower. This seems to have eliminated a lot of the interference problems. On May 14 at 7 PM at the Multi-Purpose Room at the Public Safety Building the National Weather Service will conduct weather spotter training. All are invited to attend the meeting and become spotters. The location decided on for Field Day is out at north of the dam on 1804 where it was held 3 years ago. The main operating location for the Lewis and Clark special event station, weather permitting, will be Lily Park in Fort Pierre on the 18th and 19th. All members are encouraged to participate from that location or their home QTH. Northern Hills The Northern Hills Amateur Radio Club assisted in the area of Communications during a structure fire in the Lead area. The amateurs provided communications support using several communications modes. John, WB6GHA and Jerry, KG0GG have looked into an interference/noise issue on the Terry Peak repeater. They believe that the problem might in overload in the 94 link receiver, but further testing will help to determine the cause and course of action and they will stay on top of it. SEARC Space Days at the Washington Pavillion will be May 16 and 17th with setup on Thursday. If there are any folks planning to be in Sioux Falls over that weekend please stop in and visit or take a turn operating or talking to the people visiting the display. South Dakota Battleship Memorial will be held July 5th this year at the memorial site in Sioux Falls. VE Testing as well as ARECC will be held Jun 14th (Saturday at 10am) please contact WJ0S for further details. CLEAR LAKE Deuel County Amateur Radio Club Of Clear Lake, South Dakota Presents Hamfest 2003, Saturday, July 26th and Sunday, July 27th, 2003 For Field Day this year, one group will be operating out of the courthouse, and another will be operating south of Toronto. Hot Springs: Hot Springs ARC an ARRL Special Service Club has been approved to provide WAS and 5-Band WAS card checking in their area. Congratulations! Further information please contact Marlene, KC0KBW Black Hills: BHARC and the SDSM&T sponsored a test session with the results of 1 Tech, 2 Techs w/HF, and 1 upgrade to General. Congratualtions to all and thanks to the testing team Frank NU0F, Neal KA0SEZ, Dick KI0D, Dan W0NBX, Chuck N0UKO, and Jack K0STF.

Delta Division

Arkansas

Carl, KB5FJX, is doing a great job with the new web site and improvements and additions are made regularly. Be sure and make www.arkansashams.org a favorite! *The Little Rock hamfest was enjoyed by many. The combined clubs did a great job as usual putting on the hamfest. I enjoyed seeing many old friends and meeting new ones. Thanks to Delta Division Director K5UR and Vice-Director WD4Q, for attending. The ARRL Forum was attended by over 70 people. *The record-breaking tornado outbreak hit other states harder than Arkansas, but we had our share of warnings. Hundreds of Arkansas hams spent many hours spotting and participating in weather nets. Your efforts made a difference – some warnings that originated from hams helped save lives and prevent injuries. Please keep our PIC, WB5VUH, informed about your public service activities so he can get some much-needed publicity for ham radio. *Field Day plans are in full swing now, with plans being finalized at club meetings this month. Several groups are planning to operate in the new class from their local EOC. Be sure and work safety into your FD plans. It is not a bad idea to appoint a “safety” coordinator, whose main job is to check towers, guy wires, extension cords, generator refueling procedures, etc. *Local ARES groups and the CAREN club provided communications for the Little Rock Marathon on May 4. Over 2100 runners participated. Mark Barnhard, KD5AIV, shadowed the Race Director, and Jerry Dixon, N5WVI was the event coordinator. This was a big event and many other central Arkansas hams helped out. Jerry and his wife, Pat, N5ZSN, has done an excellent job of coordinating public service events for CAREN and ARES for years. Thanks for your commitment and hard work, Jerry and Pat! Among other clubs, the CAREN club and the ARKAN clubs recently had training sessions on how to handle formal message traffic. KC5YAF, Sebastian County EC, reports that dual band rigs will be installed in each hospital and Health Department facility in the region. Also, the new county Mobile Command and Communications Center will include amateur equipment. Congratulations to KG5KS and KD5PVY from Jackson County have completed the C.E.R.T "Community Emergency Response Team " class. OEM Coordinator Don Ivie KD5QGB is a Certified instructor. The CERT program is in the early stages in many Arkansas counties so contact your OEM Coordinator or county judge to see how to get involved. At the April DEC meeting at ADEM in Conway, SEC Terry Busby, W5ARS, announced that J.M. Rowe, N5XFW, has been appointed as Assistant SEC. J.M. will help coordinate some packet/digital projects as well as other responsibilities. *The ARKAN club has a new club callsign, AA5AR. The ARKAN club sponsors the Arkansas QSO Party and the 2003 event will be September 27-28. *The Leader newspaper printed in Jacksonville and distributed throughout Lonoke County recently had a front page article concerning a ham being named Citizen of the Year for 2002-2003. Alex Fletcher, KB5YUA, received this honor for his work in various positions and activities in Lonoke. Congratulations are in order for Alex. He is also the EC for Lonoke County and Secretary of the STARS Radio Club. *The Amateur Radio Club of the University of Arkansas participated in Fayetteville's annual SpringFest with an informational booth on the role of Amateur Radio. Along with

answering questions for the general public and making demonstrations with the ARCUA 2-meter repeater, the club is also coordinating with the distribution of information on severe weather awareness provided by the National Weather Service's Tulsa office. *The CAREN Club is helping Chris Campolo, KD5NUY, with a presentation of Ham Radio at the Governors School held annually at Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas. There will be a demonstration station, a licensing class, and a VE test session for the students. *April net reports: Arkansas Phone Net – Manager, W5SXV: QNI 396, traffic 19. Mockingbird Net – Manager, WB5YLI: QNI 521, Traffic 5. Razorback Net – Manager K5BOC: QNI 1668, Traffic 119. April Traffic: W5RIP 201, K5BOC 29, WB5HIL 22, WA5KQU 17, K7ZQR 17, KB5ILY 9, W5RXU 5, KA5MGL 4.

Louisiana

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – APRIL 2003 It was great to see a lot of hams at the special session on amateur radio at the 2003 National Hurricane Conference in New Orleans. In addition to the many hams, a significant number of emergency management officials from FL, TX, LA, and other states attended the session. Robert N5ULA was our section's main speaker and did a great job in describing the Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP) and its use by section hams during Hurricane Lili last fall. The Atlantic Hurricane Season officially starts June 1. Last year's storm season was very active for our section so maybe this year we will be lucky and have few or no hurricanes or tropical storms. The weather experts, however, are predicting another active storm season this year and we should be prepared to provide emergency communications when called upon. There are many things that amateurs interested in public service can do to be prepared before disaster strikes. Among the best ways to obtain valuable training are the following: (1) sign up with your parish's ARES group and participate in local drills; (2) operate Field Day with your local club or group; (3) participate in the annual Simulated Emergency Test; (4) complete Level's I, II, and III of the League's emergency communications courses; and (5) participate in one or more public service nets that provide training in net operations, emergency communications, handling formal traffic, and related topics. Please remember that the Louisiana ARES Net meets Sunday evenings at 7:30 on 3873 kHz. The primary purpose of this net is public service training. Although the net is particularly aimed at ARES members, anyone interested in public service is encouraged to check in as often as possible. For those of you who want to learn to handle formal written traffic, our section has two nets devoted to that subject: (1) the Louisiana Traffic Net (LTN) meets daily at 6:30 pm on 3910 kHz and (2) the Louisiana CW Net (LCW) meets daily at 6:45 pm on 3673 kHz. WX4NHC (formerly known as W4EHW), the amateur radio station at the National Hurricane Center in Miami, will be conducting its Hurricane Season 2003 On-The-Air Station Test from 1300Z to 2200Z on Sunday, June 1. A wide variety of modes and frequencies will be used during the test so everyone should have a good chance in working WX4NHC. More details are available at www.wx4nhc.org Traffic totals: K5IQZ 151, AE5V 147, W4DLZ 81, K5MC 73, NF5B 27, W5NK 20, K5DPG 15, W5PY 13, N5KWB 10. Public Service Honor Roll: AC5VN 163, K5MC 110, W5PY 103, K5IQZ 100, W4DLZ 95, K5DPG 95, N5KWB 95, KD5ITA 93, NF5B 92, K5ER 83, W5NK 65, KB5UHH 24. Section net reports: sessions/QNI/QTC. LTN: 28/341/63. LCW: 30/151/46. 73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Manager Email: k5mc@arrl.org LA Section Website:

Mississippi

Mississippi Section Report for April 2003 SM: Malcolm Keown, W5XX. Mississippi Section Web Page at arrrlmiss@org. Web Master K5IBM at BillScott@StoreReport.net. STM: KJ5YY. NM: W5KWB, KB5W, WY5S, N5YNY, KM5UH. Torrential rains fell across the I-20 corridor on April 6th. Some areas in Central Mississippi experienced 10 inches in 10 hours along with wind and hail damage. Significant flooding occurred in Canton, Jackson and Vicksburg. In addition to providing Skywarn information for the NWS during the storm event, hams assisted the Red Cross with food delivery and damage assessment. KD5JPB was put in charge of damage assessment. Terry paired off National Guard personnel with hams, who did double duty of conducting damage assessment as well as providing communications through the W5PPB Repeater at Pelahatchie. Those assisting in the storm event response effort in the Jackson Area were AB5WF, KD5HDZ, KD5KHI, KB5HAV, N5XXX, AC5SU, KD5FUY, KD5KXJ, KD5QQF, K5RWB, W5AUB, W5GEJ, and KD5JPB and in the Meridian Area N5VWS, N5JCG, K5DAD, KI5FW, and KD5GWM. If this wasn't enough weather action, tornadoes moved through most of Mississippi on April 24th touching down in Hinds, Madison, Lauderdale, and Pearl River Counties. Hams were the first to spot the F0 tornado moving east from Clinton towards Madison-Ridgeland and as a result a tornado warning was issued. Skywarn was active over a large area of the state and provided valuable information to the NWS. A complete write up on both storm events was prepared by AC5SU and is available under Press Releases on the section web site at www.arrrlmiss.org. The Southern Baptist Educational Center in Southhaven became the first ARRL Big Project School in Mississippi. Under sponsorship of the Olive Branch ARC W4FP, W4STI, and WD4Q prepared the successful application for the grant. The SBEC received a new ICOM 706 from the ARRL to start up the club station. On April 28 the W5YD Radio Shack at MSU was renamed the W. P. Gearhiser Ham Radio Room in recognition of W5EPW's many years of supporting ham radio at MSU including over 35 years as faculty sponsor. Congratulations Mr. Bill! W5XX, AB5WF, and AC5SU attended the National Hurricane Conference in New Orleans. Ben gave a keynote paper on cooperative efforts between the Mississippi ARES and Red Cross during Hurricanes Isidore and Lili. The Jackson ARC again supported the Ridgeland Natchez Trace Century Ride. This recreational bike ride began in Ridgeland and then accessed the trace for a 25 or 100 mile round trip. Ham radio operators provided officials of the city of Ridgeland with information on safety of the riders and information on supplies at the rest stops. Assisting in this effort were KD5HDZ, KD5QQF, W5GEJ, AB5WF, KI5MP, N5DU, KC5WYY, and KD5FUY. And if that was not enough public service support in one month JARC also assisted the March of Dimes Tri-County Walk America. JARC Members provided communications between the rest stops and information on the location of walkers. The purpose of this three mile walk was to raise funds to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects. Those participating were W5AUB, KC5AHG, KC5WYY, K5VU, KI5MP, and AB5ZE. Welcome to AD5DO as EC for Monroe County and K5DSG for Lafayette County. Welcome to new Mississippi hams: Kenny, KD5VNL - Corinth, Denzol, KD5VNL- Corinth, Christopher, KD5VPW - Horn Lake, Rayford, KD5VQX - Amory,

Larry, KD5VQY - Houston, Peter KD5VQZ, Biloxi, Susan, KD5VRA - Biloxi, Dennis, KD5VRB - Gulfport, Catherine, KD5VTX - French Camp, and Wade, KD5VTY - French Camp. Regret to report the passing of N5SPN in Jackson and W4XJ (formerly K5RFJ of Jackson). DEC/EC Reports: NN5AF, KD5CKP, K5DSG, AD5DO, KD5GWM, N5JGK, KB5JN, KD5JXL, N5NQ, AC5SU, AB5WF, KB5ZEA, N5ZNT. PIO Report: W5KWB. Net Reports: sessions/QNI/QTC: MSPN 30/3590/40; MTN 31/110/18; MSN 30/1422/9; PBRA 30/716/9; Jackson Co ARES/RACES 29/280/6; MSSN 20/41/1; MAEN 12/162/0; NW MS Skywarn 5/19/0; SW MS ARES 5/72/1; LARC-Jones Co ARES; 5/97/0; JARCEN 5/70/0; MAEN 4/51/0; MLEN 4/37/0; MBHN 4/42/1; Metro ARES 3/43/0 WCMS ARES 3/58/0; Central Miss SKYWARN 1/76/0; PSHR: AC5SU 125, W5XX 115, KJ5YY 76. Traffic: KJ5YY 16, W5LEW 9, W5KWB 8, W5XX 7; Compilation of traffic statistics provided by KJ5YY, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager.

Hudson Division

Northern New Jersey

SM Bill Hudzik-W2UDT, ASM-K2WJ, ASM-N2WZB, STM-WB2FTX, ACC-N3RB, SEC-K2SO, OOC-K2ZD, PIO-WB2CRD, TC-NR2H webpage:www.hudson.arrrl.org/nnj So far we have not been successful in getting the NJ Antenna Support Structure Bill A-3065 out of committee. If you have not done so please write to the Assemblymen's addresses listed in the Hudson Division web page announcement. There will probably be action once the State's Budget is set. Until then, we need to keep the letter writing up. Your effort will help when we start meeting with legislators again in June. The Ocean-Monmouth ARC held a special event station, N2MO, during International Marconi Day. They had a petition available for visitors to sign. The club also holds an "Open Night" each month at the InfoAge site in Wall. Check the OMARC web page for more info. In other club news; the New Providence ARC is sponsoring a Recreation girls softball team and has just received ARRL approval for their ARISS project. The Tri-County ARA has been holding kit building nights and getting members involved in QRP operation. Garden State ARA members W2OD and KC2Q received QCWA plaques at the April QCWA Marconi Chapter Dinner. W2OD for being licensed 50 years and KC2Q for Meritorious Service to QCWA. Congratulations, Bob and Mike. The 10-70 Repeater Association VE team gave a VE session at the Cedar Crest Village Retirement Complex. The result was three new hams ranging in age from 78 to 83. This just goes to prove learning is a lifetime experience. Their teacher is W2ZF who is a young 88 years old! In Section ARES news; KY2MMM has been appointed the new DEC for Union County and AA2ZJ is the DEC for Middlesex County. Both are very active Tri-County ARA members. W2UH and his very active Chatham RACES group continues to attract new hams and experiment with APRS and DF techniques. Many in the group are also ARES members. Don't forget Field Day is coming up. Web master N2WZB will gladly post your group's or club's announcement. Long time Raritan Valley RC member Mike Koroly, WA2HMU became a Silent Key recently. Mike, known as the "Mayor of Manville" will be missed by his many ham radio friends. 73, Bill Hudzik W2UDT SECTION TRAFFIC APRIL

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Midwest Division

Kansas

Kansas Section News Summary-April 2003 SM, Ron Cowan,
KB0DTI—ASM/ACC/OCC:Robert Summers,K0BXF ASM:Orlan Cook,W0OYH SEC:Joseph
Plankinton,WD0DMV PIC:Scott Slocum,KC0DYA SGL:Steve Hamilton,KB0JYL There was
plenty of storm activity the first week of May that I will go into next time. Silent Keys:
WA0BUR/SK, Paul E. Geiger; K0BYC/SK Howard Findlay W0BC/SK Wade H. Williams Jr.
Scott, NØQE, Dave, N5DBZ and Mike, KØFJ put on an APRS demo for the Goodland City
Manager, and the Goodland Public Works Director. After the demo, the Club received
permission to place an APRS DIGI on the new water tower in Goodland. Which just goes to
show, there is no substitute for a good demonstration. Scott NØQE won an NOAA Award for
organizing Skywarn Recognition Day. Scott gets to travel to DC to receive his award. Johnson
County RAC FEEDBACK has a new publisher. Dick-WB0IZY will now edit and produce the
clubs monthly newsletter. Bill -WB0CEF published FEEDBACK for 16 years. Congratulations
to both. Myron- KC0MLS and Nate-N0NB have the Home City 444.350 repeater back on the
air. Leavenworth Co (C4) was active with storm spotting the end of April. Hotel 4 on the South
border was also busy keeping severe WX out of Kansas. An emergency communications
symposium was held at the Shriner's hamfest in KCMO. I was very happy to see Kansas was
well represented. Field Day is almost here ! Is your group participating ? Kansas State
Convention AUGUST 17 Th in Salina. Contact Ron WA0PSF or <http://www.qsl.net/ckarc/> for
details and information on your state convention. March Nets/Sessions/QNI/QTC/Mgr:
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on your newsletter list, e-mail is fine too. 73- Ron To receive Kansas Amateur Radio News E-
mail News Letter contact Orlan-W0OYH See KSN on ARRL Website for detailed PSHR and

more Kansas news: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/KS.html>

Missouri

MAY SECTION NEWS FOR MORE COMPLETE SECTION NEWS, CHECK OUT THE ARRL SECTION WEB NEWS CONVENTIONS AND HAMFESTS The next Hamfest is the North Central MO Hamfest at Macon, MO on June 7, 2003 in the Macon Area Vo-Tech School. Lots of great Free (with a hamfest ticket) outdoor flea market space. The NCMO ARC will conduct ARRL Volunteer Exams. Again this year the Food Stand will have its famous Juicy Burgers The Midwest Division Convention in Lebanon Missouri lived up to its expectations. Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, FCC Enforcement Director, gave an inspiring talk to nearly 150 Amateurs at the pre-convention banquet. Following the Banquet at around 11:00 pm the famous Wouff Hong ceremony was conducted and those attended initiated into the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong. Riley Hollingsworth, Jim Haynie, K5JBP, ARRL President and Wade Walstrom, WØEJ, Midwest Division Director lead a panel discussion on FCC and ARRL efforts. There was a forum for almost everyone's interest. Bill Wheeler, KØDEW, Mike Edwards, WB9M, and the rest of the Lebanon ARC gang did an outstanding job. AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS KEITH HAYE, WEØG, ACC Dave Taylor, NØMV, reports that Tom Hammond, NØSS, is doing very well in recovering from his recent surgery. The Heart of America Radio Club are looking for volunteers to help with the K.C. Corporate Challenge Triathlon/Duathlon on Sunday June 15, 2003. They also need amateurs with to help with the Heritage Park Duathlon/Triathlon Sunday May 18. If you are in the Kansas City Area and want to help out, contact Dennis Crawford, NØUYN, at 816-734-2374. At the next Suburban Radio Club meeting Mike Musick, NØQBF will give a program on Understanding of how doppler direction finding works. The Mississippi Valley DX and Contest Club members have been active, but the big news was Joe, KØBX's latest QSL card. Joe was pleased to report that he had received a QSL from EA9EI. We hope he had not been going to the mail box everyday looking for the card... since it was for a QSO in 1982. Charles Hansen, NØTT, member of the Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society has another certificate to hang in his Shack after finishing first in the Single Operator-Assisted Class of the 2002 CQ WPX contest with a score of 570,259 points. Congratulation to Charles on a great effort. SECTION ARES REPORT DON MOORE, KMØR SEC During April Charles Rader, KC5DGC, of West Plains, MO was appointed Howell County Emergency Coordinator. May started off with a series of disasterous tornado events all over the State of Missouri. Pierce City, Stockton, Camdenton, Springfield, Kansas City, LaBelle, Canton, and perhaps a dozen other communities large and small have taken a beating from mother nature. There were large numbers of Amateurs assisting in storm spotting, handling health and welfare traffic, and damage assessment. There will be a more complete report at a later date. If you have information that would be useful to Don Moore, KMØR send it to kmØr@arrl.org. Reports from 8 of 9 districts including one district with no DEC appointed. Appointed new DEC for District G during April. The new DEC is Dave Hannigan, KNØD, and I am certainly glad to have him aboard. FYI, updates on the storms of the last week or so (all in the month of May) in Missouri are available at www.ares-mo.org/may0403storms.asp. SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS DALE HUFFINGTON, AEØS,STM Full report found on ARRL Website MO Section News

New England Division

Connecticut

Section Leadership. SM: K1EIC; assistants: KZ1Z, NK1J, K1STM, KY1F, W1FAI; bulletin manager KD1YV; official observer coordinator W1GC; public information coordinator W1FXQ; Section emergency coordinator W1AGP; Section traffic manager K1HEJ; State government liaison W1UTQ; technical coordinator N1KHB. *****

Congratulations to Jonathan Taylor, K1RFD of Ridgefield on winning the Dayton HamVention 2003 Special Achievement Award. Jon developed Echolink and the repeater control program called Echostation. Have you tried echolink? It's fun! It allows operators to communicate with each other from their PC's. Go to a repeater that supports echolink and have fun contacting ops all over the world! Jon is a member of GNARC, R-Comm and the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association. Jon gave a talk at CARA's April meeting about echolink and echostation! This is a very prestigious award--hearty congratulations! If you operated the New England QSO Party and contacted W1AW, you spoke with members of CARA who once again took part from Newington. This club enjoyed a video from the Antique Wireless Association Museum in Bloomfield New York which discussed the development of the Morse key. At the museum you can see a 1925 radio store, a Titanic era marine wireless station, an operating spark station and many other interesting items. If any of you visits this museum during the summer, write and report about it for this column! The Connecticut Section and The Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club together are sponsoring an Advanced Skywarn Class to be held at Housatonic Community College, 900 Lafayette Blvd., Bridgeport, CT. on May 27 from 7:00-9:30 p.m. The National Weather Service requires that those who attend must have taken the basic course or updated their Skywarn training within the last three years. Topics from the introductory course will be included but in much more depth. If you are interested in attending, contact Phil WX1CT by sending an email to advancereg@FairfieldCountySkywarn.com. Several ARES members took part and enjoyed the Weapons of Mass Destruction Course held at The Greater New Haven Chapter of the American Red Cross. Many thanks to Donnie, N1HAX and others who helped to organize and recruit registrants for this course. The Berkshire amateur Radio Club plans to set up a station on May 20 at the Boy Scout camping weekend at the Sharon playing fields in Sharon Valley. Believe it or not, last year, about 150 scouts participated on a snowy Saturday in May and although the Amateur radio operation was very much appreciated, the event was subsequently cancelled because of the inclement weather. Good luck to you all this time around!

Eastern Massachusetts

Rob Macedo, KD1CY was awarded one of 36 nationwide NOAA "Environmental Hero" Awards for Earth Day, on May 6, 2003. Macedo, who serves as an Eastern Mass. DEC for Skywarn and NWS Skywarn Coordinator for Southern New England, was presented the award by Boston Warning Coordination Meteorologist Glenn Field and Meteorologist-In-Charge

Robert Thompson. Also in attendance was Mark M. Mahoney, New Bedford's Emergency Management Director. The presentation was made during the annual Hurricane Workshop at New Bedford High School. The event received coverage on the League's "In Brief" web page at . –Sturdy Memorial Hospital ARC "Chirp & Click e-NEWS." The Southeastern Mass ARA continues to make steady progress on the erection of a new tower at its club house. SEMARA Club treasurer Scott Szala, W1EV reports that the first 20-foot section of tower was recently mounted on the base; the section was leveled and torqued. Szala added that ground rods and a grounding loop must be added, and hard line cables need to be measured and cut. Additionally, a telephone pole will be placed between the tower and club house to help support the cables. Plans call for the remainder of the tower to be raised by crane within the next two weeks. The Police Amateur Radio Team of Westford plans to conduct code classes at the Westford Police Station in their main conference room at 53 Main Street. (The room is where the monthly meetings are held.) The classes will be held from the end of May through July. Contact AB1CW, or KA8SCP for further information. The Council of Eastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Clubs (CEMARC) met this past April 19 in Gloucester. The meeting was hosted jointly by the North Shore Radio Association and the Cape Ann Amateur Radio Association at the CAARA club house. A dozen or so clubs were represented in the informative discussions, after which a superb lunch was enjoyed by participants. All Eastern Massachusetts clubs are urged to send a representative to the next meeting, to be held at the Southeastern Mass. ARA in North Dartmouth on Saturday, June 21. The meeting will also feature a barbeque for members of the Eastern Mass. Youth Net and their families. For further information, contact Frank Murphy, E. Mass. Affiliated Club Coordinator at . Fall River area hams and RACES members will host a display at Public Safety Day on Saturday, May 31st. A display table at the Heritage State Park will feature literature and information about State RACES, ARES and the Fall River Emergency Management Agency. The prior plans for a mock-up school bus accident were shelved due to personnel problems. Additionally, 2-meter and APRS stations are planned along with an emergency management agency truck. The group invites on-air contacts and assistance from all who are interested and available to help. Thanks, KB1FGI. Over a hundred radio amateurs from E. Mass and New England took part in communications for the world-famous BAA "Boston Marathon" on April 21. Hams were stationed at the start of the race in Hopkinton, at the finish in downtown Boston and also along the entire course route. In addition, a number of hams also operated from the Unified Command Center at the State Emergency Operations Center in Framingham. Still others were standing by, ready to activate emergency ARES and RACES nets in the event that any related natural disaster or terrorist event occurred. The race ran very smoothly and without incident, due in part to the many volunteer Amateur Radio Operators that gave of their time and skills. Thanks, . Please check for the latest Eastern Mass. ARRL news and information. de K9HI

Rhode Island

Greetings RI Amateurs. Field Day takes place during the last full weekend of June, only a few weeks from now. Are you ready? In fact, the annual Field Day exercise started by F E Handy back in 1933 still has the same purpose today, to field test emergency equipment, operators and

procedures in the field, under extraordinary conditions relative to lack of commercial electrical power, creature comforts and operating techniques. It's also an awful lot of fun! A recent ARRL release stated that "In Handy's view, Field Day would focus attention "on the subject of 'preparedness' for communications emergencies." That says it nicely and neatly. The Pawtuxet Valley ARC came through and delivered leadership to Camporee 2003. This report was prepared by Geof Milner, W1ZAP: The 2003 BSA District Camporee was held at Washington County Fairgrounds from Friday May 2 through Sunday May 4. Approximately 1,300 Scouts signed up to attend and Cub Scouts arrived for daytime events on Saturday. Rain had been forecast for Friday evening and all of Saturday, but it did not arrive. On Saturday around noon the sun broke through the cloud cover and warmed the Scouts for the rest of the events-filled day. Pawtuxet Valley Amateur Radio Club (PVARC) members set up two antennas on Friday afternoon, an RX7 mast for 10-80 meters, and a G5RV dipole center-fed with ladder line. The set-up team included Ken Carr KB1AWV, Bruce Herrick N1SMK, Jim Edgerton W1XG, and Matt Hackman KB1FUP. The station went operational on Saturday morning with the call sign WA1USA. Ken worked 7.240 MHz and made contacts throughout the day with hams in Pennsylvania, and Scouts who came by the station had the opportunity to speak with them using Ken's equipment. Technician licensee Kevin Sturtevant KB1HCO of Troop 6 Cranston also dropped by the station a couple times. He was one of the "wounded" disaster victims during the afternoon's practice drills with RI DMAT. We are glad to report that Kevin was successfully "treated" and released back to Troop 6 Cranston after the drill was concluded. Matt set up an APRS station after a couple early morning glitches, and Mike Therrien N1VVR arrived later on Saturday to set up another APRS station along with his own design free-standing J-pole copper tubing collapsible antenna - really slick and he said it gave about 3 db gain. Also arriving later in the morning to join the fun and work with Mike was Eddie Cayer Jr. WX1USA. Matt was in high demand, what with sending Radiograms, getting the APRS gear running, and explaining how APRS works to various interested Camporee participants, all the while running HF as well. Ken gave many Scouts (and some Dads, too) their first taste of long distance radio communication. The contacted hams in Pennsylvania were very patient and friendly, so the Scouts got a good taste of ham radio camaraderie. Many thanks to the participating members of PVARC who made the live radio operation a reality for the Scouts. Look lower on the ARRL RI Section website for pictures. Nice work guys. Let's be sure to follow up where ever possible with the Scouts who showed interest in ham radio. New licensees in that age bracket are in very short supply. The URI Civil Engineering Dept, under Bill Kovacs, WD9AJR's leadership sponsored a VE session, the first but surely not the last. Good work Bill and many thanks. Yours truly will be teaming with ARRL Sales & Marketing Mgr, K7BV to chair a Forum on Amateur Radio Clubs, their current problems, opportunities and most importantly, their value. The Forum will be Part of the 2003 National ARRL Convention program on June 20-22 in Dallas, TX. Please write or call me if you have ideas or suggestions ASAP. I hope to see you at Field Day. As in the past, I will attempt to personally visit each Affiliated Club FD site. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB IN THIS ANNUAL EVENT. 73, Bob, W1YRC SM

Vermont

As some of you may know, I am always looking for help in the Vermont Section for various ARRL appointments. I wrote a series of articles two years ago explaining what most of the appointments were all about. I found a nice summary of all the positions again in the March QST on page 50 that I encourage all of you to read. It's titled "The ARRL Field Organization: Something For Everyone". Here you will find a brief, easy to read description of the various ARRL field appointments. If you see something that spikes your interest, please let me know, as I am still in the process of rebuilding my Section Cabinet. Recently some Vermonters were featured in the May issue of QST. On page 13, you will find a short article that I wrote about the Kid's Table at the Northern Vermont Winter Hamfest this past February in Milton. Jeff Spencer W1RL set up the table along with his sons Alex N1ALX and Collin KB1GBF. The table is a great asset to the Hamfest, and tries to attract young people to the hobby. Here's what some of our club's have been up to lately. RANV has been supporting public service events already. They've had their first fox hunt of the year, and the 145.150 Bolton Repeater now has Echolink in addition to the IRLP. GMWS had a spring clean up at their 147.045 MHz repeater site. Work included trimming brush, replacing coax and an antenna, installing a packet node, and removing a large number of mouse nests. CVARC has a new club president Ed Hutchinson N1FMP. They have also started supporting public service events with the Corporate Cup Foot Race in Montpelier. BARC has been doing maintenance work on their repeater. SOVARC will be supporting the Tour de Cure in June. Unfortunately, the club president Randy Horn N1SP had to step down recently. Art Haytko K2IIR the club's vice president has stepped in to fill Randy's shoes. STARC has recently supported the Fund For Jim Race. And of course everybody is getting ready for Field Day. Speaking of which, please send me your Field Day plans and directions. I will try to visit as many sites as I can, and I will post the information on the ARRL Vermont Web Site. APRIL TRAFFIC REPORT As submitted by Bert Morton W1DFU ARRL STM NAME/SESSIONS/QNI/QTC/MINUTES/MGR VT YL NET 4/43/0/121 KA1LDS VPEN 4/19/0//180 KC1YW GMN 26/689/19/1810 N1HXC VTNH 30/151/76/384 WA1JVV CVTN 25/132/8/215 AA1PR If you have Ham Radio friends without web access and who are ARRL members, please tell them how they can receive this Section News Summary by US Mail. Currently, there are no Vermonters using this option, even though there are many ARRL Hams without e-mail at home. Please have them write to this address, and request the Section Summary. ARRL HQ 225 Main Street Newington, CT 06111 Attention: Steve Ewald WV1X

Western Massachusetts

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS: SM: William C. Voedisch, W1UD, w1ud@juno.com - ASM (digital)KD1SM, STM: NZ1D, SEC: K1VSG, OOC: N1FL- If you haven't looked at the header, K1MAP has resigned as ASM. Between his business and other commitments, Mark does not have time for any other duties. I want to thank Mark for the time he spent representing me in the central part of our section. I'm hoping that someone will step forward and volunteer to take Mark's place. Our SEC, Dennis Zonia, found out that our section is not as small as he thought. He was the guest speaker at the NOBARC meeting last month. Dennis found that it was a 200 mile ride before he returned home. There is a need for an ASM in the western part of the section.

I mentioned last month that there will be a Field Day operation at the Leominster EOC. The MARA may be operating there instead of Mt. Wachusett. Charles, N1WAS, informed me that the Worcester EOC will be operating FD. CMARA may be joining them for the event. It seems that the 'F' category will be well used. Now is the time to line up some PR for ham radio. It shouldn't be difficult to get news coverage from TV, radio stations and city officials. Most politicians enjoy news coverage. Especially if it is connected to an emergency exercise at their district's EOC. I've had some feedback regarding QRP operation during FD. Remember, FD is a demonstration to the public that ham radio is available and will be active during an emergency. Find out where a FD site will be in your area. Make plans to visit this site and encourage the participants. It is a great place to renew old acquaintances. I have been experimenting with QRP operation during adverse band conditions and found out that it is not dependable. All the latest generation transceivers can be reduced to QRP level. They can operate at their 100 or 200 watt level at the turn of a knob. I operated 24 hours on FD three years ago with a 706 at the 100 watt level and one large deep discharge battery. Ran the same setup for a week after FD on the traffic nets before the battery had to be recharged. Remember, FD is a test of our ability to set up a station in the field to receive and send emergency traffic. It is not a contest. With that thought in mind, experiment and find out what your equipment will do in the field. A working group has been established with representatives of CT, RI, WMA and EMA for an emergency test in the fall. I'll keep you posted when the event will take place. TRAFFIC: WB1CHU 598*(BPL), N1WAS 197, K1MTA 191, W1ZPB 121, N1RLX 7, KD1SM 7 W1UD 431.

Northwestern Division

Alaska

HAMFEST. MAY 17 in Wassilla at the Alcantra Armory. There will be some equipment from some outside vendors as well as many bargains. Sea Pac the Pacific Northwest ARRL convention is June 13, 14, 15, in Seaside Oregon. ARRL Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN, will be there. September 13, 2003 in Fairbanks Arctic Amateur Radio Club is having their Hamfest with a guest speaker of Ed Hare W1RFI (Mr Technical advisor for ARRL.) Then on Sunday September 14 Anchorage Amateur Radio Club will be having their Hamfest where Ed Hare W1RFI will also attend. Be sure and have an eye ball with your favorite hams at the Hamfest. 2000 Sunday KL7KC repeater, Anchorage ARES net 147.30 Thursday 2000, Snipers Net 3920 at 1800, Bush Net 7093 at 2000, Motley Group 3933 at 2100, and Alaska Pacific Net M-F 14.292 at 0830 PSHR (Public Service Honor Roll) gives 10 points for up to three ARRL section positions and one point for each message (traffic) that is handled. Example S (sent), A (originated or delivered), and R (received), and 5 points per hour of public service. <http://www.arrrl.org/FandED/field/psmr/> PSHR KL5T March 1/40 2/40 3/20 6/10 Total 110 SAR KL5T March Orig/29 Rec/42 Sent/57 Del/12 total 140 SAR AL7N March Orig/19 Rec/56 Sent/63 Del/12 total 150 PSHR AL7N March 1/33 2/40 3/20 total 93 SAR AD4BL March Sent 26 rec 33 total 59 PSHR AD4BL March 1/4 2/40 3/30 4/120 Total 194

Montana

We're in need of several volunteers for Section appointee positions. Pls contact K7YD or N7VMR for suggestions on different jobs available. The Idaho Falls Hamfest was attended by several MT amateurs. A great show and effort on the part of the Idaho Falls Clubs. Lots of swap tables and good food. We'll be looking forward to next year's gathering. Perhaps better weather? Thanks to efforts by Terry Whiteside, W7WWW the Spectrum Protection Act is now on its way to committee for consideration in preparation for this year's congressional session. Terry has worked diligently with our elected reps to bring this all-important legislation to the top of the heap. A great accomplishment! Don't forget Glacier Hamfest, the third weekend of July. As always, the social event of the year here in the Northern Rockies. Bring your friends and family, enjoy fantastic views of Glacier Park and our friendly bunch always gathered at Three Forks Campground. The Father's Day Picnic is being held this year in Miles City. Always a great get-together. Mark your calendars. 73 Doug, K7YD

Western Washington

WWA April 2003 Section News Summary Western Washington Ham Wins Inaugural Goldfarb Memorial Scholarship Ben Schupack, NW7DX, of Sammamish, WA, is the first-ever winner of the award. Further details at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/05/07/2/?nc=1>. District 1 DEC John Rollman, KJ7SI Email: kj7si@fidalgo.net Island Co. EC Tom Graff, AD7R Email: tom226@juno.com The Wings of Gold Marathon had approx 750 runners/walkers participate in this 26 mile race. About 35 hams lined the route manning water stations, safety / first aid stations 18 water stations and check points. We used two meter simplex and the local island repeater. The Holland Happenings parade was 26 April, again ARES was there. We had lots of great help from off island hams from Skagit, King and Snohomish counties to mention a few. We all had fun. District 2 DEC Owen Mulkey N0WO Email: owen@olympus.net In preparation for ARES District boundary changes that will be implemented this Aug., Owen, N0WO; Lester, AB7Y; Peter, KB7TGF and Gary, KD7MWL gave presentations to the Clallam Amateur Radio Club meeting outlining the ARES structure in their areas. A District net is planned on Tuesday evenings when a mutually inclusive repeater is found. District 4 DEC Ken Dahl, K7TAG Email: k7tag@arrl.net Grays Harbor Co. EC Doyle Wenzel, N7UJK Email: wenzel@olynet.com The Grays Harbor Auxiliary Emergency Communications now has the callsign W7EOC District 5 DEC Randy Greeley, NU7D Email: nu7d@pacifier.com Cowlitz Co. EC Randy Greeley, NU7D On a sad note, June Farmer KA7TIF is now a SK. June was always there to assist with the club's social activities, Field Day and many other club functions. LCARA will miss June very much and our sorrow's to Stu K7WF. Clark Co., EC Bob Goodale, K7YFJ Email: rwgoodale@attbi.com Zeph, N7WAP, and John, KB7FND, presented a PowerPoint presentation on our digital (packet) river monitoring program. They discussed the reason for the project and how the end result turned out Paul, WA7PS, followed with a digital presentation of the new packet program called FNpack 1.0. Over 15 ARES/RACES members assisted with communications at the Vancouver Discovery Walk April 25 thru April 27th. We also provided

communications for Walk America on Sunday, April 27th. The next ARES/RACES meeting is Monday, May 19, 7:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Vancouver. We will miss the opportunity of meeting at CRESA as they will now set the room up as a permanent EOC. SEC Comments Jim Pace K7CEX Email: k7cex@arrl.net Some of the Communications Academy presentations are available as downloads at

<http://12.228.18.172/commacademy/2003/handouts.php> . STM Report Pati Urie W7ZIW Email: w7ziw@arrl.net QNIs: Noontime Net 10221, Northwest SSB Net 691 Washington Amateur Radio Traffic System 3678, West Coast Net 256, Washington Section Net 924. Individual traffic totals: W7ARC 127, N7AJ 135, K7BDU 633 W7DPW 20, W7LG 57, W7QM 236, KJ7SI 235, W7TVA 384, N7YSS 164, W7ZIW 70. Official Observer Report John Burke W7BO Email: w7bo@adelphia.net HOURS MONITORED: W7BO 87, N7QHC 15, KG7U 7, KK7JA 3, W7XC 62, W7P0E 12 Up to date news can be found on the WWA Section News web page at <http://www.arrl.org/sect/wwa>.

Pacific Division

Nevada

Greetings to everyone in the Nevada Section! I am pleased to announce the appointment of Gary Hartman KK7LV of Las Vegas, Nevada, as Assistant Section Manager (ASM) for the Nevada Section. Shortly after his appointment as ASM, Gary attended the monthly meeting of the Nellis (AFB) Radio Amateur Club (NRAC) where he was welcomed by President John Bigley N7UR . Congratulations to Steven Goldman N7JAZ for his recent appointment as an Official Observer within the Amateur Auxiliary. Steven will be working with Official Observer Coordinator (OOC) Tim Hunt WA6TNW . Bill Cornelius K8XC did a great job of organizing the amateur radio activities at the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) convention in Las Vegas, April 5-10. Along with ARRL President Jim Haynie W5JBP , visitors had a chance to chat with ARRL Vice-President Fried Heyn WA6WZO , Pacific Division Director Bob Vallio W6RGG , Pacific Division Vice-Director Andy Oppel N6AJO , Southeastern Division Vice-Director Sandy Donahue W4RU and yours truly. On the Tuesday during the NAB convention, we all had the pleasure of attending the regularly scheduled meeting of the Las Vegas Amateur Radio Club (LVRAC) which had some very special moments. In addition to comments by all of the ARRL officials, three very special things took place that night: o Harold Leary K7ZOK was awarded a special Certificate of Recognition by ARRL President Jim Haynie for his fifty years of continuous ARRL membership, o LVRAC President Charlie Koontz AA5QJ presented ARRL President Haynie with a check for one thousand dollars for the ARRL Education and Technology Project ("The Big Project"), o Bob Heil K9EID gave one of his ever-lively presentations on the history and science of audio in commercial and amateur radio. On the Friday after the convention we drove to Pahrump to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Pahrump Amateur Radio Repeater Association (PARRA) where we enjoyed the hospitality of President Foster Paulis W4HCK and the other club members. Finally, on our way home on Saturday, we attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Rural Amateur Radio Association (RARA)

in Pahrump, hosted by President John Hughes WB6QGH where several new members were introduced. The Carson Valley Radio Club (CVRC) just finished their General License upgrade class and, in cooperation with the Douglas County Amateur Radio Team (DCART), began their first ARECC Emergency Communications Level I classroom course. They expect their first graduates by mid-June. Paul Cavnar NN7B is Event Coordinator for EMCOMMWEST 2003, a full-day emergency communications symposium in Reno, Nevada. For full information and on-line pre-registration, check out their web site at <http://www.cvrc.net/emcommwest/>. By this time next month Field Day will be almost upon us. Please support your local club and join in the fun! 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 W6OLD Newsletters: LVRAC, NRAC, SNARS, SIERA Traffic Totals: W7TC 126, N7CPP 73, N7TOD 44, W7VPK 31, NV7YL 4, K7NHP 3 Public Service Honor Role: N7TOD 240, W7TC 99

Sacramento Valley

APRIL: This year was above average rainfall, and hope this will decrease the chance of grass and forest fires throughout the section. Regardless, keep prepared to help out with communications during emergencies. The ECs are always looking for more ARES members. Contact K6SOJ at k6soj@arrl.net for more information. SILENT KEYS: The following SKs were reported to me in April; Russ Ahlberg, K6KJ; Ken Weger, WA6EMU; Dave Peden, KA6KUT; Michael Moore, K6SQJ. They will all be missed. The family of K6SQJ would like to keep the his call, so his wife and children are studying to get their licenses. Andy, N6AIM and the Radio Elk Grove club are teaching a technician class for them. QWCA and OLD TIMERS ARS: These two clubs meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Carrow's Restaurant, 4601 Watt Ave, North Highlands. Order breakfast at 7am, meeting/program starts at 8am. Contact Gary Stilwell, KI6T - ki6t@arrl.net - for more information. EL DORADO ARC: On Tuesday May 27 at 7:15pm the club will have a presentation by Dr. Leslie Deutsch of the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena. He is the Chief Engineer, Interplanetary Networks Directorate of JPL. He will speak on Expanding the Internet into the Universe - NASA's mission in deep space - he will also discuss NASA's Deep Space Network, antennas, high frequency (32 GHz) radio, optical communications, planetary relay satellites and GPS at MARS. EDARC invites everyone to attend this meeting at the Federated Church of Placerville, 1031 Thompson Way, Placerville. More info from Frank, W6DHN, w6dhn@innercite.com, Tel: 530-333-4431 or Bob, K6YBV, k6ybv@ringwald.com, 530-642-9551. CALIFORNIA ANTENNA BILL: The PRB1 type antenna bill has passed the State Assembly and now awaits committee hearings in the State Senate. There will soon be a presentation, by hams, before the committee. NORTH HILLS RC: The NHRC's "What is Amateur Radio?" night was a big success, with a large crowd to view the many demonstrations of amateur radio's different modes and systems. Most were held in the parking lot to provide antenna and equipment space. The Sacramento Sheriffs communication van was open for viewing and we had an ARRL information table in the meeting room. On Sunday May 18, their annual Swap/Hamfest will be held at Bella Vista High School, in Fair Oaks, on Madison Ave, between Fair Oaks Blvd and Kenneth Ave. SHASTA CASCADE ARA:

The clubs ARES group will have a display at the Shasta Mall, in Redding, on Saturday May 31 - 10am to 6pm. This will be during the Shasta County Animal Disaster Preparedness Day. They also had a display on April 26, during the Shasta County Fire Prevention Day. SIERRA FOOTHILLS ARC: Casey, W7IB, made a presentation on FISTS membership and procedures, demonstrated 3 different speeds of CW and gave a report on the Placer County ARES. NEVADA COUNTY ARC: John Zwerver, from the Red Cross. discussed the function and goals of the RC and how amateur radio operators can help. The ARES group Participated in the annual RC preparedness exercise. The group logged 33 man hours and provided over \$6000 worth of equipment. SISKIYOU COUNTY ARA: This club meets on the first Saturday of the month - except June, July, Aug - for breakfast, at 10am. Even month are at Silvas in Weed and odd months at Bob's Ranch House, in Etna. TAHOE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION: TARA meets the 2nd Saturday of the month , at the library in Zephyr Cove, NV - except June, July, August - at Noon. New officers: President, Paul, WA6EWV: VP, Bob, NR7A: Treasurer, Mauro, WA6SIM: Secretary, Zetta, AC6CO. MEETINGS: In April I attended the following meetings on behalf of the ARRL: Sierra Foothills ARC, North Hills ARC, Mt Shasta ARC and El Dorado County ARC. In May I will attend the International DX Convention in Visalia: ARC of Anderson: Special Pacific Division Convention - EMCOMMWEST in Reno. FIELD DAY: FD is approaching fast. I will visit as many FD sites as I can on Saturday. 73, Jettie, W6RFF

San Joaquin Valley

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of April 2003: SM Charles McConnell, W6DPD- ASM K6YK, ACC W6DPD, SEC K6IN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC W7WN, TC W6TE. The following became silent keys in April K6HAU, KE6OD, KD6DN, and WA6IDO. They will be missed. EMCOMM West is Saturday May 31 in Reno NV. Check www.cvrc.net/emcommwest for information. Pacificon 2003 will be October 17 –19, 2003 at the San Ramon Marriott in San Ramon CA. This is a new location for this convention. Check www.pacificon.org for information. The ARRL has 3 levels of emergency communications training available for Amateurs. Registration for the level 1 course is the first Monday of the month at 12:01 AM EDT, for the level 2 course is on the second Monday at the same time, and for the level 3 course is the third Monday. Each course takes approximately 20 hours to complete. They are done on line. The fee is \$45 for each course for ARRL members and \$75 for non-members. All Amateurs involved in emergency communications programs should complete these coursed, even the traffic handlers too. When ARRL members successfully complete the course, the fee is reimbursed from grant money the ARRL has received. Field Day is June 28-29, 2003. Planning should be well underway for this event. Check out the bonus points. Originate a message to the SM for 100 bonus points. KQ6VH is the new EC for Fresno County and has completed the ARECC level 1 course. W6DPD completed the ARECC Level 2 course. N6ZFN completed the ARECC level 1 and level 2 courses. W6MWY and W6NDR qualified for WAZ. W6WI and W6DPD made the CQ DX Honor Roll. AD6W, WA6YEE, and K6DT have qualified for the DXCC Challenge. K6SSN qualified for DXCC. W6RPM won an ICOM IC V 8000 radio at HRO in Oakland. The 2003 Fresno Hamfest was well attended. W6GBD won the ICOM IC 706 MKIIG. The Tuolumne ARS net meets Saturdays at 8:15 AM pacific time on 3.925 MHZ.

For information on the club, contact W6FBU. Traffic for April: K6RAU 47. PSHR for March: K6RAU 47.

Roanoke Division

North Carolina

NORTH CAROLINA: SM, John Covington, W4CC - SEC: WA4MOK. STM: K4HA. TC: K4ITL. BM: KD4YTU. PIC: KN4AQ. OOC: W4ZRA. SGL: AB4W. ACC: N4JCK. Section Web Site: <http://www.ncarrrl.org> Field Day will be here soon - June 28th and 29th. New this year is category F for stations operating from Emergency Operations Centers and certain other served agencies such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army. This category includes both permanently installed and temporary stations set up at these locations. This will be an excellent opportunity to work on improving your group's relationship with these agencies. Make sure your group also sends an NTS-style message to me during Field Day. It does not have to be received directly by me during Field Day as long as you transmit it to another station over the air during that time. My address is at the bottom of this message, and you can always check page 16 of QST for my current phone number and address - be aware that some of you are still trying to use a phone number which changed almost three years ago. If I happen to show up at your Field Day site during the weekend, I can't accept hand delivery of your NTS-style message - it needs to be sent over the air to count! As I've done before, I plan to visit as many Field Day sites as I can. This year I'm going to follow I-40 across the state and visit FD sites located within about 10 miles or so of the highway. If your site will be reasonably close to I-40 and would like a possible visitor, send directions to your group's Field Day site to w4cc@arrrl.net. I'm not going to promise to visit any specific site, and for now I'm not even going to say at which end of I-40 I'm starting the weekend. Recent appointments: Ron Knapp, W9EF of Kinston is now the Assistant SEC for the Eastern Branch. Dean Dzurovcin, N4TXF, of Pikeville is now District EC of Area 3. Michael Perry, AD4MP, of Angier is the Net Manager for the Piedmont Coastal Traffic Net (9:00 PM, 146.88). Thanks to all of you for your service. Sorry to report that John, N4CCK of Wilmington recently became a Silent Key. Upcoming Hamfests: Williamston, May 17th, Winston-Salem, June 7th. It was nice to see many of you at Raleigh, Morganton and Durham. Speaking of hamfests, the Cary ARC has an interesting idea for their July 19th swapfest: they are going to offer free admission to anyone whose first Amateur Radio license was issued since their last year's fest (July 20, 2002). I think this is a great idea, and I hope this will encourage many newcomers to attend. If you've been licensed less than a year, bring a copy of your first license with you and show it to gain admission. While you're there, make sure you stop by the ARRL table and say hello. April Traffic: W4EAT 724 (BPL), K4IWW 276, AA4YW 262, AA4YW 187, K4RLD 127, WA4OBR 66, KE4JHJ 65, W3HL 65, AD4XV 49, KG4OQA 49, W4FAL 42, WD4LSS 39, W4CC 33, KE4AHC 32, N4TAB 19, WA4SRD 19, W4EHF 18, WA2EDN 17, K4RSG 11, W4LN 9, KB8VCZ 8, N4NTO 6, W4IRE 6. April Public Service Honor Roll: K4RLD 165, W4EAT 130, K4IWW 120, N4TAB 119, KE4JHJ 110, KG4OQA 110, WD4LSS 99, W4CC 91, W4FAL 89, AA4YW 80. John Covington, W4CC; PO Box 1604; Belmont NC

South Carolina

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators! This is Dr. Jim with the May Section Manager's Report. This past April was a good hamfest month, beginning with the Union Hamfest on April 5th, and the simultaneous 25th annual Lake Hartwell (Anderson) Hamfest and Rosewood get-together on April 26th. May was begun with the Upstate South Carolina State ARRL Convention/Hamfest. Union was on its new date, a much warmer month than December! A good time was had by all! I attended the Rosewood Get-together and wish to thank Ray and Kathleen for their hospitality. Les attended the Anderson event and enjoyed the fellowship as well! My travel to the Upstate hamfest resulted in my arrival just after a severe storm on Friday-I missed it by a half hour! Whew! Of the SC-ARRL Team, those attending were: KG4JIA, WB4DFW, WA2EMF, N4UFP, KF4VIS, AF4QZ, myself N2ZZ and our Vice Director K4NK! Marc Tarplee N4UPF TC gave a great talk on PSK-31 at 9 am. The ARRL forum followed at 10 am. I presided over that forum, and gave everyone an idea as to what was going on in the South Carolina section. Our topics included Emergency communications, getting amateur radio into the schools, the upcoming SC QSO party, Legislative concerns, the proposed ARRL SC license plates and recognition of the SC SSB net for their 45th anniversary! I want to thank all of our friends in the Upstate for all their hard work on this hamfest! Thanks for having the ARRL-SC team at your hamfest! Regarding emergency communications, Charlie AE4UX, SEC reports that the total number of SC ARES members is 187, up 65 members from last month! John Hoyt, W5UGD, Pickens County EC, strengthened ARES's relationship with the local Red Cross Chapter, and a memorandum of understanding has been signed. Bobby Collins KG4BZK, Florence County EC, arranged for a district-wide ARES training session, and Matt McGuire AF4UZ Area 4 DEC, presented the material during that session. Mike Croft KG4LUS, York County EC, led an ARES team helping their county EMD personnel distribute Potassium Iodide tablets to county residents. KI tablets are used to protect the thyroid gland from radioactive iodine, which could become airborne during a nuclear incident. Mary AE4BX represented SC at the recent CARES meeting. Mary reports that CARES now has linked 13 hospitals, with Loris and Conway being the two hospitals in South Carolina (so far!). I would like to remind everyone that the three ARRL Emergency communications courses are fully reimbursable for ARRL members. I strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of these courses, even if your main interests are not in emergency communications. Over the last month, I have received word that Bob Bacharach WA2EMF, ASM AREA 2 and Peter KG4VDR completed level I. Matt AF4UZ, DEC Area 4 completed Level II. Mary AE4BX, and your SM, Jim N2ZZ completed level III! In SC, a total of 7 have completed level III, 5 have completed level II, and 50 have completed Level I. Please become part of the emcomm group when you can! The courses are a great experience! I would like to offer congratulations to the North Augusta-Belvedere Amateur Radio Club, which became an ARRL Special Service Club this past month. I was pleased to note that this club ran a licensing class this Spring. Per Joe AF4JX, club president: "The North Augusta Belvedere Radio Club sponsored an entry level license class. The class met on Thursdays at 7:00 PM until 9 PM, the class ran for 12 weeks starting on Jan 9th and a VE session on the 13th

week, April 3rd. The class started with 14 students and had 11 sit for testing. Eight of these eleven obtained a Technician license". Other clubs have also been busy: The Trident Amateur Radio Club (TARC) was proud to provide communication services for the recent Charleston, SC MS Walk. Eight club members participated using one of the club repeaters for communications. The Ridge Club will be participating in the Batesburg-Leesville Poultry Festival on Saturday, May 10. Station Activity Reports April 2003:

SENT/RECEIVED/DELIVERED/ORIGINATED/TOTAL: AF4QZ 125/30/70/0/225; KA4UIV 56/51/0/0/107; WA4UGD 26/3/0/0/29; K4NJJ 5/5/4/0/14; KG4VDR 2/0/2/5/9; N4VVX 2/5/0/0/7 To everyone listed above, THANK YOU for your service to Amateur Radio! '73 de Dr. JIM N2ZZ, Section Manager South Carolina Section

Virginia

Section News Summary for April SM, Carl Clements, W4CAC, ASM; W4PW, SEC; N4NW, STM; W3BBBQ, PIC; K4SLY, ACC; W4IM, OOC; W4NEZ TC; KD3PC. Web page; www.arrlva.org. Section News web page; www.arrl.org/sections/VA.html. ARES web page; www.aresva.org. Section Traffic web page; w4cac.tripod.com/vastm/. These Section News summaries and the information on the Section News web pages comes from information sent to me by the membership. If you have a news item or an event that you would like to see featured here, please send an email to me at w4cac@arrl.org with "Section News" in the subject line. I would like to welcome Randy Sly, K4SLY on board as our new PIC. Randy has been an Amateur radio Operator for 38 years and is an Archbishop of the Charismatic Episcopal Church. Randy is working on starting a Section Speaker's Bureau as well as recruiting of PIO's in different clubs. I will be forwarding all news items I receive on to Randy. Chesapeake's annual Springfest was held on April 12th at the Hickory Ruritan Club. President Ruth thanks everyone who came out and supported CARS annual fun-fund raiser. The weatherman was kind to the fest participants, as the skys cleared for the day. When was the last time you went to a hamfest? After several years, the NCAC Institute is back. With more and more new people coming into Amateur Radio, especially emergency communications, since September 11th, and increased cooperation between amateurs in Maryland and Virginia, the time is right to try and bring back a successful training tool for all amateurs, but especially those in ARES. The Institute will be held on Saturday, May 24th. Cost: \$10.00, includes all materials, including CDROM, and lunch. Payment is requested in advance. Make the check payable to NCAC and write 2003 Institute in the memo blank. Checks need to be in May 20th so that we will know how many to plan for. Registration will begin at 0800, and the first presentation will start at 0830. In the morning, there will be a series of keynotes and panel discussions on ARES and RACES organizations, presented by the leadership of the Maryland/DC and Virginia sections, a discussion of the La Plata tornado and the lessons learned, and coverage of how we can increase the involvement of young people in amateur radio. The afternoon will break out into two sessions on related topics. In one track, Mike Carr, WA1QAA, SEC for Maryland/DC, will cover NTS Traffic handling in a 2 hour lecture/activity format. In the second track, David Lane, KG4GIY, EC for Prince William County and an ARRL CCE Mentor will cover directed net procedures, also in a 2 hour lecture/activity format. Following these two tracks, there will be a discussion on the incident

command system (ICS). Also during the afternoon, there will be a "Science Fair" of useful and inventive solutions to common emergency communications problems. The Institute will be held at the Alexandria Fire & EMS Academy, 1108 Jefferson St. at the intersection of the Capital Beltway and Rt. 1 north (first exit into Va. from Woodrow Wilson Bridge). Talk-in will be on 146.655. For pre-registration and more information, please see the NCAC web site at <http://www.ncacdc.com/>. The 2003 Tour de Cure was held on April 26th. Dozens of amateurs provided communications support for the 9th annual Chesapeake Tour de Cure Bicycle Ride a fun-fund raiser for the National American Diabetes Association. There were three separate rides in Chesapeake: 30 mile, 50 mile, and the start of the 100 mile ride that ended in Mantio, NC. Leo, KG4PWC coordinated the Chesapeake portions of the ride and Al, WA4TCJ coordinated the NC portion of the ride. Don't forget the Manassas Hamfest sponsored by the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club is June 1st and the Franklin Amateur Radio Repeater Association's Picnic and Tailgate Hamfest is June 14th. Remember, keep the news coming, and YOU are the ARRL. 73 de Carl, W4CAC. Net/NM/QTC/QNI; VNE/KV4AN/37/122, VSN/KG4OTL/15/24, VNL/K3SS/64/136, VLN/K0IBS/121/200, NVTN/KB4TNU, N8LE/139/988, PARES/K5SFM/5/50, VSBN/W3BBQ/157/187, VTN/W3BBQ/14/36, SVTN/W4MWC/66/184; SARs, W3BBQ/421, K4YVX/322, K0IBS/244, WA4DOX/133, K3CN/129, KG4OTL/110, K2VX/90, K3SS/60, KA0YEB/35, KV4AN/31, W4MWC/27, N4ABM/24, WB4UHC/19, K5SFM/12, KU4MF/8, KB4CAU/3, N4FNT/2; PSHR, WA4DOX/130, K4YVX/126, W3BBQ/120, K0IBS/110, W4MWC/102, KG4OTL/100, K3SS/100, KV4AN/91, K3CN/90, K2VX/90, WB4UHC/73, KA0YEB/70, K5SFM/42.

Southeastern Division

Georgia

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Sincere thanks go out to Charles Griffin, WB4UVW, who has served as State Government Liaison for the past several years, and congratulations to Bill Cherepy, WB4WTN, to whom Charles is now "passing the baton". Welcome to the team, Bill, and thanks for your willingness to serve. Congratulations to the officers and members of the Albany ARC, which was recently approved as our newest Special Service Club. They've been a stellar club for a long time: now they'll have the "papers" to prove it. Last week, my better half Mike ("That's me!"), K4HBI, and I had the pleasure of visiting with the Columbus ARC for their monthly meeting. Knowing what was up my sleeve, Sandy Donahue, W4RU, our Southeastern Director of Vice (Oops! I mean, Vice Director, of course!), and Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC, made the trip down, too, to see the very first ever presentation of a GA Section Lifetime Achievement Award to Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL, in recognition of his many years of service to his fellow hams and community. (Would you believe it? Eddy was actually speechless for a minute or two!) Thanks to Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM, for creating the beautiful certificate for the occasion. Talking about special presentations, at the May meeting of the ARC of Augusta, SE Assistant Director Don ("Andy") Anderson, K4PSW, did the honors of presenting an ARRL membership plaque to Joe Good, W4HRR, in recognition of 60 years of League membership. WOW! Congratulations, Joe, and thank you, Andy. Don't forget...Special Olympics Georgia is fast approaching (May 30- June 1) If you can help with the communications, please get in touch with either Hugh Walton, KG4QJE, or Steve Garrison, N4SEG. They're gonna need a LOT of help. If your club or group hasn't yet sent me information on where you'll be spending Field Day this year, please take a few minutes to do so. Let's fill up the June newsletter with lots of options for all those hams out there who are looking for a place to enjoy this year's activities. Those of you heading up to Dayton for that "little" happenin' hamfest up there, please drive carefully, and hope y'all have a wonderful time. Next hamfest here will be the Atlanta ARC's 75th annual hamfest on June 7th at Jim Miller park in Marietta. Hope to see y'all there. On a sad note, condolences go out to the family and friends of recent SK Bob StClair, W8MWI, a longtime ham and member of GA Army MARS from the Conyers area. He'll be missed by many. Until next time, this is AF4FO, signing clear. Take care of yourselves. And each other. 73, Susan** QTC: WB4GGS-305; AF4NS-158; K4BEH-105; K4WKT-70; K4FUM-57; KG4FXG-47; W4WXA-39; WB4BIK-34; K1FP-31; W9NXC-24

Southern Florida

ASMs – WA4AW, KD4GR, KA4FZI, W4WYR, N4LEM, K9SHT; STM – WA2YL; ACC and TC – WA4AW; BM – KC4ZHF; SEC – KD4GR; OOC – W4WLR; DEC's – N4LEM, K9SHT, AA4BN, N4QPM, KG5QD, W4SS ---The 10th annual SFL SECTION SET was held 4/22 through 5/4. Thank you to all who participated. Stations from the WCF and the NFL sections assisted. ---ARECC Graduate list, photos of Yesteryear Village ARC tower project and Florida Keys ARC Triple Fest are at www.arrl.org/sections/sfl.html ARES: The following ECs submitted reports for May: AD4RZ, N4LEM, KT4XK, KC4CUN, KE4DUJ, K4JC, N3PYQ. Both Lee and Osceola counties report increases in members this month, 2 months in a row. Please share your recruiting tips! Around the Section: ----Brevard – Amateurs are still working with the county Commissioners to revise the tower regulations. Members of 3 clubs participated

in the 4th annual Ride for the Red on 4/26. From SBARC - KG4DSD, KI4IS, K4FGV, W4JBL, and N4FIZ. From IRARC - KA3YBG, W6QCM, W4BAL, and KE4OZD. From TARC - KU4ZO, K4CWG, N4SCY, and K4MVO. SBARC participated in the Post Office Food Drive on 5/10. ---Broward - Scott, AF4YS reports that 24 students have signed up for Level One ARECC classes beginning on 6/7. Jeff, WA4AW presented Wynmoor ARC their Affiliated Club Charter on 4/25 and also presented a video program for the group on 5/2. On Tuesday, 5/20 at 7:30pm at Broward EOC, you can preview the newest equipment from Icom for emergency communications. ---Osceola - Scott Spratt, Senior Forecaster for the NWS in Melbourne, will present a program on Issuing Hurricane Forecasts & Technology Advances in Hurricane Forecast Analysis, on 5/15 at the Red Cross Facility in Kissimmee. ---Miami-Dade – Another letter of appreciation for the assistance provided by amateurs during the severe WX and tornado incident in April. “I want to THANK YOU ALL for your hard work and dedication to the Emergency Services Department and the Ham Radio Operations. Without your Ham Radio Operations, communications would be very difficult. Thank you for your hard work. Regards, Freddy Zelaya Jr., Coordinator of Training & Disaster Volunteers, American Red Cross of Greater Miami & The Keys” Dade Radio Club – Programs: April, Frank NJ4S arranged a presentation by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Division Captain Felix R. Garcia; May, a general soldering clinic; June, the proposed program includes kit building. John WD4SFG announced a VA communications drill was held the prior weekend. Volunteers interested in working with an emergency VA net should contact John. ---Lee - Jim-KD4GR our SFL SEC, spoke at the FMARC meeting in Fort Myers, April 29. ---Palm Beach – A county wide Red Cross Hurricane Shelter drill was held 5/3. Jupiter-Tequesta Repeater Group VE team will conduct Ham exams on May 20th at 6:30 p.m. On Sunday, 4/27, members of the Yesteryear Village RC erected a tower& antennas adjacent to the museum building at the So FL Fairgrounds. There will be an "Icom Night" sponsored by Mike's Electronics on the FAU campus on 5/21 @ 7:00 p.m. Contact N4QPM for details. ---Martin - ARES will have a booth at the Red Cross Hurricane Fair on Sat and Sun, 5/31 and 6/1 at the Treasure Coast Mall, US Hwy 1, Stuart. APRIL SAR TOTALS: K4FQU 571 (BPL), KA4FZI 358, WA9VND 273, WA2YL 257, KD4GR 193, KC4ZHF 129, WB4PAM 76, WA4EIC 66, K4PG 63, AA4BN 51, K4VMC (club) 50, KG4CHW 48, KE4UOF 45, KT4XK 44, KG4EQY 43, W6VIF 38, KN4JN 35, KG4MLD 29, KG4MLC 28, KG4ILJ 24, KG4QIP 24, AF4NR 23, K4ENA 18, KF4OMB 14, W4WYR 14, W4PPG 7, K4OVC 6, W3JI 5, KE4WBI 1. BPL: K4FQU ORIG 198, RCVD 101, SENT 268, DLVD 4, TOTAL 571. Congratulations, Earl and thanks for all of your hard work. APRIL PSHR TOTALS: KG4CHW 160, K4FQU 120, KA4FZI 120, KD4GR 120, WA2YL 110, KC4ZHF 110, WA4EIC 100, WA9VND 100, WB4PAM 90, AA4BN 82, KE4UOF 80.

West Gulf Division

Oklahoma

Station Activity Reports KF5A-390,N5IKN-386, KK5GY-210, WA5OUV-86, KI5LQ-61
Tornadoes and bad weather ruled the state the past few weeks in unprecedented fashion.

Amateur Radio was there responding as the need arose. The early May tornadoes resulted in approximately 60 Amateur Radio operators providing emergency service effort in central OK and more in other parts of the state. The central OK effort was concentrated at the Citadel location of Salvation Army in southeast Oklahoma City. Thanks to WA9AFM and AE5MH for their coordinating the Amateur Radio emergency effort. Acknowledgment to WA6LBU for his stewardship and effective role model as net control during this event. The League and the FCC provided support for the effort by communicating status of the effort and declaration of the state as an emergency communication area. In specific reference to the OK Section the FCC stated: "On behalf of the FCC, Technical and Public Safety Division Chief Joseph P. Casey of the Enforcement Bureau thanked Amateur Radio operators for their cooperation and dedicated service in the emergency". Amateur Radio operators completed an intensive debriefing "hot wash" on May 12. Results/recommendations to follow. On May 7 & 8, just previous to the tornadoes, about 35 OK Amateur Radio operators participated in a Salvation Army Disaster conference near Tahlequah, OK. Nothing like quick application of the training! Topics included critical incident awareness, interfacing with service agencies, development of an emergency service plan, portable communication and the process of presenting Amateur Radio to a city council or a similar circumstance. Participants viewed Amateur Radio Today, which is narrated by Walter Cronkite, and were given the opportunity to role-play a presentation on Amateur Radio. An Amateur Radio station was set up on site for HF demo purposes. During the training it was necessary to activate an HF station to determine status of bad weather conditions. Participants completed a critique sheet for use in the planning for the 2004 Disaster Conference. It is planned to have a three-day curriculum for Amateur Radio disaster response and a separate entry level licensing class culminated by a VE session. Plan now to be a part of the 2004 conference! We have a new club in the section! The Tecumseh ARC has completed application to become an ARRL affiliated club. K5LUO has certainly worked diligently to pull the crew together and has worked with the League cooperatively. Thanks for the opportunity to visit with the club on May 10th, their first meeting. Field Day 2003 is just a few weeks away. Sure hope your planning is going good with many details to manage. Not the least is safety. Every field day Amateur Radio operators are injured and sometimes killed. Challenging weather, unusual operating conditions and fatigue make for a dangerous formula. Make sure being safe is a top priority! It has been recommended that safety be discussed in the FD planning sessions and that one person on site be responsible for safety issues including dehydration. As you know the thrust for FD 2003 is to operate in an emergency operations setting. Plan now for your FD publicity. It is much easier to make the media contacts 30 days from the day of the event than 3 days. On the topic of publicity; each club, net, and group should have a public information designee. A Field Appointment is available for this position. Please contact Mark, N7XYO@arrl.net with questions or nominees. Mark is the section public information coordinator. He is planning a seminar to help develop, train and coordinate the process of media exposure for Amateur Radio in OK. A plethora of information on Amateur Radio public relations is available on this web site: <http://www.arrl.org/pio/> 73, John-WB5SYT OK Section Manager.....and proud of it!