

# Section News for May 2003

## Atlantic Division

### Delaware

ARRL Section Monthly Summary for May 2003 As I reported to you earlier Delaware Gov. Ruth Minner has declared June 2003 as Amateur Radio Awareness Month. A picture of the proclamation can be found on the Delaware Section Page at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org). Many thanks to SGL Doug Rambo, KA3KHZ for the ground work in obtaining the proclamation. Amateur Radio also received some national government attention when ARRL President Jim Haynie, K5JPB testified on behalf of the Spectrum Protection Act at the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet's hearing, "The Spectrum Needs of Our Nation's First Responders." Sound files of President Haynie's testimony are available on the ARRL web page. Why am I mentioning these things? As we enter into the final planning stages for the annual field day event later this month, we need to keep in mind that there is more to it than having a good time and getting a lot of points. We need to keep in mind that we are planning and practicing for far more serious events in the future. Many of the lessons we learn during field day will have a direct effect on improving our ability to provide effective communications in the next emergency. It's clear in Jim's message to congress that our spectrum space is constantly under attack both from allocated users and from unlicensed devices. It's also clear that our track record in provide emergency communications will do much to show that we are worth the spectrum space that is allocated to us. Indeed the very first part of the FCC rules Part 97 for the Amateur service spells out clearly that we are a volunteer, non-commercial service with value in respect to providing emergency communications. As those of you who have read my column in the past know, while I feel that emergency communications is important, I also stress that we can't neglect the other aspects of our hobby, because they are also important for the health our service. But at the same time it is disturbing to hear reports from the District Emergency Coordinators that they are having difficulties in getting volunteers to participate not only in normal public service events but in actually emergencies. This is a trend that we need to reverse, or we will one day find ourselves without spectrum space to work with. In the end, since this is a volunteer service, the only way we can reverse this trend is that if each of us looks to do what we can, whenever we can. I would like to announce two new appointments to the section staff. First John Low, K3JL, agreed to accept the position of Section Traffic Manager.. John has been performing most of the duties for some time. He will additionally be responsible for collecting monthly net and traffic reports and forwarding them directly to ARRL HQ. So please forward any monthly traffic totals to John. . The second is I have appointed John Scoggin, N3SKO, as an Official Emergency Station, John will serve as liaison to the ARMY MARS community, in which he is very active. Traffic totals (May) DTN QNI 143 QTC 15 in 22 sessions, DEPN QNI 35 QTC 3 in 4 sessions.

## **Northern New York**

NNYARA's 2003 Hamfest/Convention in Lake Placid, NY The date has been set as 11 October 2003. Tom, KF2GC is again the Chairman and coordinator for the activity. We need some local ham to be available as talk-in starting on Friday about noon for the early arrival vendors and camping tailgaters. That talk-in station need not be on site. WB2KLD will provide eight two foot by two foot painted signs with settable arrows for use at major intersections. They will be ready for the August Hamfest meeting. WB2KLD indicated he may have a family scheduling conflict and might have to fore go participation at the event. This brings up the need for a vendor coordinator on site Friday. The first group has been arriving by mid-afternoon. Tables must be set up early Friday. Help is needed by some locals for this. Tom, WB2KLD, is willing to make the mailing contacts and handle the pre-registrations as in the past. He will provide a layout of the advance tables BUT must have assistance on site in case the family schedule will not allow him to be at the event. We are looking to have a Demonstration Station this year using several modes, including CW, Voice, Digital, SSTV, ATV, OSCAR etc. It was agreed the demo station would be in the glassed room where the Speakers and Exams were held in the past. The sliding door would allow both access for those interested and security. Exams and presentations will be held at the Ski-jump end of the building, in the lounge room. WB2KLD will prepare the flyers for distribution to other hamfests and mailing to clubs in the adjoining ARRL Sections. He will also contact Kerry Bickford for this year's buttons. Extra tables for vendors are needed. We ran out of tables last year. Several folks tailgated when they really wanted to get inside. We also need the showground staff to make available more tarps to shelter the open side of the viewing stand building in case of foul weather. The Lake Placid Fire Department will again be the food vendor. They have agreed to make available a breakfast sandwich in addition to the lunch fair. NNYARA has lined up Speakers. A VE Session will also be held. Joe Fairclough will have a full hour for his presentation. New webpage coming soon: [www.geocities.com/nnnyara](http://www.geocities.com/nnnyara) A Friday Evening Buffet will be held in Lake Placid at Howard Johnson Restaurant. Cash Bar starting at 1800. Food at 1830. Price will be order off the menu. He will handle reservations for this activity. Contact him via KF2GC@ARRL.org He will also get the info on the ARRL NNY Section Managers page at ARRL.org President N2JJV will set the date for the Fall 2003 NNYARA meeting. \*The Hamfest Committee will meet 1100 Hrs, 9 August 2003 at the QTH of KF2GC in Saranac Lake.

## **Western Pennsylvania**

Summer will finally be here this Saturday and I for one am glad to have Spring behind us. We have been hit with some very severe storms and once again this past week the many amateurs of the area activated Skywarn and severe weather nets. In some areas even funnel clouds were reported. To the countless many amateurs that participate in these nets I want to thank you on behalf of the people we serve here in Western Pennsylvania. I would like to take this opportunity to announce the appointment of Rich Beaver, N3SRJ, as Assistant Section Manager of Western Pennsylvania. Rich will serve as my chief assistant and will be my back up at any

time I am out of section or unavailable. Rich will temporarily continue as Section Emergency Coordinator as we search for a replacement. Anyone interested in being considered for this position should contact Rich or myself. Rich may be contacted at [n3srj@arrl.net](mailto:n3srj@arrl.net) and I am available at [n3mse@arrl.org](mailto:n3mse@arrl.org) We have had several successful hamfest thus far this year and the weather has cooperated with us. I hope this continues as we still have 6 additional hamfests this year. The next ones are July 12 at Union City sponsored by the Union City Wireless Association. Then on Sunday the 13th the North Hills Amateur Radio Association will Hold its annual hamfest. I plan to attend both and look forward to seeing everyone there. Please stop at the league table and say hi. June 28 and 29 marks this years Field day operating event. While many look at it as a contest it of course is not. The purpose of Field Day is to demonstrate our abilities to provide portable emergency operations. While some contesting skills are used during the event remember that this is a weekend to generate interest in this hobby of ours. As I travel about the section visiting the many site what I enjoy most is the cooperation and fellowship of the different groups. Wherever I stop people break away from the operating activities to say hi or to share a bite to eat. I would like to ask everyone to provide me with some photos from your field day activities so I can post some on the section web site. Help me to show to others the great setups we have here in Western Pennsylvania. Remember to send photos of your GOTA station. This has become a very popular operation and I encourage everyone to set up a GOTA station at field day. I am making plans for a club presidents meeting and emergency coordinators conference for the fall of the year. I am looking for help with a location and with ideas for topics that would be of interest to the participants. If you have anything you would like to have considered please contact me directly. If you have a facility available for the meeting I would appreciate the information. We still have a few counties in Western Pennsylvania that are without an emergency coordinator. If you live in a county that does not have an emergency coordinator please contact either myself, or Rich Beaver if you would be willing to volunteer. You must be an ARRL member and must submit monthly reports as well as coordinate the amateur emergency service activities in your county. Each month reports compiled from the county Ec's and the various traffic nets are reported to Headquarters and also to myself. These reports will now be made available as part of the section web page. The section web page is available at <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WPA> Please visit it for additional information as it becomes available during the month. This year's section convention will be on September 7th at the Butler Farm Show grounds. Our special guest this year will be Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV. Dennis is the sales and marketing manager and an avid Dxer. Dennis has been on several Dxpeditions and will share some experiences with us. Card checkers for DXCC, WAS, and VUCC will be present at the convention to help people that would like to have qsl cards field checked for the awards. I would like to encourage you to take part in a traffic net. There are many of these nets in our section. VHF nets, cw nets and our section traffic net nightly at 3983 hz at 6 PM. Remember to send me formal traffic during field day according to the rules and receive 100 bonus points in the event. 73 de John N3MSE

## Central Division

## Illinois

As part of the regional bioterrorism exercise, the Lake County RACES/ARES and amateurs from Kane County responded to the county health departments call for help in both counties. This was to provide communications for the week long Topoff2 drill. The scenario called for terrorists to attack with pneumonic plague, which is a highly communicable and lethal bacteria disease that can cause a number of symptoms such as fever, chest pains and vomiting as well as other symptoms. Both groups worked closely with their respective health departments and those people who had organized the drill now know just what the amateurs can do. I do not have a list of hams from Lake County that participated. Those who worked on the drill from Kane County are: W9ADR, W9CEO, W9CZA, KC9UM, KB9YDD, AA9MW, KA9OBH, KC9CNM, N9OUN, K3AIW, N9YBP, KC9DMR, and KB9TQB. N9YRX reports amateur radio stations from Clark County, IL. participated in a call to duty when storms knocked out phone lines to a nursing home in Vigo County, IN. They set up a station in the nursing home in order to call another station outside the area of phone service being down. They were to call 911 if needed for any of the residents. This continued for 4 days--24/7. Cell phone service was also affected and not reliable. The nursing home allowed the hams to use a guest room for this purpose, and the event was covered by local TV and newspaper. The Winnebago County ARES group has been busy with two events in May. On May 25th, hams provided communications for the 1st annual Rock-N-Run. Those helping out were: N9MCS, KA9GNR, WB9MCZ, KC9ATR, KB9SKW, KA9BOD, N9OTC, and N9SH. On May 31st ARES hams also provided communications for the Boy Scout Triple P event. Those helping were: KA9GNR, WB9MCZ, KB9YRW, KC9AVP, KB9ZBX, KC9BVK, KC9BKU, and KC9DHX. Members of the Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club participated in the Hike for Life on Saturday May 10th. Those hams involved were: K9AND, K9EYT, K9HDX, KB9YUW, KB9RGU, KB9RHR, KB9YUW, KB9YVC, N9DAV, N9FMK, N9MVO, NO9A, W9RVR, and KB9TAR. I am pleased to report that the six Meter Club of Chicago had been officially renewed as a Special Service Club. Congratulations to this club for being a positive image for amateur radio in their community and being willing to take that extra step to become a SSC. I was able to attend their hamfest on June 8 and enjoyed seeing some old friends and meeting new ones. I also attended the Starved Rock Radio Club hamfest on June 1. This hamfest was well attended and I was able to meet and talk with many hams from around the area. The Kid's Day Operating Event will be June 21 at 1800 to 2400. This event is intended to encourage young people, licensed or not to enjoy amateur radio. This event can give young people on-the-air experience and encourage them to persue obtaining a radio license in the future. Kid's Day takes place in January and June each year. Don't forget to check-out the KARSFEST 2003 on July 6th at the Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL. E-mail questions to K9IOC at karsfest@yahoo.com May traffic: KA9HRO-10, PSHR 85; WA9SLT-23; W9HLX-41; W9FIF-7; N0GZ-6; KA9IMX-10; NC9T-8; WD9F-44, PSHR 100, WB9TVD-35. ISN report for May--QNI 212, QTC 69, Sessions 30. W9VEY Memorial Net report for May: 6 pieces of traffic and 191 checkins.

## Indiana

Indiana Section News for May 2003 Condolances to the Family and Friends of these amateurs who became a Silent Key during May: 5/9, Robert L. Williams WB9KNK, Mitchell; 5/10, Ira Skirvin KC9BBY, Hanover; 5/16, John Stiltner N9OJ(ex-WB9BEZ), Fort Wayne. They will be missed. Not often mentioned is that I receive periodic reports from my Official Observer Coordinator, John Merkley AA9WD. During the month of April 2003, 8 Official Observers put in 250 hours of monitoring. During those 250 hours, 12 "Good Guy" notices were sent, and 14 reports of operator/technical deficiencies were sent. These Official Observers are the front line of the self-policing activity that Amateur Radio is noted for. These OOs quietly go about their activities, and are seldom given recognition or acclaim for their efforts. So, this month, to them I say "THANK YOU!" Please keep up the good work. With the warmer spring weather, ARES activity has increased significantly. A number of groups helped with March of Dimes Walk-a-thons. In Indianapolis, the mini-Marathon, the Indianapolis 500 Parade and Race involved amateurs providing safety communications for the public. In Morgan County, the Hoosier Hikers walk/run received amateur radio communications support. In Monroe County, amateur radio operators supplied communications that replaced and supplimented the normal communications during a cave rescue at the Indiana Karst Conservancy Cave. In Vigo County, high straight-line winds took out the phone service to a local Senior Assisted Living Center. Area hams lent a hand, and set up a relay system to provide 911 access for four nights until the phone lines were repaired. During the day, cell-phone circuits were OK. But in the evenings, the cell-phone circuits filled up, and were unusable for any emergency calls. On the fourth Sunday of May, my Section Emergency Coordinator was unable to be present for the montly Indiana Section ARES/Emergency Net. I had the pleasure of being NCS for this session. I appreciated the net discipline of the net members, and their commentary. The success of this type of net activity depends on the participation of the net members, and what they can contribute. If you have not taken the time to check into this once-a-month net, a reminder: 0800 EST (1300Z) on 3910 KHz on the 4th Sunday of each month. Our SEC, Dave Pifer N9YNF, is the normal NCS, and he always brings something of interest to the emergency communications forum. To those individuals who check into the Section Level nets: if you haven't handled formal traffic in some time, maybe you should originate a message to someone, and sharpen your message handling skills. Until next month, good operating, and 73. Section Net Activity for May: NET FREQ DAILY TIMES(UTC) QNI QTC QTR SESSIONS ITN 3910KHz 1330/2130/2300 2791 192 1590 84 QIN 3656KHz 1430/0000 208 108 1090 61 ICN 3705KHz 2315 12 0 137 22 ARES 3910KHz 4th SUN/Mo-1300 25 1 25 1 Hoosier VHF Nets 14 Reporting 933 23 1938 73 Hoosier Digital Nets 25 0 ?? 32 May ORS Traffic Reports: K9PUI 201, WA9JWL 123, K9GBR 68, KO9D 68, WB9OFG 28, KB9TUI 25, AB9AA 12, W9EHY 12, N9KNJ 12, WB9NCE 6, K9CUN 5, W9XD 1. Jim Sellers K9ZBM Indiana Section Manager

## Wisconsin

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG, SEC: WB9RQR, STM: K9LGU, ACC: Open, SGL: AD9X, OOC: N9VE, PIC: W9UQ. TC: K9GDF, BM: WB9NRK, ASM: K9UTQ, W9RCW, W9CBE, N9VE. \*\* With regret, I inform you of the following Silent Keys: K9QXM,

Gerald Galvin, 80. Gerald was a member of the ORC. Ron T. Armstrong, WB9WRW, 56, passed away. Ron was former EC for Waukesha County and a member of the Kettle Moraine Radio Amateur Club and Local Emergency Field Radio Operating Group. \*\* UW-Stout recently graduated 81 new hams in one day at a single VEC session! Congratulations to John Weiss Jr, WB8KLO, and the VE team for this amazing accomplishment. Hear it at: <http://tapr.org/newsline/index.html#1343>. \*\* Our appreciation to Fred, N9ZET, for becoming WSBN manager. He takes over after Roy, K9FHI, decided to take a vacation after many years as Net Manager. Thanks, for all your hard work, Roy! \*\* Congratulations to Eric Shulze, KC9CRI, age 15, for passing EmComm level #1! Eric hopes to pass all 3 EmComm levels and become, perhaps, the youngest WI Ham to do so. \*\* We are approaching Field Day, June 28-29, and I hope everyone is looking forward to participating. Remember, the theme this year is "When all else fails...." I suggest putting up a banner at your club site to remind the public of one of the reasons for this exercise. I encourage your club to invite the media and public to attend and even get behind the microphone to feel the excitement of making a few contacts. No better way to Understand than to get one's feet wet. So, leave some room for guests to operate. Don't forget to take advantage of the traditional ARRL Field Day Pins and T-shirts. New for this year are the GOTA (Get On The Air) pins and T-shirts. Go to the ARRL catalog site. Order now!! I look forward to receiving your Field Day reports. \*\* Congratulations to Tony Lattis, age 11, KC9EFF, for receiving his Technician license! We hope he makes use of his new VX5R (courtesy of proud dad, Jim, K9REO) in Madison's public service events! \*\* If your club isn't sending me a newsletter, please put me on the list. I accept most electronic formats as well as hard copy. Your club activities are important to me so keep me posted! \*\* Is your receiver buzzing? Could be a sign that your nearby power pole is experiencing dangerously high leakage currents that could result in a pole fire! That's the time to contact your power company to check it. Thanks to K9KR of WARAC for the warning! \*\* The Badger Examiners, headed by Gary Sharbuno, WI9M, and Mickey, KB9G, are still moving strong after 18 years! Our appreciation to these VEs for their contributions for these many years! \*\* T'is the season for public service events. I'm sure there are many organizations in your area that could use communication support and we hope you are involved with organizing or participating in these worthwhile events. Try to encourage the new amateurs in your club to hone their operating skills and perform a valuable service to the community. Don't let those without any equipment off the hook. Many of us have backup HTs that can be loaned to the new amateurs for these events. Give them the chance to join the fun!!! \*\* From Denny, K9LGU, STM: STM Notes for May - A traffic net should, first and foremost, handle traffic. Net controls know this and always pass traffic before any visiting. Why should you volunteer as NCS? (See How to be an NCS on the ARRL Wisconsin section page) Every net needs a net control station to call up the net, keep things organized, and arrange for traffic to be passed efficiently. Volunteering as NCS provides two valuable services – (1) It allows the net to function by handling the listed traffic and establishing the liaison from other NTS nets. (2) It trains the volunteer NCS and the net members. It sharpens skills in listening, organization, and decision making for the NCS. It lets check-ins get used to a new voice, a new style. Train yourself; train the check-ins. Train, train, train. I know it sounds like I've got a one-track mind, but it is time some folks were railroaded into being a volunteer NCS. \*\* We hope everyone is having an enjoyable and active summer!

## **Dakota Division**

### **North Dakota**

NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Kent Olson, KAØLDG -I hope your summer is going well for all, and you're having fun with ham radio. The clubs have been busy with their local communities lately. The Grand Forks bunch helped out with the "Run for Rover" and "Walk America". The Bismarck hams helped out with the MS Walk, while the Fargo hams helped out with the city of Fargo's MARE or Major Accident Response Exercise. The scenario was of an airliner that crashed short of the airport with numerous injuries/casualties. The city officials inserted an input to the exercise which had the hams providing the communications for all the agencies involved. A lot was learned by all. Mark your calendars for upcoming events: Peace Gardens Hamfest, July 11-13th (40th Annual) and the Dakota Division Convention in Fargo on Sept 9-11, 2005. Section's web site at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~qtipf16/>. HF NM NØRDJ net reports for Dec: Goose River Net, 4/38/0; WX Net 28/621/15; Data Net 29/597/6.

### **South Dakota**

Aberdeen: TRAINING VIDEOS - Rolly N0AHL has completed evaluating the tapes. Cost will be \$150. Set contains 3 tapes @ 2 hrs per tape. SIREN TESTS - Members assisted with the monitoring of siren operation on April 9th and 28th. FIELD DAY - Committee recommended the use of the field south of the Technical School. County Command Trailer is available. CLUB EXPOSURE - Suggested exploring all avenues such as Newspaper, Aberdeen Parks & Rec Annual Publication, Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce listing, etc. Lake Area: Discussion covered the filing of tax-exempt status by the club. The Garden City repeater is relinked following equipment repairs. Field Day discussions and prep continued. Sixteen members attended weather spotter training and another group of members helped out on the first race of the season - Watertown Community Recreation Area's annual half-marathon. Pierre: It looks like this year the club has a Field Day location up at the Mall. In addition, That's going to give us some exposure and hopefully some press. The reason I think exposure and press is important is because it's gives the public an opportunity to see what Ham radio is about. Prairie Dogs (Yankton/Vermillion): We talked about the spotters class held in Yankton. Todd Heitkamp NØVBW put on a good class. WBØYRQ has all the radio stuff needed for the link between Yankton\Vermillion link to Haywarden, IA. Field day discussion at the June meeting. RACES gave Guy NØVC literature for classes. The 146.970 repeater has been moved to a 300 ft. tower in Wakefield Nebraska. It has a 110.9 tone. SEARC: Space Days at the Washington Pavillion was a great success with the special event station makeing around 300 contacts during the event. Thanks to all that participated. South Dakota Battleship Memorial will be held July 5th this year at the memorial site in Sioux Falls. CLEAR LAKE: Brookings Club had a good

auction in Volga on April 27th at 2:30 PM, in the back of the print shop. For Field Day this year, one group will be operating out of the courthouse, and another will be operating south of Toronto.. KCØPSR, Susan, from Aurora, XYL of OFZ, is a new Technician. Two examples of tape-measure fox-hunt yagis were exhibited by OFZ and OVC. TRAFFIC NET SESSION QNI QTC MANAGER NJQ NOON NET 30 799 102 WN0Y NEO 6PM NET 31 1973 70 WA0ZWZ ABRN 2MTR NET 4 26 1 WN0Y SD NOVICE NET 4 50 0 N0MEA NE SD 2MTR NET 4 44 2 N0MEA SUN AM EMGNY NET 4 46 0 WA0CUL SAR WN0Y MAY 0/74 R/81 S/56 D/1 TOATAL 212 PSHR 1/40 2/40 3/20 TOTAL 100 SAR W6IVV MAY S/105 R/83 D/1 TOTAL 189 PSHR 1/40 2/40 3/30 6A/10 TOTAL 120

## Delta Division

### Arkansas

Seventeen Arkansas hams attended the proclamation ceremony at the state capitol on June 10th. We were presented a certificate proclaiming June 23-30 as Amateur Radio Week by Governor Mike Huckabee. Thanks to our PIC, Bob Ideker, WB5VUH, for organizing this event. I have heard from several clubs planning to participate in Field Day, some from interesting locations such as parking decks, fire towers, schools, and shopping malls. W5YM will operate from in front of Old Main on the U of A campus. The State ADEM station, W5AUU, will be activated by the Faulkner County ARC and several other clubs, including ARVARF and the Mississippi County club are planning to operate from local EOC's. The ARKAN club will operate their new display station at the Arkansas Air Museum. Please be safe at Field Day and make an effort to really talk to visitors interested in becoming hams and also new hams who may be experiencing their first Field Day. We are saddened by the loss of two hams who recently became silent keys – Brenda Temple, KD5CIN, and Anthony “Tony” Camardese, N5NAK. SEC W5ARS announced that David Foster, KD7EZE, and Bob King, W5LVB, have been appointed as new DEC's. Hams in the Wynne area assisted in two searches for lost children. Those involved were KD5OZD, N0HNP, KD5JVR, KJ5DA, KD5UWR, AC5LG, KD5NDT, KD5HAO, W5ARS, W5WPN, KD5UWS, W5JLW, KK5YN, WD5CNC, KD5SRF, KD5BHJ, KD5HPV, and WY5AR. The group was recognized on WREG TV in Memphis. The Garland County ARES team provided communications support for “Du for the Parks”, an event in which the participants run and ride bicycles. Operators manned 6 posts, staffed the Garland County Communications Vehicle, rode in the Sag Wagon, and shadowed the Race Director. Operators involved were W5LVB, N5XFW, KC5MYL, WB5BTZ, KD5PNZ, KD5GQI, KD5VCH, KD5VCG, and AD5KL. ASEC J. M. Rowe, N5XFW, reports that a total of 47 people, including 30 hams, attended the Weather Spotter class conducted by the National Weather Service. The class was co-sponsored by the Diamond Lakes Area Skywarn. Polk County EC James Carnahan, KD5PVH, was commended by N5XFW for an excellent training class on message handling that he presented to his ARES group. Communication for the American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure 2003 bicycle tour was organized by the Central Arkansas Radio Emergency Net (CAREN) with vital support being provided by the Arkansas River



Valley Amateur Radio Foundation (ARVARF), based in Russellville. Radio operators manned fixed checkpoints and served as roving units. The longest loop for the tour was 90 miles. Many of the hams put in over 12 hours and traveled in excess of 300 miles for the event due to travel time and mileage to and from the park. ASM David Norris, K5UZ, reports that DEC KC5EVZ gave a great presentation on ARES and RACES to the Sharp County ARC. Sharp County is working to upgrade its emergency preparedness. The Stone County ARC demonstrated amateur radio capabilities for county officials. In the Fort Smith area, Dennis Vines, K5GBT, and John Eddleman, KC5JBY, have started another class for new hams. The location of the class is Greenwood High School and more students are welcome. The FSAARC recently had a fox hunt, and the winners were A5LES and KD5GSH. KD5GQY, Crawford County EC, reports that his ARES/RACES group has been very busy with storm spotting. Charles, K5NRC, and John, WB5BHS, of Russellville, have been experimenting with 2.4 Ghz 802.11 networks and have successfully networked over a 15 mile path. Net reports for May: Arkansas Phone Net, Manager, W5SXV: QNI 355, Traffic 23. Mockingbird Net, Manager, WB5YLI: QNI 399, Traffic 4. Razorback Net, Manager K5BOC: QNI 1465, Traffic 60. OZK CW Net, Manager WA5KQU: QNI 21, Traffic 9. Traffic for May: W5RIP 72, K5BOC 32, WB5HIL 21, W5RXU 18, WA5KQU 18, K7ZQR 15, KO5E 10, KB5ILY 4. Public Service Honor Roll for May: W5ARS 170, W5RXU 128, KB5ILY 119, W5RIP 90

## **Louisiana**

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – MAY 2003 I am very sorry to report that KC5ZZ is now a Silent Key. Pharoah was a leader in the Baton Rouge ARC for many years and was serving as the club's Vice President at the time of his death. He will be missed very much. Congratulations to N5AN for confirming P5 (North Korea) for his last DXCC country. Bud joins fellow Delta DX Association members W5ZPA, K5KR, KB5GL, W5ZE, WX5L, W5UP, and K5PP who have all 335 current countries confirmed! Kudos also to DDXA member ND5D for earning his DXCC in record time. Proud parents K5DPG and KA5IJU report that their daughter Alice N5SYD has just been selected "Teacher of the Year" at Jennings High School. Alice is Head of the Math Department, sponsor of the Key Club, and also recently completed her Masters plus 30! KB5BFK, K5CAV, AG5AT, KD5PKS, WB5FBS, KD5LWJ, KD5PCM, KB5YZF, NF5B, KC0HZU, and KB5DNF provided communications for the LA Special Olympic Games in Hammond. In addition, SELARC members N5XVJ, K5NDT, KD5LWJ, KC5IHR, KD5PCM, KD5PKS, KD5PCK, and W5NJJ served during the American Diabetes Association "Tour de Cure" in Abita Springs. The Twin City Ham Club (W5EA) hosted a special event station commemorating Selman Field in Monroe and General Claire Lee Chennault of the historic World War II Fighting Tigers. A very big THANK YOU is in order to every amateur who was active in these public service events! Lots of ARES groups were active in Red Cross drills during May. K5CFJ, KB5OZE, and KB5UOO headed up the Southeast LA District's hurricane drill that included hams from practically every parish in the district. A very nice article describing the event appeared in the Thibodaux Daily Comet. KD5IGG reports that a number of ARES members in Rapides Parish participated in a Red Cross disaster drill involving flooding.

These activities are only two examples of the tremendous efforts by ARES members in our section over the past several years. AA5HY is the new Emergency Coordinator for DeSoto Parish. 2003-2004 officers for the Westside ARC are W5OS, President; N5SC, Vice President; KC5QKA, Secretary; N5UXV, Treasurer; W5DFI, Activities Manager; K5CFJ, Membership Manager; and AE5DW, Publicity Manager. Congratulations and good luck to all in your new duties! Traffic totals: K5IQZ 98, W4DLZ 60, K5MC 55, W5NK 25, NF5B 24, K5DPG 14, N5KWB 13, W5PY 2. Public Service Honor Roll: NF5B 159, AC5VN 123, K5MC 110, N5KWB 103, K5DPG 101, K5IQZ 100, K5ER 93, W5PY 92, W4DLZ 87, KD5ITA 86, W5NK 65. Section net reports: sessions/QNI/QTC. LTN: 29/331/58. LCW: 31/152/42. 73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Manager Email: k5mc@arrl.org LA Section Website: [www.cox-internet.com/k5dpg](http://www.cox-internet.com/k5dpg)

## **Great Lakes Division**

### **Michigan**

It's 4 in the morning and I sit here at my computer reading my email. Why you ask, at 4 AM would any one be doing email? I am waiting for my husband Chuck AA8IY to finish getting ready to go so that we may leave for the hospital as today he will be having hip replacement surgery. So what does this have to do with amateur radio? As I sit here reading through the many various emails of friends wishing us well with today's surgery and think back to the many phone calls that I received this weekend and radio contacts all wishing us well it reminds me of why I got into amateur radio. For some of us amateur radio is just a hobby, for others it seems like a career. Stop to listen the next time you turn your radio on to the many different people involved in this hobby. Some are Doctor's, some are Lawyers, and some are truck drivers, but do they care what the other does for a living or how much money you make or what your background is? No one really cares. There are so many mornings I listen to the guy at GM on his way to work talking to the trucker who is chatting with the engineer and each in his own profession have found something that joined us together. Amateur radio? Yes, we have problems. I know about the guy who never shows up at any of the events and volunteers for everything, the occasional bad apple that has to spoil the repeater for the rest of us, but take a look at the bigger picture. Look at the many various friends you have acquired through this hobby. Think about the local guys who meet for coffee every night, or go on ice cream runs in the summer just to meet with each other face to face. Think about your morning commute, or that long drive home after a hard day at work. Even if we work an entire exhausting week, we spend our time and money and efforts volunteering to help with disasters, weekend events and local RACES and ARES meetings, all for no paychecks. We get up at 5 in the morning to make sure we arrive to help provide communications for the local Red Cross Chapter as a situation arose in your county as you were trying to sleep on a Saturday morning. If you think there is no paycheck at the end of the volunteering, think again; think about your new friends, and the other things that this hobby has given to you. Myself, I always enjoy meeting the new guy on the local repeater, or chatting with someone traveling through my area and learning about them. I

always look forward to meeting a new friend on the air. It may be the guy down the street, a few cities or states away, or maybe even overseas, you never know where your next friend will appear from in this hobby. In closing, let me ask that you think about my thoughts and consider your new and old friends that you have met and continue to meet on the air, and ask yourself why it is you volunteer your time. I could never give back as much as I have received from this hobby, and to all my friends and acquaintances, let me state that amateur radio is still one of the best things I have found and I will always look forward to meeting with you on the air, at the next hamfest, or in my travels. Amateur radio is such a great hobby ! Deborah Kirkbride KA8YKK, ARRL Michigan Section Manager KC8LBZ 568;N8FPN 282;KB8ZYY 255;N8EIZ 212;K8LJG 187;W8XKW 139;WR8F 62;WB8RCR 49;W8WOJ 49;AA8PI 48;K8AMR 45;W8RNQ 45;WA8DHB 39;K8ZJU 39;AA8SN 38;KA8DDQ 25;KC8ZSR 23;WB8YPG 18;KI8GR 14;WB8WJV 11

## **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 NNJ SECTION WEBPAGE:

[www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj](http://www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj) Field Day is coming and I hope NNJ clubs and groups have put their info on the NNJ Section web page. This is a great way to let other NNJ hams know where your group is and what other events your club may have planned. The weekend of August 16-17 is the annual NJ QSO Party sponsored by the Englewood ARA. There is still time to plan for this event and even get some club participation. Once again, I will sponsor a plaque for the top single operator score from NNJ. Also, I will, as well, sponsor a plaque for the highest scoring NNJ club that submits a score. We can make the NJ QSO Party a success by getting as many NJ hams on as possible. Believe it or not, there are some NJ counties that are sought after! The Tri-County ARA swap net is now on the 449.975mhz W2NJR linked repeater system. The net meets Sundays at 9PM. NCS is K2RIG. Garden State ARA member W2NXG will be operating a Kid's Day station. This yearly event has become quite popular as a means of introducing youngsters to ham radio. Please support your local effort. Congrats to 10-70 Repeater members Missy, N2MIS for graduating High School and Ken, KB2SFS from college. Their parents must be happy (I hope!). Representative Scott Garrett has signed on as a co-sponsor of HR-713, The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act. Garrett was our main sponsor for the NJ State License Plate Bill and it should be gratifying to us that he recognizes the contributions ham radio has made to the State. Here's something to ponder: NJ has over 15,000 licensed hams. Only 500 are either ARES or RACES members trained in emergency communications. (thanks to SNJ SEC K2GW for providing the data) Granted that others contribute in an emergency but, this total should really be higher. One of our main points in getting local and state support is the ability to turn-out in emergency situations. Please take the time to get involved with your local Emergency Management group and try to sign up for the on-going ARRL web-based emergency communications courses being offered. Not only will it will make you a better

operator but you may just have some fun taking the course. Also, please log-on to our NNJ SECTION WEB SITE to get more updated info as well as links to clubs and other events. The address is at the top of the report. As before, I ask for clubs to send me photos and info for the Section Report. Also, I'm open to invitations for club visits. 73, Bill Hudzik W2UDT NET NM SESS QNI QTC QSP QTR STNS LIAISON NJM N2GJ 14 60 38 24 109 10 2RN NJPN W2CC 35 173 46 38 204 10 2RN NJSN K2PB 30 167 9 7 420 13 2RN NJN/E AG2R 31 182 100 61 344 14 2RN NJN/L AG2R 31 158 47 37 281 15 2RN CJTN KB2VRO 31 176 50 44 226 20 NJSN, 2RN, Packet NJVN/E N2RPI 31 396 72 69 419 52 NJN, NJPN NJVN/L N2OPJ 31 391 39 33 262 57 NJN, NJPN UCTN KY2MMM NJVN, CJTN, NJPN Traffic: W2MTO 96, N3RB 41, N2OPJ 33, N2GJ 25, W2CC 23, KC2CET 2.

## Midwest Division

### Iowa

SWIARC worked, and participated in, the "Pride Week Parade." The write up looks like they had some fun. They had 26 in attendance for the April meeting. Looks about normal from the survey on the ARRL web page. KØHU notes a new ARES group just formed in Humboldt County. He is the EC and says they are a 'lil short of hams. So they kind of turned it into an 'area' ARES group. They had seventeen show up for the May meeting. They meet at 1900 on the 2nd Tuesday. He didn't say where. The repeater is running again and the emergency drill in August is go. KØAAR sent a press release saying that the Siouxland Amateur Radio Association has received a grant from the Missouri River Historical Development, Inc., for two power inverters, a portable forty foot tower, a generator, and a computer system. Total value is \$6995.26! Hey! The Benton County ARC has reactivated its affiliation with the League. Welcome home! The Washington Area Amateur Radio Club received a grant of \$300.00 from the Washington County Emergency coordinator. Yes, I'm a little confused on that one myself! I suspect is it a county emergency management agency. Let me know if I'm wrong! With that the were able to install a 2 meter antenna eighty five feet up the Washington Iowa Safety Center tower and purchase a radio for it. It is powered by battery and independent of AC. (Hey, folks, how do you charge the battery?) They are now looking for bad weather so they can talk to NWS! NRØE graduated from Indian Hills Community College this term. Congrats, John. NØSM has been hearing some DX on six meters. Hasn't been working much of it. Now where did he put that six meter kilowatt? He is hoping to get his HF beam back up this summer. I kind of enjoy it when his antennas aren't MUCH better than mine! DRAC does exams come up at 1300 the last Sunday of odd numbered months (Jan... Mar... May... Jul etc). Pre-registration runs until 1800 local the night before the exams. The folks in Fort Madison are developing a relationship with the Lee County EMA head. He plans going to FD and to the club meetings when things get 'slower.' Yea, right. I keep looking for slower. As I get older, slower looks better! KCØEZL reported to the CVARC that the ham radio demonstration at the Four Oaks Bridge on April 26th went very well. They offered special thanks to WØSS for his efforts in arranging the exposure. CVARC is also thinking about buying a couple of emergency

generators. As I write this, I am preparing to leave for Hamboree. Then comes Field Day and Summerfest. By then, we can start looking to the fall events. Des Moines hamfest the end of October and Davenport in early November. The fun never ends.

## Kansas

Kansas Section News Summary-May 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 The afternoon of Sunday May 4 brought severe storms to Eastern Kansas creating tornadoes.The Kansas City storms were spotted by Leavenworth ARES stations in the West part of that county. Dave, KGØZZ and Bob, WAØHUJ were right there when the action started. Leavenworth and Wyandotte Counties sustained severe damage. Homes destroyed and utilities out. In South East Kansas Crawford Co. received major damage in the area North of Pittsburg and in Girard that were in the path of the storm. Crawford Co. EC Tyler Constantini,KBØPQP reported that the community of Franklin was devastated since it was directly in the path. A canteen traveled South to the Pittsburg area on the 5th with George McCarville,WBØCNK providing the link back to KC on 40 meters. SATERN teams were rolling out with canteens immediately after the storm. Amateurs were deployed with canteens in Kansas City Metropolitan area that night and returned the next 3 days to continue the communications. Thursday May 8 th also was busy with a storm causing some damage in Linn Co. and another in Osage and Douglass Co. EC Steve, WAØVRS ARES group A1 rolled out with the Shawnee Co. communications van(AMCOM 2 )down to Lyndon for staging. The storm clipped the corner of Lawrence damaging an apartment complex.I think Matt, KC4WCG would have liked to clone Reid KCØIDI on that day. Radio Amateurs operated with Salvation Army, Red Cross, NWS and with county governments. You can still turn in your Public Service Honor Roll for May. Ask me about it or check the web <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/pshr/> for details. If you were involved with storms in May you might qualify for the minimum to be listed in QST. Field Day is about here. Looks like some clubs are going to try the class F EOC category this year. Send me your Field Day club name, location and talk-in and I'll put it on the KSN page. Wherever you are on June 28-29 find a Field Day site and have fun. Colby now has an IRLP Node. Alfa 1 ARES in Shawnee/Waubunsee took the AMCOM truck out to wings over Topeka air show for the 2 day event where the Blue Angels performed. The classes in Lawrence and Wichita have netted many new amateurs this month-Congratulations to you. Silent Keys: WØCW Mac McAllister, WØQMH Lloyd Walker. Central Kansas ARC will host our state convention in Salina August 17th ! April Nets/Sessions/QNI/QTC/Mgr: KSBN/30/1054/105/N0KFS KPN/21/304/21/N0KFS KMWN/30//691/595/WB0YWZ KWN/30/799 /621/WB0YWZ CSTN/26/2122/81/AB5PA QKS/60/301/129/K0PY QKS-SS/12/37/5/KB0DTI SEC: 77 sessions QNI 760 QTC messages 29, Ks participants KB0AMY KC0AUH N0BTH KC0CFL KC0CIG WD0DDG WD0DMV KC0GDV AA0OM WA0SRR AA0UO K0UO N0UZ KB0WEQ . Joseph WD0DMV SEC. TEN: 60 sessions, QTC 334, KS 92% with WA0LYK K0PY AB0WR W0WWR NB0Z WB0ZNY Dave W0SS/Mgr. Traffic: W0WWR 202 AB0WR

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5 73- Ron See KSN on ARRL Website for detailed PSHR and more Kansas news:  
<http://www.arrl.org/sections/KS.html>

## Missouri

**JUNE SECTION NEWS CONVENTIONS AND HAMFESTS** The next Section Hamfest will be in Licking, MO on July 12, 2003. The Sponsor of the Hamfest is the Ozark Mountain Amateur Repeater Club. This is the second year the Ozark Mountain ARC Hamfest will be in held in Licking. **AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS** KEITH HAYE, WEØG, ACC There is a nice article on the ARRL website on the assistance that the Zero Beaters ARC (WAØFYA) in Washington, MO gave to Ham-Pianist Martin Berkofsky, KCØRE, with his marathon run from Tulsa to Chicago. Martin is a cancer survivor is running to raise money for cancer research. Craig Brune, NØMFD built a modified headseat to cancel road noise and provided an extendable 2-m antenna. Mr. Berkofsky will play the piano at a benefit concert at Webster University on June 12th. J. C. Alexander, K5DMI reports that six Joplin ARC members provided assistance to the Children's Miracle Network Bike Tour 2003 on May 17, 2003. The 100 mile Bike Tour was an excellent way of making Amateur Radio more visible. It is one way not only to promote Amateur Radio, but to gain new members. The Kimberling Amateur Radio Club has put out the 2003 KARC yearbook. This year's Yearbook is referred to as the Jim Davis, NQØG, Commemorative Yearbook. Jim, a Charter Member of KARC was honored with the cover shot. In addition to the officers, meeting schedule the Yearbook includes KARC Autopatch instruction, Two meter Net, a map of Kimberling City and A repeater directory for 2-meter repeaters from Eureka Springs, AR to Springfield and west to Joplin. I didn't see any credits for producing the Yearbook, but with KARC you know it was a group effort. Congratulations on a great KARC Yearbook. The Taney County ARC honored Bill Rose WØECP as the 2002 "Ham of the Year" and his name was added to the Plaque mounted on the wall at the Golden Corral. Billie, KBØWSA won the "Shot in the Dark" contest conducted by KCØM, with a sneaky scoring system. Bill WZØU managed to come in 2nd place (again!) **SECTION ARES REPORT** DON MOORE, KMØR SEC Kevin Brown, KCØCZI, Cole County E.C. and a large number of A.R.E.S. members provided reliable communications for the University of MO Summer Fire School. The Fire School last for about a week and requires many hours of Amateur Radio assistance. Dale Huffington, AEØS, District F DEC indicated that he believed that the Fire School project provided effective reliable communication, The opportunity for faculty, staff, and student to see the work of Amateur Radio operations in support of emergency operations. Those involved with the project believe that the Fire School offers an opportunity for training and recruitment of amateurs to participate in long-term A.R.E.S. activities. The latest Emergency Coordinators include Loyd Avis III, KCØMWU, of Hayti takes on the duties of Pemiscot County while Jude William, WØJTW, of Sikeston will be the new Scott County E.C. Robert VanDyke, KCØPCJ, of Dixon will be serving as E.C. for Maries County and the New Phelps County E.C. will be Michael Inman, NØJLU. Boone County will see the return of John Magnuson, NØEG of Columbia, MO as E.C. and Merle

Foster, KBØKWC of Centralia will take on the Audrain County Emergency Coordinator. It is great to see the interest and volunteer spirit that all the new and experienced ECs and DEC's bring to the A.R.E.S. program. Dean Bickford, KØPHI reported that when tornadoes struck southwest MO, Hams rushed to provide communications. On Tuesday the 6th of May, Jack KBØVOT, Bob, K9JAO, and Dean, KØPHI went to Pierce City to help. To Check out the Section ARES report for May, on ARES Website <http://www.ares-mo.org> SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS FOR MAY 2003 DALE HUFFINGTON, AEØS,STM ON ARRL Website

## **New England Division**

### **Connecticut**

Greetings! I have just recently updated the Web Page so go to the ARRL Page and click on ARRL CT Section news. We need to begin a project to get a PRB-1 bill passed in Connecticut. I am looking for people who are intimately familiar with the legislative process and who know legislators who might be supportive of our efforts. At this point, I am looking for volunteers who can lead this project; then I will be looking for others who can assist the committee. So, if you have some ideas about how to proceed and can lead this effort, please contact me either by phone or email: [k1eic@arrl.org](mailto:k1eic@arrl.org); 203-929-7759. Thanks. Let me take this opportunity to wish you all the best of luck in Field Day--sure hope the driving rains we have recently experienced let up and that we have wonderful weather! I can help you publicize your FD site--just write to Joe, N1KHB [n1khb@aol.com](mailto:n1khb@aol.com) and we'll post the list of FD sites on the Web Page. Send your digital pictures of FD to Jim, KD1YV, [kd1yv@arrl.net](mailto:kd1yv@arrl.net). Thanks. Many thanks to Brian, K1BRF for taking on the job of DEC for Red Cross. Brian comes to us from California where he has had a great deal of experience with ecomm both professionally and on the amateur radio side. Welcome aboard Brian! Many thanks to Mark WA1ZEK for his work as DEC/RC; Mark stepped down to give more time to other commitments which we all have to do at one time or another. Mark is currently president of the Middlesex ARS. SEC Allen, W1AGP is already planning for the simulated emergency test in October. This year, we have commitments from several New England Sections and State agencies so watch for further details. Dan KY1F is anxious to come to your club to present his "road show" on ecomm. So when you are doing your program planning for next year, please keep it in mind. Write to [ky1f@arrl.net](mailto:ky1f@arrl.net). Please be sure and check out the rest of the news on the CT Page on ARRL's Web Site. See you on Field Day!--73--Betsey Doane, K1EIC SM CT Section ARRL

### **Rhode Island**

Greetings RI Amateurs, As you read this, World Radiocommunications Conference 2003 is going on in Geneva. These important meetings are held every three years and are attended by representatives of all members of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and related organizations such as International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) attend and make decisions on a broad agenda of topics, many of which directly or indirectly effect Radio

Amateurs like you and me. Copying from ARRL Bulletin ARLB039, "The US IARU delegation is led by the IARU President Larry Price, W4RA, and IARU Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ. ARRL staff members Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, and Jon Siverling, WB3ERA." Again taking from the Bulletin, "The conference will try to complete work on more than 40 agenda items. Three are especially important to Amateur Radio: Realignment of 7 MHz allocations, revision of the regulations governing the amateur and amateur-satellite services, and consideration of an allocation for satellite-borne synthetic aperture radars (SARs) in the 70-cm band." The ARRL supported delegation will be acting on behalf of all Amateurs, not just League members even though they pay the entire bill. So, whatever is decided upon and enacted by the representatives from all three world regions of IARU, it will effect us all; 680,000 licensees in the US and another 2 million in the world. ARRL is doing the heavy lifting and non members get a free ride. Think about that the next time you hear someone speaking negatively about the League. In the last full weekend of June, Amateurs throughout US and Canada will once again perform the ritual originated in 1933 by FE Handy. We call it Field Day. It's a field test of our emergency preparedness and our RI clubs will all be out there having fun in the most popular club activity of the year. Best wishes to each and every club and club member. I'll do my DXer's sun spot dance for good radio conditions and decent weather. \*\*On May 18th, The Diabetes Foundation of Rhode Island conducted its regular spring fund raiser, a combination 100k, 50k, and 25k bike ride plus a 5k walk to raise funds for the Foundation. Well over a hundred pledged volunteers pedaled through the beautiful country roads of the ocean side town of Narragansett, RI on a beautiful warm Sunday morning and rose over \$40,000 for this most worthwhile cause. For the last seven years, members of The Blackstone Valley Amateur Radio Club from northern RI have traveled south to Narragansett and supported communications needs for this special Diabetes event. For at least ten years, Foundation volunteers have taken pledges annually from very generous Rhode Islanders to raise funds in the name of The Diabetes Foundation of Rhode Island. All the funds realized from this event will stay in the state and benefit our RI citizens afflicted with the disease. The volunteers offer to complete their pledges in a 100k, 50k, 25k bike ride or a 5k walk. In good weather as we had this year, it was truly a delightful experience for all concerned. Five of the seven Amateurs were BVARC members. BVARC President WA1RI along with W1YRC manned the net control station. N1WWG, WB1P, N2PGD, N2DAN, and K6JRY patrolled the various courses in "SAG" vehicles equipped with 2 meter voice and APRS units. N2DAN established an APRS digipeater at the far end of the 100k course in order to assure coverage. The last riders and walkers returned safely after four hours, being tracked the entire time. Event chairperson, Karen LeBoeuf, shown with Net Control operator Bill Whetstone WA1RI, was pleased to be able to track all riders and SAG vehicles and receive instant notification of any needs or events on the course. She was very impressed with Amateur Radio and what we can do with our equipment and wants us back next year and every year. Food was cheerfully provided by Outback Steakhouse. Needless to say, we're all planning to return next May. \*\*\* Contact N2NCL at n2ncl@juno.com to see how you might support the EM COMM program being developed for our served agencies of Salvation Army and Red Cross. Stay cool until next month. 73, Bob W1YRC, Section Manager



## **Vermont**

Greetings My Friends, Field Day is upon us, and the excitement is growing. All over the state, I am hearing about everybody's Field Day plans. This is very exciting, as Field Day gives us a chance to show others what we've got. It introduces new Hams to emergency communications, and gives us all a chance to have fun. So whatever your plans are for the last full weekend in June, make sure that they include some Field Day participation. Recently the Governor of Vermont, Jim Douglas declared June 22 thru 28, 2003 as Amateur Radio Week in Vermont. I am very proud of this accomplishment, and I would especially like to thank Dave Cain W1DEC, our State Government Liaison, for helping me get this proclamation thru several hoops. The Governor signed it in front of me, and 17 others that were in attendance for the official signing on June 10, 2003. I want to thank everyone that took time out to come down to Montpelier for the signing. On Wednesday, July 2, 2003 the Central Vermont Amateur Radio Club will be conducting Skywarn training at their monthly meeting. All are encouraged to attend. The featured speaker will be Steve Hogan N1OLC of the National Weather Service. Details can be found on their web site: <http://www.qsl.net/w1bd/>. In other news, Tim Bell KA1ZQX also put on a successful Skywarn Training on Tuesday, May 6th in Townshend, VT. The training session was given by the National Weather Service office, out of Albany, NY. Tim is the District Emergency Coordinator for Windham County. On May 25th, the Vermont City Marathon was held, as 3000 runners took to the streets of Burlington. This is the largest Ham Radio function held in the state with 43 Hams actively participating. The radio nets utilized two repeaters, and because of the calm, cool weather, the nets were quieter than usual. Carl Phillips KC1WH, our Section Emergency Coordinator, organizes the whole event every year. Thanks to all that helped out. If you have Ham Radio friends without web access and who are ARRL members, please tell them how they can receive the 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. The address is on page 13 of the January 2003 QST in a little green box. But here it is again: ARRL HQ 225 Main Street Newington, CT 06111 Attention: Steve Ewald WV1X Have them just tell Steve that they wish to receive the Section Summary by US Mail. MAY TRAFFIC REPORT Submitted by Bert Morton W1DFU  
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25/132/8/215 AA1PR VPEN 3/16/0/175 KC1YW

## **Northwestern Division**

### **Eastern Washington**

\* WRITTEN MESSAGE TRAFFIC REPORT FOR MAY: K7BFL 167, KA7EKL 165, W7GB 155, K7GXZ 37, KK7T 19. Public Service Honor Roll: W7GB 130, K7GXZ 160. Total Traffic: 543 \* NTS NET ACTIVITY REPORT FOR MAY : WA State Net (WSN): QNI 1026, Traffic

282, 93 Sessions. Noontime Net: QNI 9879, Traffic 263, 62 Sessions. WA Amateur Radio Traffic System (WARTS): QNI 3604, Traffic 110, 31 Sessions. \* Official Observer Report for MAY -- 7 out of 9 monitoring stations reported 633 hours of monitoring activity. \* FROM THE ELLENSBURG Rodeo City Radio Club Newsletter: SILENT KEY: Condolences to the family and friends of club member Bob Jackson, KC7IGJ, who passed away recently. -- Kittitas County ARES hosted ARES leaders from all around Eastern Washington at the semi-annual ARES SEC conference. The conference was well attended and there was a good exchange of ideas and information. For a glimpse at what went on, visit our club web site at [www.qsl.net/rcrc](http://www.qsl.net/rcrc) and click on "Eastern WA ARES Meeting in Ellensburg". You will find lots of pictures and a good narrative of the day's activities. -- Field Day is June 28 and 29. Boyd Rear N7AAW will be onsite starting Friday afternoon, so if you feel inclined bring down your mobile or portable rig and have some radio fun. We are aiming for a fun radio adventure instead of a mad rush for points. \* HELP WANTED -- Radio Operators needed to help with communications for the Iron Man Run in Coeur d' Alene, ID, on June 29th. So far 18 Kootenai County hams are signed up to help but another 30 are needed! Radio operators will be needed from 7 AM until midnight that day, and operators will be assigned to work in 4 - 6 hour shifts. The event begins with swimming, from 7 - 9 AM. Second will be bicycling 112 miles from 9 AM - 5:30 PM. Last will be a 26-mile run from 5:30 PM - midnight. Both the cycle and run will be 2 laps. The Start/Finish will be in Coeur d' Alene City Park. Your participation is encouraged -- many ham operators are needed greatly for this event. Please contact Darrel White, N7ZUI, in C d'A. His email is: [n7zui@juno.com](mailto:n7zui@juno.com). Telephone is: 208-773-6766. His Pager number is: 208-769-3533. Thank you. \* SILENT KEY: Clyde Hill, KA7EGM, of Bridgeport passed away in Spokane on May 3rd, 2003. Clyde was very active on the nets and on 2 meters and could be found on Mission Ridge nearly every day. He also was a WARTS net director for many years. He and XYL Daisey were both active in the Brewster/Bridgeport Senior Center. You "had a good one" Clyde. \* SILENT KEY: Don Myers, WB7VSZ, of Spokane became a Silent Key suddenly on May 22, 2003. For many years Don was involved with the Red Cross, emergency communications, and public service events and was an active ham up to the time of his passing. Thanks for all of your help, Don. \* The Spokane "SK" Chapter of the Morse Telegraph Club (MTC) again sponsored two demonstrations of American and International Morse Code; Wallace, Idaho on May 10, and Ritzville, Washington on May 24. Ham operators at Wallace were Don W7GB, Gordon WA7LNC, Harvey K7GXZ, and Don K7BFL. 40 messages were sent out. KA7EKL was the only station able to be contacted to receive messages, all on 40 meters. K7GXZ and K7BFL were the operators for the Ritzville demo. 26 messages were sent to KA7EKL, W7GB, W7LG, and W7DPW. KK7T and WQ7O also checked in but did not receive any traffic. W7GB was sick with the flu bug, but GOT OUT OF BED to receive several pieces of traffic. Beyond the call of duty! Again, all of the activity was on 40 meters. The equipment at both places was an ICOM 706 transceiver, with a dipole up about 20 feet. The American Morse operators are a great group of folks to participate with in the demo. L.R. Keith (KY) is the Wire Chief of the Spokane Chapter. A special thanks go to all the operators who participated on both ends of the circuits. \* Harvey Marsh, K7GXZ, was presented an NTS Certificate of Merit service award on April 26th at the Morse Telegraph Club luncheon in Spokane for his many years of traffic handling. Congratulations Harvey.

## Idaho

NET REPORTS NET SESS QNI QTC MGR FARM 31 3030 60 W7WJH NWTN 31 1472 118  
KC7RNT IDACD 22 405 33 WB7VYH IMN 31 671 226 W6ZOH STATION TRAFFIC  
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WB7VYH 00 32 29 10 71 W6ZOH 00 30 24 3 57 KB7GZU 00 20 24 00 44 PSHR STATION 1  
2 3 4 5 6 TOTAL W7GHT 40 40 20 - - - 100 WB7VYH 40 40 10 - - - 90 COMMENTS: John,  
conditions on HF are terrible these days. As Idaho SM, you should be able to do something  
about it. So, please do it. And thanx in advance. Reply: I'm saving all the good HF for Field  
Day! 73, John, K7BDS

## Montana

Field Day this month! Hope to hear as many MT stations on the air as possible. Thanks to Troy Brooks, KD7IIC for accepting the MT OO Coordinator's position. His job is to organize an effective group assisting amateurs in staying within Part 97 guidelines. It's a tough job, but is critical to our survival as a service in today's aggressive spectrum management environment. Best of luck to Troy and his crew. Please support him and his efforts. Remember, a notice from an OO is a friendly reminder, not a ticket from FCC. Please take it in the spirit it is intended. Patrick Friend, W7VL has accepted the PIC slot for MT. He looks forward to meeting and working with our clubs and individual ops to assist us in putting the best foot forward to our public customer and the media. Welcome to Pat and thanks. The new 60 Meter freqs will be available July 3 for our use. Keep in mind that the stated channel frequencies are "center of intelligence" points, so your "dial freq" should be 1.5 khz lower than the stated channel freq. Also, remember that the power output on these new slots is 50 watts PEP. The slots are for Upper Sideband only, no AM or CW. Frequency tolerance is also an issue. If your rig is "drifty", it may not be suitable for operation in that area. I'm sure there will be an active monitoring effort as we begin operation on 60 meters, so let's put our best attitude forward. The new channel freqs are: 5332, 5348, 5368, 5373 and 5405, with the last channel being shared with UK amateurs. 73 Doug, K7YD

## Western Washington

District 1 DEC John Rollman, KJ7SI Email: kj7si@fidalgo.net Island Co. EC Tom Graff, AD7R Email: tom226@juno.com ARES was involved with the annual Coupeville Water Festival with W0QJM NCS, AD7R shadowing the festival director and several other hams on safety boats Snohomish Co. EC Wil Amsden, N7NVV Email: n7nvv@gte.net Ten members supported the Welcome Home USS Abraham Lincoln parade May 10th. Working closely with the Everett JayCees, they helped marshal the parade units as well as monitoring progress throughout the parade. Report by Ed Empey WA7ETH, AEC North Whatcom Co. EC Matt Montague, KC7UHN Email: kc7uhn@cs.com About 30 ARES & RACES operators provided

comms for the annual Ski to Sea race this last weekend. 3200 folks competed in this 9 hour event. District 2 DEC Owen Mulkey N0WO Email: owen@olympus.net Clallam Co. EC Richard Edes, WA6CUE Email: wa6cue@cs.com The ARES/RACES participated in Emergency Exercise Blue Sky 2003, an FAA mandated exercise. Eighteen local and national agencies or groups were involved. 13 communicators worked at the EOC, Hospital & Airport. Jefferson Co. EC Gary Fell, KD7MWL Email: gandj@olypen..com A/R participated in the annual Rhody Run and parade with 17 people working the two events. The JeffCo Sheriff called a meeting with all emergency volunteer groups to acquaint him with the organizations and their leadership. District 5 DEC Randy Greeley, NU7D Email: nu7d@pacifier.com Cowlitz Co. EC Randy Greeley, NU7D A Cowlitz County 911 supervisor gave the hams procedures on reporting an incident and how they would like to receive information over the radio. Clark Co., EC Bob Goodale, K7YFJ Email: rwgoodale@attbi.com ARES/RACES working with the Clark County Radio club provided communications for the Ride Around Clark County Bicycle event, Evergreen Parade and the Hazel Dell Parade of Bands. District 6 (Medical) DEC Marina Zuetell, N7LSL Email: n7lsl@arrrl.net TopOff2 was a very manpower-intensive exercise that was successfully completed. We used 55 Amateur Radio operators during the exercise. Pierce Co. team participated in the Pierce Co terrorism exercise conducted simultaneously with TopOff. SEC Comments Jim Pace K7CEX Email: k7cex@arrrl.net The first five months of the year have been busy and exciting. Teams in Western Washington have been involved in: training, various exercises, regular team meetings, bunny hunts and conferences. A large contingent of Lewis County Team members attended the SAR Conference in Spokane, in early May and tested communications back home, not only from Spokane on HF but going and coming using VHF repeaters, Evergreen Intertie and Echo Link. If this was the first five months, I can't wait for the next 7. STM Report Pati Urie W7ZIW Email: w7ziw@arrrl.net QNIs: Noontime Net 9879, Northwest SSB Net 678, Washington Amateur Radio Traffic System 3604, West Coast Net 187, Washington Section Net 1026. Individual traffic totals: W7ARC 88, N7AJ 121, K7BDU 555, W7DPW 42, W7LG 103, W7QM 396, KJ7SI 23, W7TVA 474, N7YSS 53, W7ZIW 146 Official Observer Report John Burke W7BO Email: w7bo@adelphia.net 122 hours monitoring with 2 advisories sent and W7BO, N7QHC, KG7U, W7XC and W7POE reporting. Up to date news can be found on the WWA Section News web page at <http://www.arrrl.org/sect/wwa>.

## **Pacific Division**

### **Nevada**

Greetings to everyone in the Nevada Section! On Sunday, May 4th, we traveled to Visalia, California, to attend a special meeting of ARRL Section Managers and Section Emergency Coordinators from both the Southwestern and Pacific Divisions. Organized by Vice-Directors Tuck Miller NZ6T and Andy Oppel N6AJO , eight Section Managers and numerous other section representatives were in attendance. Next year an even longer meeting is planned. Saturday, May 10th was the date for the Reno Spring Hamswap, an event combining the annual

Spring Ham Swap with the Summer Hamfest. As a cooperative effort between the Reno Area Metro Simplex (RAMS) and Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society (SNARS) clubs, the event was an unqualified success and even attracted our own Division Director Bob Vallio W6RGG . Also on the 10th, Assistant Section Manager Gary Hartman KK7LV attended the Frontier Amateur Radio Society (FARS) meeting. FARS recently lost one of its most active members when Jim Frye NW7O moved to Montana, but President Al Olcott K7ICW has a full schedule of activities planned for the coming year. Three weeks later Reno was again host to a special event: the long-anticipated emergency communications symposium EMCOMMWEST 2003. Organized by Paul Cavnar NN7B and the Northern Nevada Amateur Radio Services (NNARS) group, the day-long event attracted over 120 participants, including presentations by representatives of the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, National Weather Service, Military Affiliate Radio System and ARRL Nevada Section. Next year an even larger two-day event is planned and may even be combined with the Spring Hamswap for one very full amateur weekend. With Reno being a prime tourist attraction throughout the west, the attraction for amateurs and their families should guarantee another successful event. Southern District Emergency Coordinator Glenn Hale KB7REO traveled to North Nye County and met with Emergency Coordinator Bruce Lafferty K7LAF where they discussed the universal problem of finding ARES members in the rural areas of Nevada. Washoe County Emergency Coordinator Matt Parker N7TOD has been doing a great deal of work with the local SKYWARN group and they have received several activations lately because of potentially destructive thunderstorms in the area. Matt has established an informative web site at <http://www.renoskywarn.org>. The month only had a few days remaining when I received an e-mail from Squeak Porray AD7K . Squeak had received a request from State Senator Bob Coffin for help getting a change made to Assembly Bill 441. AB-441 was proposing to give the Governor's Office authority to ban all disaster agency frequency lists, which could include a great many ARES and RACES repeaters and other stations. Within a matter of days (and within hours of the scheduled closing of the legislative session) concerned amateurs had contacted their State law makers and obtained an eleventh-hour amendment removing the miss-guided wording. Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen. Field Day is only a few weeks away. 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>. Finally, my apologies to Charlie Kunz AA5QJ for misspelling his name for about the twenty-third time. If I keep this up, I'm afraid Charlie won't talk to me again! Sorry, Charlie. Please send me your concerns, opinions, questions and newsletters. Until next month, 73, Dick W6OLD

## **Sacramento Valley**

MAY was a busy month, with the international DX Convention, North Hills ARC Swap Meet, and the Pacific Division EMCOMMWEST Conference held in Reno, NV. My XYL became ill while I was in Visalia and I have had to stay close to home. I missed a planned meeting with the Amateur Radio Club of Anderson. I was to present an ARRL Charter of Affiliation to them at their May meeting. Sorry fellows and gals, see you in the fall. SK: it is with deep regret that I

list the following Silent Keys: SHIRLEY ZUTTERMEISTER, N6TNW. She was a member of the NCCC, NCDXC, MLDXCC, Amador County ARC and a supporter of the NCDX Foundation. She served terms for several offices for the MLDXCC. She was an active DXer and Contester. She is survived by her husband Dick, N6TNX. RAY BALCH, K6VX: Ray retired to the Macdoel area in Siskiyou County. Ray was building a super contest and DX station, with 7 towers and at least two station operating positions, on 40 acres. Ray was an avid DXer and when he retired, he started logging and QSLing DXCC over again. When Ray knew his time was up he made arrangements for his property with KB7OMN. For more information on the property - sale or lease -, kb7omn@arrl.net. FIELD DAY: Many clubs are nearing completion of their FD plans. Some of their locations are: Mother Lode DXCC will be at Peddler Hill, off highway 88. Sierra Foothills ARC, as usual, at Nyack, on I-80 (5280 Ft. altitude). Nevada County ARC will be at the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley. River City ARCS at Madera Park, in Citrus Heights. Amador County ARC hopes to be at Mt. Zion. El Dorado ARC on the Mormon Immigrant Trail. Yolo ARS will be at Central Park in Davis. ARC of Anderson at area behind Big Wheels Restaurnat on Highway 44. Yuba Sutter ARC at the American Legion on Feather River Blvd., Linda. I hope to visit a few FD sites on Saturday. YUBA SUTTER ARC: The club provided communications for the Bike Around the Buttes ride on a wet, windy and cold day. 1200 riders had signed up, but only 500-600 rode the route. The SAG vehicles trasported approximately 30 riders back to the start. There were operators at 7 rest stops and 9 SAGs. Their next VE tests will be on July 10. TAHOE ARA: TARA provided at least 24 operators for the Around the Lake Bike Ride (72 miles). Net Control was at their communications van. They now have a link to VACA and will soon have one to Berkeley. This will give access from Tahoe and Carson areas to the Bay Area. NEVADA COUNTY ARC: They report a tower was stolen from the Salvation Army property. The tower was to be used by the club and SATERN for emergency communications. A chain was cut that held the tower to a fence. EL DORADO ARC: The club had an excellent turnout for the talk by Dr. Deutsch, of JPL. He spoke on NASA's Deep Space Network. Frank, W6DHN, the club's President has been appointed the ARRL Emergency Coordinator for El Dorado County, as well as several members were appointed as AEC. ARC ANDERSON/SHASTA CASCADE ARS: The two clubs are collaborating on a Hamfest to be held at the Anderson River Park on Saturday, August 9. There will be vendors, swap tables, food, barbeque lunch, drinks, seminars, fox hunting, antenna building and door prizes. Keep that date open for a day of fun. ARCA also had a Spring Bar-B-Que/Potluck, hosted by John, KB6AK and XYL Elaine. They also helped with communications for the Wheelmen Bike Race, coordinated by Dee, W6DEE. Susie, W6SUE, coordinated communications for the Rodeo Parade. EMCOMMWEST 2003: There was a good turnout for the Emcomm in Reno. Many fine presentations and seminars. The Reno group has started on plans for 2004 and to make it a 2 day event in conjunction with the Reno Hamfest. Dick, W6OLD, Section Manager of Nevada, has an active group working on it. INFO: Keep the Newsletters, emails, etc. coming with information that I can include in theis report. TAKE CARE: 73, Jettie W6RFF

## **San Joaquin Valley**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of May 2003: SM Charles McConnell, W6DPD- ASM K6YK, ACC W6DPD, SEC K6IN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC W7WN, TC W6TE. Field Day is June 28-29, 2003. Planning should be almost completed for this event. Check out the bonus points. Originate a message to the SM for 100 bonus points. EMCOMM South is being planned for October 11, 2003, in Fresno. More information will be coming out as the date approaches. 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](http://www.pacificon.org) for information. It is my sad duty to report the following became Silent Keys N6TNX, WB6UKB, and W6NRO. They will be missed. Traffic Handlers: The Northern California Net (NCN) has 2 sessions each day, at 07:00 PM Pacific Time on 3.630 MHZ and at 9:00 PM Pacific Time on 3.710 MHZ. This is the section traffic net for northern California and Nevada. The status of the VHF session is unknown at this time. Affiliated Clubs should remember to update the club records on the [arrl.org](http://arrl.org) web page each year. The best time to do this is after the annual officer elections, but changes can be made anytime of the year. If you go 2 years without completing the update, the club is put on inactive status until the annual report is made. This makes sure your club will receive information from ARRL, both U.S Mail and email if you list email addresses. TCARES provided communications for the Mother Lode Parade in Sonora. The International DX Convention was a success with a large attendance. K6YK went on a grid square expedition to NM, AL, MS, FL, TX, and AZ, making 700 QSOs, all on satellite. He gave out 18 grids and many counties. The sporadic E season for 6 meters is now upon us for the 2003 summer. N6ZW operated from PJ8. W6HYY and K6BWO completed the ARECC Level 1 course. W6DPD completed the Level 3 course. All ARRL members should consider taking these courses. When you successfully complete the course, your fee is refunded from the grant money the ARRL has received. Emergency preparedness and training is one of the bases for the Amateur Radio Service and of the ARRL. W6DPD attended EMCOMM West in Reno. Officers of the Turlock ARC are Pres W6LRG, VP K6SUU, Sec KD6UCK, and Treas K6CP. The Central Cal DX Club runs the Summer DX Super Sprint, a 3 month operating event. The goal is to work as many DXCC entities as you can during this period. You count each entity only once. Entry categories are phone, mixed, cw/digital and novice/tech+. There is a high power category and a low power (200 watts max) category for phone, mixed, and cw/digital. No QSL cards are required, only a copy of the log information with total entities contacted noted sent to W6FRH at CBA by Sept. 15. Traffic 0. PSHR K6RAU 54.

## **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. Thanks to the clubs that took time to send directions to their Field Day sites. I am looking forward to

visiting some of them during my annual "Field Day Marathon." Our PIC (and SERA Repeater Journal Editor) Gary KN4AQ is also planning to visit some Field Day sites. We are both following a tradition started by Gene Fegely, K3EJG a number of years ago. Several of you have asked about the traffic and PSHR reports listed at the end of this column each month. Those numbers represent traffic and other public service activity reported by hams across the state each month. These totals are also submitted to ARRL HQ, and the PSHR totals are published in the Public Service column in QST each month. The traffic reports are from a Station Activity Report (SAR) sent to me by the listed stations each month. SARs include the number of messages originated, received, sent and delivered, plus the total of all four categories. Received and sent points accumulate each time you receive or send a message via amateur radio. Originations are messages you create on behalf of a third party. Deliveries are messages you deliver to a third party using non-amateur means (like the telephone). These last two categories are essentially bonus points for handling messages on behalf of others besides yourself. The PSHR reports are more complicated. They include points for net participation, traffic handled, Field Organization appointments held, planned and unplanned emergency communications, and maintaining Internet resources on behalf of public service communications activities. Your participation in public service communications at any level is greatly appreciated, even if you do not report your activity. However, all of you are welcome to submit SAR and PSHR reports if you wish. Most stations send reports via NTS, but e-mail works also, as long as the reports are received by the 9th of the month. If you want more information, send an e-mail to me at [w4cc@arrl.net](mailto:w4cc@arrl.net) and I'll give you all of the details you need. In some sections, the Section Manager receives all of the reports; in others, they are sent to the Section Traffic Manager instead. We are changing this in North Carolina. Starting in July, SAR and PSHR reports are to be sent to our STM Bob K4HA instead of me (of course, I'll forward any I receive to him). July hamfests: Salisbury July 12th, Cary July 19th, Waynesville July 26th. I plan to be at all three, I hope to see you there. Hamfests are a lot more than just a shopping experience - they are a great opportunity to meet other hams and learn from others. I have a great time at all of them, even if all I end up buying is a cup of coffee. The Cary ARC is offering free admission to their swapfest to those who can show they've been licensed less than one year. I commend them for the effort to make newcomers feel more welcome in our activities - without newcomers, amateur radio has no future. If you go, bring a new ham with you, and drop by the ARRL table while you're there and say hello. May Traffic: W4EAT 453, K4IWW 241, W4UEF 124, AA4YW 109, K4RLD 75, KE4JHJ 66, KG4OQA 50, N4TAB 38, WA4OBR 38, AD4XV 38, W4CC 36, WD4LSS 35, KE4AHC 33, W3HL 30, W4FAL 22, W4LN 19, WA4SRD 16, WA23DN 12, KB8VCZ 10, N4NTO 8, W4EHF 6, W4IRE 5. May PSHR: N4TAB 140, K4RLD 120, W4EAT 120, K4IWW 120, KE4JHJ 110, WD4LSS 106, KG4OQA 105, W4CC 93, AA4YW 80.

## **South Carolina**

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators! This is Dr. Jim with the June South Carolina Section Manager's Report. I wish to further congratulate the SC SSB net on their 45th anniversary of



service. I am proud to report that a sidebar article was published on page 76 of June's QST, bringing national congratulations to the net. \*\*I had the pleasure of traveling to the Dayton Hamvention on my annual visit, and you can view my report on the Section Website! I was also fortunate to visit a few clubs earlier this month, and wish to thank them for their hospitality! The first was the Columbia ARC, who met on June 2nd. Charlie AE4UX, SEC was invited to call the SC ARES/RACES net from their new communications room. I arrived in Columbia during the net and checked into the net as a mobile station. Upon my arrival, Brian K6NWS gave me a tour of the facilities, and discussed further plans for the communications room. The Columbia ARC meeting ensued, called to order by Roger KF4PRV. Charlie AE4UX and I gave brief presentations at the meeting. I also had the pleasure of meeting Joe KF4TEN, the President of the Palmetto ARC. I was very pleased to find that the Columbia ARC and the Palmetto ARC were combining efforts this year for Field Day! A few Palmetto ARC members were present as well. Thanks to both clubs for your hospitality and your upcoming combined effort on Field Day! On Tuesday, June 3rd, Bob K4NJN, ASM6 and I traveled to the Spartanburg ARC club meeting, presided over by Art KE4EAN, DEC2. Bob WA2EMF ASM2 had arranged for a number of the ARRL-SC cabinet members to be present. Bob WA2EMF gave a great talk on the ARRL organization structure and opportunities for membership and field service appointments. Marc N4UFP, TC gave a brief talk on PLC and NVIS to the audience. My talk centered on our progress in the state to date and what directions we will be proceeding with the ARRL-SC team and field service. Dan KF4VIS PIC was present, as Spartanburg is his home club. I was proud to see the number of ARRL members and appointees in the audience! \*\*I was approached by Toni Pipkins KG4LXM, in regards to an upcoming 4-H club Congress which will be held at Clemson University on July 20th-24th. 4-H clubs were polled across the state, and one of their main interests involved Emergency Preparedness! Dave Crocket WB4DFW, ASM1 works at Clemson University and will be handling the presentation of Amateur Radio to the 4-H Congress. The ARRL will be providing information brochures, and I have inquired regarding videos from the ARRL library. The ARRL-SC section will be donating five "Now You're Talking" Books to Dave's presentation.\*\* Laurie KV4C, ASM4 reported that there was an article in the Florence Morning News on June 9th regarding the benefits of Amateur Radio to the public, including Emergency Preparedness and SKYWARN. John, W5UGD, EC Pickins County, reported that three of our EC's, John W5UGD (Pickins), Elsie KA2CLX (Spartanburg), and Sue N4ENX (Greenville) were featured in an article in the Spartanburg Herald-Journal concerning SKYWARN. Congratulations! I appreciate the media efforts!\*\* South Carolina underwent a full scale emergency drill on June 3rd and 4th. The scenario was that of a WMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction) attack. Communications were primarily via the Palmetto 800 trunked system, with satellite phones as a backup. Amateur Radio Operators were called upon as communicators, manning the Palmetto 800 system as relief operators. Although amateur radio was not specifically a backup in this scenario, VHF nets were brought up on local repeaters with a liaison to the HF net on 3993.5 kHz with a secondary frequency of 7250 kHz. Announcements were to be made from the State EOC at prearranged times to activate ARES if necessary. It was unfortunate that HF propagation was poor on both days of the exercise. Fortunately, the SC Emergency Operations Center ARES/RACES was able to make contact with radio operators throughout the state using the

repeater systems. Station Activity Reports, May 2003:  
(Call/Received/Sent/Originated/Delivered/Total)AF4QZ 109/35/3/48/195 ;KA4UIV  
42/49/0/1/92;WA4MIY 16/17/3/1/73;KG4VDR 0/6/0/0/6;N4VVX 1/1/0/0/2 PSHR Reports,  
May, 2003:AF4QZ 40/40/20/0/0/100;KA4UIV 40/40/20/0/0/100;N4VVX  
40/2/30/5/20/0/97-THANK YOU for your service to Amateur Radio! See you next month! '73  
de Jim N2ZZ, SC Section Manager-SC Section website: [www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/](http://www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/)

## **Southeastern Division**

### **Georgia**

<<>> You may have noticed another change in our state officers again this month. MARY AHLS, W4NZJ, who's been serving as our Affiliated Club Coordinator, and her hubby BILL, AB0KF, are moving to Tucson, AZ. Thanks, Mary, for your bright smile and your years of service. We'll miss you guys, but our loss will be Arizona's gain. Good luck to both of you. They say that when one door closes, another opens, and sure enough, stepping through the door to take over the reins as our new ACC is ROBIN CUTSHAW, AA4RC. Welcome aboard, Robin, and thank you for taking over the care of our clubs. I know you'll do a terrific job. Congratulations to the officers and members of the Statesboro ARS, who were recently renewed as a Special Service Club, a re-affirmation of their dedication to excellence. It may not sound like proper English, but "STARS continues to shine". As a special added attraction to Field Day this year, MARKUS, AF4VS, and JODI POWELL, AG4BK, will be heading up a VE test session at the Cherokee ARS/ARES field day site on the shores of beautiful Lake Allatoona, at Field Landing Park. (on Fields Landing Drive, just off hwy 20, west of Canton) Testing will begin at 10AM, and I can't think of many prettier sites to take that test. (And if you can't catch many contacts by calling "CQ Field Day" on the air, you can always wet a hook and catch some lunch...) Talking about a VE session, on a sadder note, one of our longtime VEs recently became a silent key. DICK WILLIAMS, KF4UM, was also one of the founders of the Liberty County Emergency Communications ARC. He will be greatly missed. Another recent SK, as well as a personal friend, is BILL PRINCE, KT4ED. Bill was one of our OOs, and a long-time member of the Alford Memorial ARC. It grieves me to think that we'll have no more late-night visits or share any more silly simplex QSOs. We'll miss ya, "darlin". And this just in: another loss, in the death of L.D. STRIETLEMEIER, ("STRIET")AA4OK, who was a retired airline pilot, a former mayor of Forrest Park, and a beloved Elmer to many in the Fayetteville Repeater Association. Sincere condolences to the families and friends of all of these fine men. VAL ASHCRAFT, AF4VH, our Southeastern DEC, started it when he named MARK AULICK, KF4MLT, and JIM COTE, N4PJR, as "assistant" DEC's. Our SEC MIKE BOATRRIGHT, KO4WX, has been thinking along the same lines, and he recently named a number of additional assistant DEC's, in recognition of their huge contribution to the ARES organization. See details on these folks in the July newsletter. July? Did I say July? Don't forget to earmark time for the SE Division Convention hamfest coming up on July 12-13, sponsored by the Lanierland ARC, at the Georgia Mountain Center in Gainesville. There'll be LOTS happening there, including the

annual statewide ARES meeting. Details... you guessed it!... in the upcoming newsletter. And hey! You still have time to get in touch with DAVID ZISKIND at ke4qlh@arrl.net to volunteer to help with the July 4th Peachtree Road Race. Time's a-wastin'!! OK, folks, until next time, this is AF4FO, signing clear. Take care of yourselves. And each other. 73, Susan <>>

## **Puerto Rico**

ARRL - P.R. Section News Date: 06/01/2003 PUERTO RICO: SM, Víctor Madera, KP4PQ – Ya está disponible la guía de estudio “Hacia la Radioafición” para el nuevo examen de Technician. Se puede conseguir en cualquier club participante en el programa de estudios. Felicitamos a WP3GW por haber aprobado el Curso de Comunicaciones de Emergencia, Nivel 1. El DX Club sigue sus reuniones los lunes en la UPR de Río Piedras. La FRA celebró su Hamfest de Verano en Carolina, Felicitamos a la Junta de Directores y a WP4NHF quien organizó la actividad. Las clases para Technician comienzan el 9 de julio en la UPR a las 8 PM. Felicitamos a KP4Q y a su hermana WP4CLS, ambos obtuvieron su grado en Leyes. Su graduación será el 9 de junio de 2003. Ya se están organizando clases en Ponce y Humacao. Fechas se anunciarán Próximamente. El nuevo ciclo de exámenes que incluye el nuevo examen para el Elemento2 comienza el 1ro de julio de 2003. Los preparativos para el ARRL Field Day 2003 están adelantados. Esperamos que se celebren 4 este año. Ya se está organizando un reunión de Instructores Voluntarios con el propósito de discutir el material a usarse y coordinar los distintos cursos en la isla. Habrá un vistoso Certificado para todos los que participen. En el mes de julio se comenzará el programa ARES a nivel nacional en Puerto Rico. Esperamos tener representación de toda la isla y completar el programa a tiempo para la temporada de Huracanes que se avecina. Los clubes anunciarán los detalles en los “nets” próximamente. Una vez completado el curso preparatorio, los mismos participantes recomendarán al “Section Emergency Coordinator”. Necesitamos voluntarios que puedan dedicar tiempo a la radioafición. Los interesados deben comunicarse con su SM por kp4pq@arrl.org o escribiéndole al PO Box 191917, San Juan, PR 00919-1917. Tel.: (787)789-4998.

## **Southern Florida**

Assistant Section Mgrs. –WA4AW, KD4GR, KA4FZI, W4WYR, N4LEM, K9SHT; Section Traffic Mgr. WA2YL; Club Coordinator & Technical Coordinator WA4AW; Bulletin Mgr. KC4ZHF; SEC KD4GR; Official Observer Coordinator W4WLR; District ECs N4LEM, K9SHT, AA4BN, N4QPM, KG5QD, W4SS Field Day press release is on the PR page ([www.arrl.org/pio](http://www.arrl.org/pio)). If you haven't sent a release, do so this week. Most media outlets in South Florida have links on their web sites for e-mailing press releases. WA4AW, Jeff will again be traveling the SFL section visiting many FD sites. Send him your FD site information ([wa4aw@arrl.net](mailto:wa4aw@arrl.net)) and he'll try to visit your club site. New web site for ARRL Southeastern Division: <http://www.southeastern.arrl.org>. Also, a correction to an item in the recent newsletter mailed to you: The Fort Pierce Hamfest date should be August 13. It is with regret that I accept the resignation of KC4ZHF as Bulletin Manager. Bob is moving to Lake Placid in the West

Central Section and will conclude his duties at the end of June. More news and photos are at: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/sfl.html>. ARES: EC reports for June: N4LEM, KT4XK, K4JC, KC4UCN, N3PYQ, KA4HLO, AD4RZ, K34DUJ. Lee County reports an increase in members for the third consecutive month. Please share your recruiting tips! Around the Section: Brevard – Amateurs are still working with the county to revise the tower regulations. On Saturday 5/10, 8 hams handled 6 collection parking lots and watched as 72 tons of food was collected for the local Daily Bread Warehouse. Dan, KG4DSD and Dick, N1ADD were net control at station K4SBA in the warehouse. Other SBARC members were KD4JRJ, N4MIR, KI4IS, W4JBL, and N4FIZ. They also borrowed Bill, WD4M from Sebastian. N3HOE and others operated public safety event with Space Coast REACT in the annual Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Melbourne, May 1-4, 2003. Lee - Lorna Brown of the Red Cross gave a presentation to the ARES group on the protocol to be followed when assigned to a Red Cross Shelter. The RACES/(ARES) new repeater is up and running, located in Charlotte County on a TV tower at 485 ft. (N4GUI, 146.685 PL 136.5). Martin - The ARES group conducted a PR event at the annual Red Cross Hurricane Fair in the local mall on 5/31 and 6/1. They signed up 22 folks expressing interest in licensing classes. Also, they handed out pamphlets, a new club brochure, showed the Walter Cronkite video on wide screen, and had other show and tell items. The EOC is planning a combination nuke plant and hurricane exercise on 6/20 with training sessions on the EM2000 computer system. Miami-Dade – Congratulations to Evelyn, W4WYR on 50 years of ARRL membership. Dade Radio Club had a presentation: Julio WD4JR and John KU4GY presented a presentation on the Amateur Radio Station (WX4NHC) at National Hurricane Center at the May meeting. Monroe - A new SEDAN node is going up in Key Largo through the hard work of Robert, KE4MCL. This will continue the path of SEDAN towards the keys, where a lot of storms hit. See the SEDAN site [www.geocities.com/floridasedan](http://www.geocities.com/floridasedan) Okeechobee – ARES operators assisted with a teen block party on 5/31 and activated a Skywarn net on 5/18 to assist NWS Melbourne. Palm Beach – PB Amateur Radio Council met 6/12, with 9 PBC clubs represented. TV-61 will produce & air PSA's leading up to FD & produce a video for airing, featuring local PBC FD operations around the county. The Council will meet again in Sept. Silent Keys - Our thoughts and prayers go to both families. Jack May W4AZO became a silent key in May. Jack was very active in Dade Radio Club and the Flamingo Net from his early novice license until he became FCC Engineer-in-Charge. Terry Thomas N4HAT died on 6/9 while driving his gasoline tanker truck. He was able to pull to the side of the road and then died of an apparent heart attack. The Palmetto Radio Club will miss Terry this Field Day. He was a long time club member and Amateur Radio Volunteer Examiner.

## **West Central Florida**

WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA: SM-Dave Armbrust, AE4MR, ASM-Legal Biff Craine, K4LAW, SEC John Townsley, AE4GB, TC Darrell Davis, KT4WX, BM Bill Dibble, KE4WU, STM Chet Carruth, AB4XK, SGL Ted Zateslow, W1XO, ACC Fred Hendershot, N3BUL, PIC Jack Doyle, WX1JAD. The new 2003 ARRL Field Day logos CQ FIELD DAY CQ FIELD DAY ... YOU ARE 5-9 IN WCF - will be heard across many of the bands in just a few weeks

on Saturday June 28 and Sunday June 29th. The new "When all else fails . . ." slogan shown above fits right in with the original notion of Field Day. Started in 1933, the exercise was--and still is--a way to test a station's or a club's emergency preparedness. The logo and slogan for 2003 also help to focus attention on the new Class F operating category. Stations operating as Class F will go on the air during Field Day from an official Emergency Operations Center (EOC) set up by a governmental agency or a non-governmental organization, such as the American Red Cross or the Salvation Army. The Tampa Amateur Radio Club is hoping to earn top honors this year in the 2A category. Field Day has been a long tradition of the TARC and dates back to the earliest days of the event. In recent history TARC has shown a steady improvement in their scores, FD participants and more and better food. In 2002 they rose to a spectacular 3rd place finish in the 2A category. This year the club councils have voted to try and be the best in their 2A category. Regardless if you are trying to get top honors, do better than last year or just want an excuse to play radio there is fun for all at Field Day so be sure to stop by. If your club will be setting up a Field Day site this year be sure to drop me a note at [ae4mr@arrl.org](mailto:ae4mr@arrl.org) I will once again be visiting many Field Day sites throughout the ARRL West Central Florida Section. KID'S DAY II IS JUNE 21! - The second Kid's Day of 2003 will be June 21, from 1800-2400 UTC. There's no limit on operating time. The twice-annual event, held in January and June, offers a chance for amateurs to invest in the future of Amateur Radio by participating in a simple, but rewarding, on-the-air event. Now in its ninth year, each running of Kid's Day typically attracts more than 1000 participants. Kid's Day is intended as an opportunity to share Amateur Radio with young people--licensed or not--in the hope that they'll enjoy the experience and possibly pursue their own license in the future. Activity for Kid's Day <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kd-rules.html> takes place on 20, 15 and 10 meters and can include local 2-meter repeaters. It's an opportunity to introduce your own youngsters, neighborhood kids and nieces and nephews to participate to the magic of ham radio and perhaps spark a lifelong love for the hobby. Kid's Day is not a contest, and patience is a must. The role of the licensee and control operator is to help with the basics, keep an eye on the technical aspects of the operation, observe third-party traffic agreements and be sure to ID at the proper intervals. In this event, it's quality of the contacts that counts, not quantity. The suggested exchange for Kid's Day is first name, age, location and favorite color. It's okay to work the same station again if the operator has changed. Call "CQ Kid's Day." Suggested frequencies are 14,270 to 14,300, 21,380 to 21,400 and 28,350 to 28,400 kHz, and 2-meter repeater frequencies with permission from your area repeater sponsor. Governor's Hurricane Conference - The Governor's Hurricane Conference will be June 9-13 at the Tampa Convention Center. Tuesday June 10th from 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM will feature a free amateur radio seminar. Speakers from all over the State will be attending this conference along with representative from all three Florida ARRL Sections. Annual Cub Scout Day Camp in Tampa - The Tampa Amateur Radio Club will be at Plant Park on the University of Tampa campus along the Hillsborough River on June 9th from 8am till 1:30pm. Among other things they will be teaching the kids CW. They will be running one of their field day stations, with tower, force12 and ICOM transceiver. They can use your help, bring your handheld and your interest in showing kids ham radio. New Net Manager - We also have a new WCF Net Manager Geoff Haines, N1LGI. Geoff takes over from Dennis Griffin, W4DG, who resigned suddenly in May. Geoff has been a regular net

control on both the WCF Section Nets and the Eagle Net. Webmaster needed - The Section is also in need of a new Webmaster. If you are interested in either of these positions please let me know. New OES appointments - Three new Official Emergency Stations have been appointed in Hillsborough as well. They are Keating Floyd-KC4HSI, Ken Salhoff-N4TCP and Gary Sessums-KC5QCN. Amateur Radio call-in talk show - Public Information Coordinator Jack Doyle, WX1JAD, reports that Mike Swiader, KA9WIE, president of the Peace River Radio Assn. And ARES AEC/Sarasota County/North Port, has made arrangements for a monthly amateur radio call-in talk show with WENG/AM/1530 broadcasting from Englewood, Florida. WENG covers both Sarasota and Charlotte counties. PIO's are encouraged to make an attempt to contact their local broadcast stations to set up a similar operation. Jack writes "Personally, I felt that I was not only welcomed, but got the impression that the stations' on-air personalities were sincere of their understanding of the services that amateur radio provides in disaster events. As a matter of fact, this same station is now in the process of erecting a tower to provide space for amateur radio operations at their facility." Jack also was one of five guest speakers at the annual Hurricane Preparedness Seminar sponsored by the City of Venice. 1,000 High Students introduced to Amateur Radio - A joint effort between Sarasota and Charlotte county amateur radio operators set up a display and live demonstration at the North Port, Florida High School for two days. Approximately thirty ham operators were involved. Over 1,000 students at the school were introduced to amateur radio at the display and demonstration which included VHF/UHF/HF/SSTV/ATV/APRS interactive participation, and the students loved it. North Port High School, the newest school in the Sarasota County education system, is seriously considering adding amateur radio into their curriculum in the next school year. Library Books - The Tamiami Amateur Radio Club recently donated an entire series of ARRL Handbooks to the Venice, Florida Library. The head librarian graciously accepted, and the books are now in general distribution for checkout by anyone wishing to become licensed operators. RV Park adds an Emergency Amateur Radio Station - Henry Reynolds, W9NWP, ARES/AEC, Sarasota County is diligently working with the people of Sun 'n Fun RV Park to develop an amateur radio emergency operations center at that location. The park, with over 2,700 residents, has a dedicated ham shack available, and the ARES team members are in the process of making it a reliable outpost for emergency communications, since it's geographic location - in land from the coastal areas - make it a prime site as a backup comm center. CARS Spring Picnic - On April 26th, the Clearwater Amateur Radio Society held it's annual Spring Picnic. This event coincided with the Florida QSO Party. Even though band conditions were not good, we did very well with an (unaudited) score of 209,196 and 594 contacts! More pictures on the club website <http://www.carshamradio.org>. Tad works Minnesota for the Florida QSO Party while Tom, AB4EZ acts as control operator and logs. Later, Katie worked Germany! [photo Mike Murdock, K4NW] Amateur Radio Emergency Service New ECs appointed - Please welcome three new ARES Emergency Coordinators. In Polk County Evans F. Mitchell, KD4EFM will be taking over from Richard Brannen, KA3J. In Hardee County Matthew Ford KG4KUC will be taking over from Darrell Davis, KT4WX as Darrell has now moved to Highlands County. In Highlands County Dave Hale, WA4BWO, will be taking over for Don Roberts, W4CBS. Hillsborough - EC Gary Sessum, KC5QCN, report that Hillsborough County

ARES/RACES/Skywarn sponsored the National Weather Service Basic & Advanced Skywarn Spotter class on Saturday February 22nd. We will have another Skywarn Spotter class on Saturday August 16th in Tampa. On Saturday April 26th we provided communications support to the annual March of Dimes Walk America held at Plant Park on the University of Tampa campus. On Wednesday April 30th we played an active role in the annual Hillsborough County Mass Casualty Disaster Drill and provided backup/auxiliary communications at multiple locations around the county. During this exercise, we passed emcomm messages from the Hillsborough County EOC in Tampa to the State Warning Point in Tallahassee using HF radio and the SEDAN packet radio network. On Saturday May 10th, we again taught the ARRL ARECC Level I emergency communications course in a traditional classroom setting. ARECC Levels II and III will be offered in a traditional classroom setting later this year in addition to ICS, MAC, and EDICS courses.

Polk - There will be a special ARES meeting this Monday, June 9th, 7:30PM, at the American Red Cross building in Winter Haven. 147 Avenue A Northwest (directly north of the downtown post office) Guest speaker will be Ben Holycross, Communications Administrator, Polk County. Topics will be Hurricane Season 2003, and what Polk County needs from HAMS!, setup of a shelter class (or refresher), frequency assignments for Polk County on 2 meters and 70 cm. Ben would like for any and ALL POLK HAMS and Volunteers to attend this important meeting. A small Q&A may take place at the end of the meeting, but very important information about Polk Shelters and Shelter OPS will be discussed Monday night at the meeting. Evans Mitchell, KD4EFM, Polk County EC, invites all club and non club Hams to attend this as well. The Polk ARES Group needs to know how to handle a hurricane NOW not when it is coming ashore, this will be a very important session and time is very important. The meeting will start at it's normal time of 7:30, BUT it may run past 9:00, so please be advised, your time will not be wasted. I have asked John Townsley AE4GB, WCF SEC, and Dave Armbrust AE4MR WCF SM, to please attend also. Polk County plays a very important role during Hurricane season, we need to be ready at any given time. As Mr. Holycross will explain at the meeting, "Polk County needs more then just their personnel to hold things together, they need Polk HAMS to help out as well". "Communications is very vital, even when we are not in the path of one, we have to handle the vehicular and communications traffic of one".

Sarasota - On June 4th, Sarasota County held it's yearly "Tactical Search & Rescue Drill", and as in years past, Amateur Radio operators provided the primary communications for this drill, dubbed "Hurricane Jay". Amateurs were first sent to deploy one of their Communications Trailers to the "incident" scene in Northern Sarasota County to establish a communications command post and emergency net. Other Amateurs were then sent to "staging areas" to meet up with their assigned Task Force. These Amateurs would ride with the "Task Force Leader" and be the main communications link between the various Task Forces and the Command Post. Upon instructions from the Command Post, these Task Forces would deploy to the incident scene or to a secondary "staging area". Once the teams were deployed to the Incident Scene, they would perform certain tasks, such as dealing with downed power lines or debris in the road. Each team would be monitored and graded on their performance. Once they had completed their course, they left the Incident scene and another Task Force would arrive to carry out their tasks. A total of six Task Forces were deployed at different times from Northern Sarasota County, as well as from Southern Sarasota County (North Port and Venice).

The 145.130 MHz repeater was used to communicate with the teams in staging and enroute from the Southern part of the county, switching over to the 146.730 MHz repeater at a predetermined landmark. The Northern Sarasota County teams used 146.730 MHz throughout. Once a Task Force arrived on the Incident Scene, communications moved to 145.520 MHz simplex, leaving the repeaters open for communications with the other Task Forces that were either staged or enroute. 146.555 MHz and 146.580 MHz were also established as backup frequencies for communications with the Task Forces, but were not needed. A briefing with the drill commanders followed the "drill" and the Amateurs received high marks for the professional manner in which they handled their communications duties. The "Logistics" officer was also impressed with the "log keeping" (all communications from the Command Post to the Task Forces are logged on an ICS 214 form). When he asked for information, we were able to look it up on the log sheet and provide him an answer. Amateurs who provided communications for the "Sarasota County Emergency Management Amateur Communications" team included: W8ISZ, WD4AHZ, K4III, K8DSS, N4LML, KV4USA, KC7TSG, KA4BOB, W1ROX, K4JP, KL7HX, K9DAV, AE4MR and AJ4UF. Amateurs contributed 101 man-hours to this event.

Sarasota ARES/RACES members at Hurricane Jay 2003 drill. Left to right Ron Wetjen, WD4AHZ, Jim Frey, W8ISZ, Dave Luehr, K9DAV and John Link, K4II. [Photo Dave Armbrust, AE4MR]

TARCFest Breaks Attendance Record - TARCFest IX, held on April 19th was one for the record books, smashing more records than Rush Limbaugh in the Dixie Chicks section at Sam Goody's. With over 350 in attendance for the show, which featured a record 56 sellers, in addition to the record buyers, splendid weather and great bargains conspired together to make IX extraordinary. The TARCFest has become, in just a few short years, a bay area tradition. This is simply an old fashion good time. We do things right at TARC, reports Club President Biff Craine, K4LAW. TARCFest X is coming up August 23, 2003, only 4 months away. Mark your calendars now.

Hollingsworth visits WCF - FCC Special Counsel Riley Hollingsworth was in West Central Florida last month. While he was here on a fishing trip was able to attend an informal dinner with several Official Observers in Sarasota. Hollingsworth was pleased that we have very few enforcement issues in West Central Florida. Here is another one that Riley did not let get away!

ARRL Southeast Division Website - We have a new website and Webmaster for the ARRL SE Division. The webmaster is Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC, in Atlanta aa4rc@arrl.net. The new URL is <http://www.southeastern.arrl.org>

Silent Key - TARC reports - Our friend Linda, KB3DYO, died due to complications from heart surgery. Linda was a regular at TARC, even though she had to drive across the bay from Pinellas.

NTS Report - AB4XK STM reports for April: PHSR W4AUN 179, AB4XK 120, WB2LEZ 104, K4SCL 100, KD4EFM 84. SAR K4SCL 240, AB4XK 148, W4AUN 25, KD4EFM 19, WB2LEZ 9.

Thanks - from your ARRL WCF Section Manager - I want to thank all the amateur and clubs that have provided me with information for this months Section E-news. It is great to see all the activity in the West Central Florida Section which is one of the most active Section in the ARRL. If you are not already involved with your local club I would like to invite you to attend a meeting and join in the activities and fun. ARES groups across the Section are actively involved in helping out in their own communities and need your help as well. Consider lending a hand as well. The WCF is a great Section and with your help it can be even better.

73 - Dave



## West Gulf Division

### Oklahoma

Public Service Honor Roll May 2003 Congratulations! O. C. Efler WA5OUV Logan Tom Johnson N5IKN El Reno Patrick Murphy NJ5M Big Cabin Arlyn Seidel KK5GY Newkirk May 2003 Section Nets Sessions Check Ins Traffic Net Manager Blackwell 4 52 5 N5VEA Edmond ARS 7 184 63 KM5GZ Enid ARC 4 83 16 KC5OKG Kay County ARC 4 56 0 KK5GY N E OK Radio Amateur 3 46 0 KC5RQV Newkirk 4 16 16 KC5OKG NOVA VHF Net 3 56 4 N5IKN Oklahoma Dig. Net 4 9 0 W5JPI Ok Phone Emerg. Net 4 121 2 W5JPI Oklahoma Weather/Tr. 27 246 229 WA5OUV Payne Co AREC 4 4 1 W5JPI Sooner Net 27 141 37 W5JPI Stillwater ARES Net 5 72 0 W5JPI Field Day is now just about one week away. I know many of you have planned diligently and ready for show time. Per FD rules you can pass your FD report, for bonus points, to the Section EC, John Turner-KA7GLA, or to the SM. Via either the OK Traffic/Weather Net or the OK Phone Emergency Net, you can give your FD report. You are encouraged to use this traffic exercise to show the newer hams, or the general public, the process of Amateur Radio traffic. Thanks to Craig Roszel, KC5TFI, the week of FD has been declared as Amateur Radio Week in Oklahoma! Use this declaration to highlight the role of Amateur Radio in your community. Hams in numerous towns in Oklahoma have been successful in getting special recognition (including Mayor's proclamation) for FD in their communities. These towns include Altus, Ardmore, Bartlesville, Choctaw, Edmond, Lawton, Pryor, Vinita, and Tulsa. Vy well done! Please contact the Section Public Information Coordinator. Mark Conklin, N7XYO@ARRL.Net, for assistance in preparing a press release to your local media (you still have time!) He will be sending a statewide press release to major media outlets. Mark is developing a tentative workshop agenda on publicity. This to be held in Fall 2003 to focus club activity on media relations. More information to follow. The Choctaw ARC has been very active with its community. The club hosted a Salvation Army Canteen during the recent tornado and used its repeater for related communication. Also, they recently began working with City of Choctaw on a residential shelter location project. Using GPS technology, club members documented town peoples shelters for city use in post-disaster recovery. The Choctaw ARC received great publicity for a super project. Kudos to KC5EVS and the gang. Edmond ARS has made significant enhancements in its club station. New furniture, paint, and equipment arrangement to match APRS operation have resulted in activity several days a week. The City of Edmond recently honored the club for its Amateur Radio effort in public service. Thanks to KA5WIS and KC5GEP for their community service. Many of the clubs are doing wonderful projects in their communities and to be commended. Good Luck in FD 2003! 73, John