

Section News for June 2003

Atlantic Division

Northern New York

Its been a beautiful summer here in the NNY - Section a little hot as temperatures are above normal. NNY affiliated clubs have been very busy helping our local communities with Public Service Events. Its one way we can contribute to the health and promote good feeling with our own communities. Amateurs are always helping here, in NNY we have some great public service events scheduled this summer and lots of Hams are needed to volunteer. I want to thank all of our NNY-Hams for making such contributions of their time & efforts to help others. Tri-Lakes Ham's helped with the Tupper Lake Tinman this year and held Field day right afterwards. CVARC's Bus - Mobile command center rode the 4th of July Parade route in Plattsburgh. "Harmony In the Woods" The Lewis County Emergency Communicators will be helping out with this year's event communications on July 13th. On July 27th in Lake Placid the IronmanUSA returns and HAM volunteers are needed there also. www.ironmanusa.com Next, Ted N4TW is organizing a really big event over in St. Lawrence county Kid's Carp contest. Hams take the Kids and make a day of it, as it will give them something to Carp about. Contact n4tw@arrl.net also, see new NNYARA site: www.northnet.org/nyham Next, Our Hamfest/Conv. Mtg. is August 9th 11am on my porch in Saranac Lake, TALK-IN 145.310 PL 127.3 Members of NNYARA Hamfest Committee will make final arrangements for the Oct. 11th Hamfest NNY Section Convention in Lake Placid, NY Please make arrangements now to be with us in October whether VENDOR or AMATEUR we look forward to seeing you during the most Leaf Colorful time of the year! 73's Tom - KF2GC

Southern New Jersey

Monthly report for Southern New Jersey for July 2003, Section Manager, Jean, KA2YKN It was nice to see many clubs in SNJ participating in Field Day. Due to family commitments, I was unable to travel to Field Day sites but should be able to in 2004. I worked with one of my home clubs cooking. The troops must be feed. I did receive several Section Manager messages. I want to thank all of the operators, organizers and those who contacted the operators in the Road to Monmouth Heritage Campaign held June 21 to June 27. The Burlington County Radio Club members did a very nice job in organizing operators and word has it that they had a lot of fun. Condolences go out to friends and family of Henry Rainville, K2HG. Henry was a resident of Ventnor. From info received from Arnie, W2OB, many years ago, Henry was largely responsible for implementing SCARA's participation in the Miss America Pageant with the HF Special Event station. And now a Blurb from the Battleship New Jersey. On July 19 and 20 she will participate in the 2003 Museum Ship Radio Event. There will be 51 (at least) ships looking for contacts. Why not try and work all 51 as a personal challenge. This year many of the ships

will be checking into IRLP node 9608 and APRS. Thinking in an historical sense, AM and CW were the main modes of operation on most of these ships. For those who know Jim, W2IIC, he has not been feeling well these days and is still in the hospital. Send your cards, letters or favorite jokes to Jim. Send them care of the Southern Ocean County Hospital. We hope all these well-wishes will bring Jim home very soon. TRAFFIC REPORT for June 2003 QNI reports NJM 59 N2GJ NJPN 191 W2CC NJSN 172 K2PB NJN(E) 176 AG2R NJN(L) 145 AG2R (above nets are dual with NNJ Liaisons with 2RN.) JSARS 513 WJ2F SJTN 86 KB2RTZ SJVN 267 WB2UVB SJVN Training net 4 (1 session) WB2UVB SAR report SJRA 132 AA2SV 81 K2UL 75 WB2UVB 71 WJ2F 59 KC2IYC 55 W2QOB 43 KB2RTZ 34 WA2CUW 26 N2VQA 26 N2WFN 19 AB2LF 6 N2ZMI 1 PSHR WB2UVB 150 K2UL 110 WJ2F 100 N2HQL 100 KB2RTZ 88 AA2SV 90 KA2YKN 82 W2QOB 77 N2VQA 76 WA2CUW 76 WA2NDA 65 N2WFN 59 SJRA 40 AB2LF 21 JSARS now has a new Net manager starting July. Give a big warm welcome to Keith, KC2KBZ Now is perfect weather to plan and have a Fox Hunt. You only need a few people skilled on building an antenna and willing to work with a few eager learners. Start out easy and work up to harder. This is especially good for young hams. Let them plan their own Fox Hunt and compete against the seasoned hams to hone their skills and learn from the years of experience. They will love the stories about the hunts back in the days of yesteryear. In speaking of our youth, now is the perfect time while the kids are out of school, to sign up for an encampment on the Battleship New Jersey. Imagine the stories they could write when their teacher ask them to write that time honored composition "what I did during the summertime and vacation". It could even give them a new prospective in the history class. A day trip has been made easier now with a shuttle bus running between the Rand Center (about 4 blocks from the Battleship) and the Battleship New Jersey and the other attractions in the immediate area. The delegates to WRC-03 agreed to move broadcasters out of 7100 to 7200 kHz in Regions 1 and 3 to make room for the Amateur Service. Allocations at 40 meters goes into effect March 29, 2009. US hams and the rest of Region 2 will continue to enjoy 7000 to 7300 kHz band they now have and with greatly reduced broadcasting interference. This compromise marks the first time in history that internationally coordinated radio spectrum shifted to accommodate the needs of another service. It cuts in half incompatibility between amateur and broadcast use. See you soon, Jean

Western Pennsylvania

Giving of themselves to help others is what 21 Western Pennsylvania Amateur Radio Operators did June 29 (Field Day). The American Diabetic Association scheduled their annual Field day is now behind us as are several hamfests. The next hamfests on tap for Western Pennsylvania will be the JVARC hamfest near Lewistown, Pa. on August 2. This will be a new hamfest for me and I am looking forward to meeting the members at the event. Don't forget that this years section convention will be on Sunday, September 7 at the Farm show grounds in Butler. I would like to thank Paul Oliastro for his service as DEC of the rapid response team and as DEC for North 1 district. Paul has resigned to take care of family related health issues. We want to all wish Paul and the family well and I know he will continue to support the ares program. The DEC for rapid response will not be filled at this time and individuals interested in the DEC position for north 1

should contact me directly. I also want to welcome Rick Thompson, AE3C, as the new DEC for OES in the western part of the section. I have met Rick and his daughter Barbara several times at hamfests and at Emmcomm courses. Barbara has also asked me to remind the young hams about the under 21 net on Sunday evenings. This net is at 8:30 Pm on the 146.88 machine with a negative offset, Barbara is net control and thanks to the North Hills amateur radio club for sponsoring the net. I received the following from Ray Albert, N3XCD, EC of Butler county and was asked to include it in this months letter. Please check the section web page at <http://www.arrl.org/sections/WPA.html> for other information as things develop in our section.

Tour de Cure ride on one of the most important weekends for amateur radio. With concerns about getting 20 – 25 radio operators to help with communications on the ride the call went out on nets, emails, club meetings, and Hamfest. Twenty-one operators came forward and made the commitment to give up Field Day and help. They came from Allegheny County, Butler County, Forrest County, Lawrence County and Westmoreland County to fill positions at rest stops, in SAG vehicles and net controls. With 5 different mileage rides we had a lot to cover. There were 246 riders of all ages and even diabetics riding the rides. Operators at rest stops were to communicate information about supplies and riders at these stops, to net control. Operators riding in SAG vehicles kept track of riders on the route and pass on information about riders having problems or breakdowns, to net control. Net controls (2 radios set up on repeaters 147.31 and 145.36) collected all the information and passed it on to the people in charge of the ride at the start/finish line. Radio operators started working at 6:30 am and were there until the last rider crossed the finish line at 5:40 pm. Diabetes seems to affect us all. We may be a diabetic or have a family member or a friend that this affects. The early count shows that over \$80,700.00 was raised that day for research to fight diabetes. Thank you to the two repeaters that gave us complete use of their repeaters to cover the ride. The 145.31 machine owned by the Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association and the 147.36 owned by Butler County Amateur Radio Association. Thank you members and operators for giving us the use of these repeaters on the busy Field Day weekend. A special Thank you goes to the Amateur Radio Operators for giving up Field Day and helping others in a great and successful ride for the American Diabetes Association. (end) This is just one of the many events that amateurs in our section contribute to the support and safe operation of various events. I want to thank the hams that took part in the tour de cure as well as all the other public service events that take place throughout the year. I would like to hear from the clubs in the section about any topics they would like to see the section staff develop a training program for presentation. We have currently developed courses for the boy scout radio merit badge, traffic handling, qsling license renewal procedures. These are powerpoint presentations developed by ASM Bruce Watson, AA3LX with input from various others. We plan to provide more topics and make them available on cd or via email to interested groups. Contact me with any questions or topics for consideration.

Central Division

Illinois

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of Brad Pioveson, W9FX, as Assistant Section Manager. Brad is located in Benton, Il. and has been licensed since 1963. His previous callsigns were WN9KNP and WA9KNP. He spent the majority of his working years as a senior maintenance manager in an underground bituminous coal mine. Brad and his wife, Sharon, who is currently studying for her Technician license, are both retired. Avocationally he is a member of the Hurricane Watch Net, the Society of Midwestern Contesters, and SATERN, an organization for which he serves as National Training Coordinator. He also spent several years in a variety of state and region-level Navy-Marine Corps MARS leadership posts. His radio activities these days include CW DX'ing, HF and VHF contesting, antennas and chasing Meteors on 144 MHz. I am very excited to have Brad on board as an ASM. We have needed ARRL representation in southern Illinois for quite some time. When you see him at hamfests please give him a big welcome. Members of the St Clair Amateur Radio Club participated in the WalkAmerica and the Shrine Parade. N9YPM organized and headed up the WalkAmerica communications support. Those helping out were: WA9MGX, KB9UEF, KB9WQJ, KB9BGY, WA9TZL, W3LSA, and KC9AEC. N9HZD spearheaded the clubs' support of communications for the Shrine Parade. Those helping were: WA9IUF, KB9UEF, KC9DZC, W9BP, KB9BGY, KC9AUJ, and WB9IGB. Also the club sends a special thanks to W9RQR, for always being available during these events to provide a link to fixed government communications systems if needed. Another Field Day is history. I know of one club here in the section that operated under the new "F" classification. I hope that everyone had a great Field Day and that everyone was safe. We, here in Rockford, learned the next week why we practice for emergencies. We had a microburst go through the city with winds of 60-80 MPH with some gusts as high as 100MPH. There was a lot of damage to trees and power lines--some residents were without power for 5-6 days. I am sure that communities east of here were also affected by this storm on July 5th. I want to personally thank all of those hams that served in their ARES roles during that emergency. All of them did a great job. Hams here in Illinois have been working very hard this year as many severe storms have come and gone throughout the state. May 9 and 10 comes to mind also when tornadoes ripped through the central part of the state. During that time hams provided excellent communication coverage. And all deserve a big thank-you. In Monticello, Illinois the Rodeo Parade took place on Field Day weekend. and local hams lent their assistance to parade organizers and the Monticello police department with communications over the parade route. This was a busy weekend for them. We have a new DEC (District Emergency Coordinator) for the border counties of northern Illinois. He is Wayne Hansen, KA9IMX. Wayne has been an Assistant EC for 10 years and has extensive training in weather and other emergency communications. June traffic: WA9SLT-48; WB9TVD-34; W9HLX-30; NC9T-16; W9FIF-7; WA9APQ-4, PSHR 49; KA9HRO-28, PSHR 93; ISN REPORT FOR jUNE 2003, qni-205; qtc-68 IN 28 SESSIONS.

Indiana

Indiana Section News for June 2003 Condolances to the Family and Friends of Allen C. Moore W9JJX, of Fort Wayne, who became a Silent Key June 6. He will be missed. June was a relatively quiet month for ARES activity. Several groups have worked Field Day as the new

Class F (EOC) stations and really enjoyed it. Your Section Manager operated one of the Class F stations for several hours, and then operated from home as Class 1D to provide contact numbers for any and all stations that could be worked. G. Scott Hull KQ9A, is having difficulty with a high-voltage power transmission line that is causing him much misery in the Indianapolis area. He reports noise levels at S9+10-20dB. Indianapolis Power and Light is attempting to relieve the power line interference problem from this 345KV line, but there has not been much luck so far. I certainly hope that IP&L can solve this noise problem for Scott. Somehow with all the Field Day activity, vacations, etc, I received only one VHF/UHF net report for the month of June. The report was from N9YRX who lives in Clark County, Illinois. John is the Net Manager for the Wabash Valley ARA 2-meter net in the Terre Haute area. Thank you John!Indiana VHF/UHF Net managers: "Are you listening??"Please send your "monthly" VHF/UHF net activity reports by the 1st or 2nd of each month to our Section Traffic Manager, Frank WA9JWL. Only four items are required: 1) Number of checkins; 2) Number of formal messages passed/bulletins read; 3) Total time of all sessions; 4) Number of sessions during the calendar month. This report can be done via radiogram or E-mail(preferably radiogram). During June, I traveled to the Wabash Hamfest, and Lake County Hamfest. It was a pleasure to meet many of you whom I have spoken to, or worked over the air. I will be attending other hamfests throughout the rest of the year. Senate Bill 109, which incorporates the essence of PRB-1 became part of the Indiana statutes on July 1, 2003. I have received several queries about how this affects CC&Rs. I regret to say that it does not. However, on the ARRL's website, there is information on a bill in Congress that may take care of this thorny issue. Please go there and read about it. Then contact your US Senators, and your Congressman about supporting this issue. June Section Net Activity NET FREQ DAILY TIMES(UTC) QNI QTC QTR SESS ITN 3910KHZ 1330/2130/2300 2714 197 1598 78 QIN 3656KHZ 1430/0000 201 90 924 58 ICN 3705KHZ 2315 21 9 134 9 ARES 3910KHZ 4TH SUN/MO@1300 12 0 16 1 HOOSIER VHF NETS 1 REPORT 125 0 200 4 HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS 17 12 ?? 60 June ORS Traffic Reports: K9PUI 145, WA9JWL 125, WB9OFG 73, K9GBR 55, W3GQJ 33, KB9TUI 24, W9EHY 18, KC9UU 13, AB9AA 11, N9KNJ 11, N9HZ 9, WB9NCE 7, K9CUN 3. 73,

Wisconsin

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG. BWN 3985 0500-0715 W9RCW. BEN 3985 1200 KE9VU. WSBN 3985 1730-1800 N9ZET. WNN 3723 1800 KB9ROB. WSSN 3645 1830 WA9ZTY. WIN-E 3662 1900 WB9ICH. WIN-L 3662 2200 W9UW. CTN 3994 Mondays @ 2000 KC9IS (All times are Central) ** With regret, I inform you of the following Silent Keys: K9BMC, Donald Brisson, 64; John Hansen, 67, AA9HS; Rauland ``Ron" Stevens, 77, WA9NMK. Ron was a member of Navy Marine Corps MARS for 32 years. ** The Fond du Lac ARC had a successful brat fry at the Wal-Mart. This fund-raiser brought in \$350 to be used for their Mobile Communications Vehicle. Well done! ** Our congratulations to Hidden Valley ARC for becoming ARRL Affiliated!! ** It was a pleasure talking to the members at the Green Bay Mike & Key Club meeting! ** The 370 cyclists on the Bike Northwood's Tour wish to thank W9CWD, KB9DED, K4JUM, KB9VBR, KB9WNG, N9MO, WD9CPY, N9MEA, WB2TLQ, AI9NL, AG9G, KB9TJI and KG9NG for their communication and SAG help with

this year's event! ** I wish to thank the following clubs & individuals for their FD reports: KF9D & W9HB; N9ZET for Tri-County ARC; WVRA; KE6IFC for Outagamie Cty; KB9BAE for RRRC; W9VBQ; KG9RA for Eau Claire ARC; K9VSO, K9UTH, KB9SOZ; N9KQ for Hidden Valley ARC; K9AKG; W9MC for W/K ARC; N6NKO; Heytow Memorial Radio Club-K9YA. Your reports were much appreciated!! I am, also, happy to see so many Field Day articles written in the various Wisconsin newspapers. ** W9C, Circus Parade special event station, is on the air from July 9 through July 12. Contact Dick, W9JBE, for details: rwood5118@voyager.net ** Good luck to K9OT and KB9LIE on their DXpedition to Saint Pierre and Miquelon, IOTA NA-032. Listen for FP/K9OT and FP/KB9LIE during NAQP! ** Section Summary from STM, K9LGU: FAQ #13 What if I forget? Hams are human; Hams forget. Don't let it worry you. If you forget when the section net meets, you can find times and frequencies through the ARRL web page by clicking on the Wisconsin section. If you forget how to handle a message, you can find ARRL Operating Aid FSD-218 on the ARRL web page or in your mailbox, if you ask me for a copy. If you disremember where you put your list of ARL Numbered Radiograms, you can download one from ARRL, or I will be glad to send you one, so it will be handy the next time you deliver a message. If you forget how to count the check or how voice traffic is sent, links to instructions are on Don's Wisconsin web page at ARRL. If the names or locations of other stations who check into the Wisconsin nets don't readily come to mind, get a QNI Index from your STM or copy it from the ARRL Wisconsin Web page link. In fact, if you can't remember the name or face of that old-timer who checked WIN in 1959, there's even a link to a special photo from the same ARRL page. If you forget anything else on a net, just ask. There are plenty of stations ready to help. So if you are worried about forgetting things, forget it. 73 – K9LGU/STM - WI ** We hope you are using the ARRL Wisconsin website: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI> Richard Regent, K9GDF, is our webmaster and he has done a wonderful job making it one of the best ARRL Section sites! We'd like to remind you that this is your site and if you have something you would like to post to the members, pass it on to me. If you have suggestions on what you would like to see added, please let us know! We could make it an even better resource for members with your input! ** Please note that the old Section site, www.w9ixg.eboard.com, is no longer available. ** Wishing everyone an enjoyable summer! 73, Don, W9IXG w9ixg@arrl.org

Dakota Division

North Dakota

NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Kent Olson, KAØLDG -Field Day was a big success for North Dakota hams. I visited two sites this year, and both had excellent set ups. The Fargo bunch even loaded up a bedspring and made a lot of contacts with it. I also visited the folks in Grand Forks, who had three separate trailers and stations setup. They had a real nice operation going with the three stations. The Pembina ARC also sent me some nice pictures which can be seen on the Section's Web site. I hope to make it to different sites next year. I know other clubs were very active on the bands. I spoke with the Dickinson hams twice on Saturday evening on 40 meters. By the

time you read this the Peace Gardens Hamfest (40th Annual) will be over. I hope all who attended had a great time, and made a few new friends.. Keep up the good work you do with your local communities, and please send me your activities so I can add them in this column. Mark your calendars for upcoming events: 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, 4/22/0; WX Net 27/455/0; Data Net 24/340/21.

South Dakota

Aberdeen: SIREN TESTS - Members assistance might be required for further siren testing. FIELD DAY - The field to the south of the technical college was selected as the field day sight. BROWN COUNTY EOC will be open for operation on Field Day as well. Lake Area Saturday, July 12 and Sunday, July 13 · Little House On The Prairie special event station. Saturday, August 16 and Sunday, August 17 · Twin Brooks Threshing Bee/Plow-off. Operators needed. Pierre The County is formulating a disaster plan. We need to formulate our own plan indicating what resources we have and can provide in case of an emergency. Another mock emergency drill will be held in October. PARC needs to meet with the team to start planning for what we can provide for services. Prairie Dogs (Yankton/Vermillion) The June meeting was held at the Vermillion Police Station, on June 10,2003. It was opened by Guy NØVC at 7:25 PM. Thanks to Roy WØMMQ and the Vermillion Police Department. Club members were asked to remember Al NØOII in their prayers as he was in the hospital having surgery. Updates on the 146.850 - 147.375 link were reported on by Barry K8SD. He has found new equipment to place into the shacks of these repeaters and will be doing this soon. He has also found a spare that should make it easier to plug and play for quicker maintenance to a downed repeater. Thanks Barry! Barry K8SD also stated the Haywarden IA. link is being worked on by him and Al WBØYRQ. This link is planned soon. The club emergency frequency 146.580 was being used as the 146.850 machine was being serviced. SEARC USS South Dakota Battleship Memorial Special Event Station was held July 5th this year at the memorial site in Sioux Falls. The station made a good collection of contacts even with the poor band conditions including one contact from a former crew member. Thanks to all that participated. Deuel County The Friday the 13th, June 2003 Meeting of the Deuel County Amateur Radio Club began at about 7:35 PM with President Rob Schmidt presiding. The fliers for the Hamfest were folded, taped and stamped. Web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/dcarc/hamfest2003> Talk in Repeaters on: 147.180 + (146.2) and 145.390 -- (127.3) Field Day this year, had one group operating out of the courthouse, and another operating south of Toronto. Black Hills: The following Public Service Events will need our support again this year (2003). If you can help out, please contact Chuck Palmer - N0UKO at his home phone 605-716-2051, on the air or at a club meeting. July 19, Heart of The Hills Run (Saturday evening at 1800 hrs August 30, Southern Black Hills Triathlon. August 31, Mount Rushmore Century Ride. October 12, 25th Annual Mount Rushmore International Marathon.

Delta Division

Arkansas

Lots of Field Day activity -I received 17 Field Day messages. Batesville ARC, NCAARS, and Stone County ARC combined forces to make a high score. Sharp Co. ARC operated by the river with many members attending. Mt. Home's Gang activated K5BAX as a 2A operation. The Faulkner County club activated ADEM station W5AUU in class 1F, and several others activated local EOC's in class F. The U of A club used their secondary call K5GOE from in front of Old Main. The ARES club operated from a very public place - a shopping mall in Little Rock. The Project Lab Field Day site was the Grace Presbyterian Church in Little Rock. W5TJI and WB5DVA founded Project Lab for youths interested in "building projects and tinkering with electronics, mechanics, and science". They describe the young people in the program as "natural born learners" and the role of adults is to "answer their questions and then get out of the way". It works - several successful "graduates" of Project lab visited their Field Day site. Look for pictures of different Field Day groups at www.arkansashams.org Myrlas Matthews, W5VAE, of Batesville, recently became a Silent Key. He was a Life Member of ARRL. Myrlas was an avid experimenter, and was an Elmer to many. He will be missed. Congratulations to Denna Lambert KD5PWS, Secretary of the Amateur Radio Club of the University of Arkansas upon her selection and successful presentation at the national Career Opportunities for Students with Disabilities (COSD) conference May 13-15 at Microsoft corporate headquarters in Seattle, Washington. She spoke to a group of 200 human resource personnel and diversity coordinators representing corporations, universities, community colleges, and technical institutes from all over the U.S. The ARKAN club provided communications for AIRFEST in Fayetteville. OZK NEEDS YOUR HELP: It would be a shame to lose a 40-plus year old tradition, but OZK is in danger of becoming extinct. Participation is way down. OZK meets every night on 3.592 Mhz at 7:00 p.m. local time. You do not need to be a hot CW operator or a traffic handling expert to participate. Speeds are slow and the NCS will slow down for you. KB5SBP, KD5DZO, W5RXU, K7ZQR, and W5SUB participated in LIFESAVER 03- JUNE 12, 2003. Little Rock ARES-RACES-CAREN Club Ham Radio Operators participated with area hospitals, National Disaster Medical System, NDMS, Veterans Administration and Metropolitan Emergency Medical Service, MEMS, in a Simulated Emergency Test Drill, involving the mock receipt of mass casualty patients, by C130 aircraft at Adams Field, Little Rock, Arkansas. The Lifesaver 03 exercise was not announced to the Little Rock, ARES-RACES-CAREN Club Ham Radio Operators until 24 hours prior to the event for realistic activation and preparation practice. North Central ASM K5UZ reports that the Holly Mountain repeater link system is doing much better as K5YU, AA5EM and company have repaired and upgraded the Mountain View machine along with relocating the Calico Rock machine. PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL: W5ARS 225, KB5ILY 111, WA5KQU 108. JUNE TRAFFIC: W5RIP 74, WA5KQU 38, K5BOC 28, W5RXU 24, WB5HIL 20, AD5AM 9, KA5MGL 5, KB5ILY 1 JUNE NET REPORTS: *ARKANSAS PHONE NET: QNI 363, SESSIONS 26, TRAFFIC 19, TIME 640 NET MGR W5SXV. *ARKANSAS MOCKINGBIRD NET: QNI 352, SESSIONS 21, TRAFFIC 4, TIME 232 NET MGR WB5YLI *ARKANSAS RAZORBACK NET: QNI 1784, SESSIONS 30, TRAFFIC 87, TIME 625 NET MGR K5BOC *OZK CW NET: QNI 23, SESSIONS 11, TRAFFIC 8, TIME 84 NET MGR WA5KQU

Louisiana

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – JUNE 2003 Field Day messages were received by either WA5LQZ or myself from the following clubs: Thibodaux ARC (W5YL), Baton Rouge ARC (W5GIX), Acadiana ARA (W5DDL), Twin City Hams (W5EA), Southwest LA ARC (W5BII), and the Atchafalaya Amateur DXA. WB5LBR and W4DLZ, who each operated 1D from their home stations, even sent formal FD messages. Lots of other affiliated clubs, groups, and individual stations were also active. Next year I hope all participating stations in LA will send a formal message reporting their FD activity so that each station may be recognized by call sign in the section news. Acadiana ARA members were very active during June even before Field Day. WD5FDD, KD5QYV, K5DPG, KD5UTQ, KA5BSE, KD5SZN, and KN5GRK used the club's mobile operation center to showcase our hobby to many young people on June 3 in a Cub Scout Day Camp Event in New Iberia. Then on June 24 the AARA demonstrated amateur radio during the Cub Scouts "Festival Around the World" Day Camp at the Optimist Club Camp in Lafayette. Great going AARA! I want to extend my hearty congratulations to DDXA member AA5AU for his all-time high 2003 ARRL RTTY Roundup Contest winning score of 219,234 points for single operator/low power. This is Don's twelfth winning score in the 15 years of the contest! Don also has a very impressive website devoted to RTTY at www.aa5au.com/rtty.html Bob K5IQ has decided that it's time for him to step down as our Public Information Coordinator (PIC). I really appreciate Bob's service for the past three years and I bet that the section will find another task for him before too long. Fortunately, we have a very capable new PIC, David KC5LFB. David has already been doing an excellent job as a Public Information Officer (PIO) and I'm sure he will be a great asset as the PIC. On his first day in office, David recruited Debra KD5RWQ to be our newest PIO! WA5LQZ and AC5VN have been busy recruiting new ARES leaders since last month's report. I'm happy to report the following new Emergency Coordinator appointments: Jim KD5IGG (Avoyelles Parish), Terry W1MRC (Richland Parish), and David AA5HY (DeSoto Parish). Congratulations and thanks very much to each one of you for volunteering to serve in these very important leadership positions. Cedric K5CFW has been appointed Technical Specialist. Cedric is an engineering professor at Tulane University and particularly enjoys the digital modes. Traffic totals: W4DLZ 165, K5IQZ 126, K5MC 56, K5DPG 51, AC5VN 49, NF5B 47, N5KWB 42, W5NK 42, W5PY 16. Public Service Honor Roll: K5DPG 250, AC5VN 163, K5ER 154, W5PY 121, K5MC 110, K5IQZ 100, N5KWB 100, W4DLZ 95, NF5B 90, KD5ITA 81, W5NK 80. Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 28/321/77. Louisiana CW Net: 30/151/62. Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Ouachita Parish ARES Net: 4/71/0. Northeast LA ARES Net: 5/64/2. 73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Manager Email: k5mc@arrl.org LA Section Website: www.cox-internet.com/k5dpg

Mississippi

Mississippi Section Report for June 2003 SM: Malcolm Keown, W5XX. Section Web Site:

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Also welcome to WB5CON as EC for Alcorn County and W4WLF as EC for Harrison County replacing W5DJW, who had to retire from the position because of new work responsibilities. Many thanks to Don for a job well done! Welcome to new Mississippi Hams: Lee, KD5WMI - Mendenhall, Nelson, KD5WNT - Jayess, Mike, KD5WOQ - Vicksburg, Shanl, KD5WOS - Moss Point, Cynthia, KD5WTK - Long Beach, John, KD5WTY - Oxford, Walter, KD5WWP - Houston, Matt, KD5WWQ - Houston, William, KD5WWR - Woodland, KD5WWS, Danny - Woodland, George, KD5WWT - Starkville, Jerry, KD5WWU - Vardaman, Sherri, KD5YCN - Columbus, Daniel, KD5YCO - Houston, John, KD5YCP - Houston, Travis, KD5YFJ - Starkville, Robin, KD5YFK - Poplarville, Matthew, KD5YFL - Starkville, Christopher, KD5YFM - Houston, Justin, KD5YFN - Houston, Kevin, KD5YFO - Houston, Keith, KD5YKG - Horn Lake, Tammy, KD5YKH - Lake Cormorant, and Linda, KI4AUB- Columbus. Regret to report the passing of KD5PYB of Tupelo, KD5FUV of Durant, WA5EZQ of Biloxi, and WB5MOE of Vicksburg. PIO Report: W5KWB OO Report: K5XQ DEC/EC Report: NN5AF, KD5CKP, WB5CON, AD5DO, KD5GWM, KD5FUO, WA5TMC, KC5TYL, W4WLF, N5ZNT Net Reports: sessions/QNI/QTC. MSPN 30/2984/58 MTN 30/113/21 MSSN 30/1244/8 PBRA 30/766/12 Jackson Co Em Net 30/257/7 MSSN 21/31/1 West Coast MS ARES 9/60/0 SW MS ARES 6/57/0 LARC and Jones Co ARES EN 5/117/0 HAEN 5/66/0 MAEN 4/57/1 MBHN 4/37/0 Lowndes Co ARC QSO Net 4/54/0 JARC EN 4/76/0 Itawamba Co ARES 4/39/0 South MS Skywarn 3/18/0 PSHR: WB5ZED 130, W5XX 93, KJ5YY 77, Traffic: WB5ZED 706 (BPL), W5KWB 19, KJ5YY 17, W5LEW 10, W5XX 8 Compilation of traffic statistics provided by KJ5YY, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager

Great Lakes Division

Michigan

First, from Debbie, KA8YKK: I would like to take this last opportunity in the section news to thank every one for their support of myself, and my husband. I would also like to thank the entire staff of the Michigan Section for making the job of Section Manager a real thrill for me. Last but not least let me also thank Dale Williams WA8EFK our new Section Manger for stepping up to the plate and taking on the position as our new Section Manger. I can't tell you how thrilled I was to learn Dale was willing to accept this position, and I know that every one in the Michigan Section will show as much support to Dale as I was shown during my term. I plan to assist Dale in any way that I possibly can as health permits. Thanks SO MUCH to everyone.... Sincerely, Deborah K. Kirkbride KA8YKK Second, from Dale, WA8EFK: Debbie, thank you from the members of the Michigan Section and the Section Staff for an outstanding job. We all know how much you enjoyed serving as our SM, and likewise we all have appreciated you unselfish dedication to the amateurs of Michigan. From me personally, Debbie, it is heartwarming to know that you will be available for assisting (counseling). The very best from all of us to both you and Chuck. I have appreciated all of the messages from so many friends as I recover from the recent "arm twisting" brought about by Debbie's retirement. It has been great hearing from you and also from all of the folks I have yet to meet. The Michigan

Section has been so fortunate to have good leadership, all with the skills needed to maintain close relationships with the Amateurs we serve. With such a capable team in place, we will continue to hone skills and communicate effectively with the hams of the Wolverine State. Please take note of two issues currently before us as radio amateurs: item one, the probable radiation of RF generated from broadband communications on your local utility's power lines and its intrusion into our amateur frequencies and item two, the potential discontinuation of CW as a requirement for an amateur license. Please let GL Division Director Jim Weaver K8JE, know your feelings on each of these very critical issues. 73, Dale. June Traffic Totals: KB8ZYY 275, K8GA 202, W8XKW 153, N8EIZ 151, N8FPN 110, K8AE 107, K8LJG 99, W8RTN 97, K6KV 85, K8ZJU 73, AA8SN 58, VE3EUI 48, WB8RCR 42, K8KHZ 40, W8RNQ 38, WR8F 36, WA8DHB 29, K8UPG 27, KC8LBG 27, KC8SZR 24, WB8YPG 18, KI8GR 14, N8UN 12, KA8LAR 12, KC8JJT 10, N8RWF 5.

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 The topic for June is the ARRL Field Day Event and many NNJ groups and clubs took part. Several FD operations used the new "F" category and operated at their local OEM sites. Field Day articles appeared in several NNJ papers including the Star Ledger, Bergen Record, Courier News and the News Tribune. The Star Ledger article on the Split Rock ARA is one good example of explaining emergency communications to the public. GOTA stations were also a feature of several FD operations. The Cherryville ARA gave each GOTA participant a certificate if the person made an FD contact.(Great idea!) Public greeting exhibits also helped to explain ham radio. The Garden State ARA had an excellent one setup at their site in Tatum Park. A few towns were able to have local governments issue proclamations recognizing ham radio's contributions in times of emergency. The Englewood ARA received a local proclamation for the 42nd straight year! This has to be a record. In Ramsey, the Mayor and Bergen County Freeholders issued another proclamation thanking NNJ hams for their efforts in times of disaster. Also, the Governor issued another proclamation recognizing Ramsey OEM, 10-70 Repeater Association and the Metroplex ARA for their public service contributions. Governor McGreevey,as well, proclaimed June 28 to June 29, 2003 as American Radio Relay League Weekend in the State! My thanks to the many NNJ clubs who sent me radiograms reporting their FD activities. A detailed report of my visits is on the Section web page which is listed at the header to he column. Needless to say, I wish I could have visited more sites in the time available. The limiting factor was navigating our NJ roads and its traffic. Next year I hope more NNJ clubs list their sites on our Section web page. Not only is it good PR but will encourage more people to visit sites in their areas. Another event in June was Kid's Day which has become a very successful operating in the last few years. Two clubs who reported their operations were the New Providence ARA and the Garden State ARA. Ray, W2NXG

coordinated the event from his home for the GSARA. New Providence ARA put together a brochure explaining ham radio which was distributed throughout the town. (Good idea for other clubs.) On another subject, with summer storms and hurricane season upon us ARES operations becomes important. ARES primarily supports the Red Cross, Skywarn and the Salvation Army in times of need. Many of you may have read that the ARRL has become a part of the Citizen Corps which is under the direction of the Homeland Security Department. This association gives us more credence in our public service efforts. If you have not done so, please consider an ARRL Official Emergency Station appointment as well as signing up for the Emergency Communications courses offered on-line. The ARRL webpage has all the information needed. By the way, the NNJ ARES Net meets the Second Monday of each month on the WS2Q Morris County OEM Repeater (146.895) at 8 PM. Please check-in to show your support to the section. Finally, I'm sad to report another Silent Key in the section. Harold Jaffee, W2TQC was a long time Monmouth County resident as well as an active DXer and member of the North Jersey DX Association. Hal's career as an Electronics Engineer with the US Army at Fort Monmouth covered many decades and many contributions to the nation. He is a friend I will miss. 73, Bill Hudzik W2UDT

Midwest Division

Kansas

Kansas Section News Summary-June 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 Johnson County ARES (A4) held their special event at the Marshall Ensor Museum June 7 & 8. Central Kansas ARC participated with Smoky Hill River Festival. Members took out the Com-Van for the event, logged 270 man hours and helped put 41 parents back together with their kids. Kansas Slow Speed Traffic and Training Net (QKS-SS) is on summer break. Valley Center ARC Hamfest will be held September 27th at Valley Center Middle School. Contact K0RH@cox.net 316-755-2283 During Field Day I stopped by: Douglas Co., Pilot Knob, Jayhawk, Johnson Co. and Mine Creek clubs. Central Kansas ARC had rain impedance at Field Day-3 inches. Apparently it was wet enough that the generator shut down at 2AM. Douglas, Miami and Montgomery Co. EOCs took part in Field Day as well. Check KSN web for FD photos throughout the summer. Our State Convention will be hosted by CKARC in Salina August 17 th at the comfortable Bicentennial Center. KF0M reports that he and W0EKZ worked N6RMJ in DM14 June 13 th on 222 MHz using E skip. ARRL Web youth editor is looking for your input. Andrea-KG4IUM is 14 and edits a page on the ARRL website. She can be contacted at kg4ium@arrl.net. Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Club(BEARS)in Wichita has renewed their Special Service Club status. They have made a commitment to Amateur Radio and their community, to go the extra step and show what Amateur Radio can and should be. Start your planning for the Simulated Emergency Test to be held October 4-5. Members that are not e-mail equipped may receive Kansas Section News Monthly Summary by US Post. They should contact Steve Ewald-WV1X at HQ: ARRL 225

Main Newington, CT 06111. A post card asking to receive Kansas Section News by mail should be sufficient. May Nets/Sessions/QNI/QTC/Mgr: KSBK/31/952 /72 /N0KFS
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62 sessions, QTC 207, KS 85% with WA0LYK K0PY AB0WR W0WWR NB0Z WB0ZNY
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16 AB0UY 13 N0ENO 8 KC0IDI 6 73- Ron To receive Kansas Amateur Radio News E-mail
News Letter contact Orlan-W0OYH See KSN on ARRL Website for detailed PSHR and more
Kansas news: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/KS.html>

Missouri

JULY SECTION NEWS CONVENTIONS AND HAMFESTS July 19, 2003 the Warrensburg Area ARC Hamfest will be held at the Johnson County Fairgrounds located 3 miles west of Warrensburg on highway 50. The tables at the 2002 Hamfest were all sold and this should be another well attended event. For more info, contact Keith Raihala at k0vj@arrl.net. July 20, 2003 the Zero Beaters host their annual Hamfest at Hillerman Park in Washington, MO. Lots of flea Market vendors and commercial vendors will be there to wheel and deal with the large crowd of Amateurs attending this years events. V.E. Testing at 9:00 a.m. with walk-ins limited to 30. Don't forget the bring your original license and a photocopy. Free Parking and Admission. The Crane Hamfest will be held August 2, 2003 at the Crane, MO City Park. The Event runs from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$2.00 and a table cost \$5.00 each. For more information contact Lonnie Allen KC0HJP at lonniehallen@cs.com AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS KEITH HAYE, WE0G, ACC The Callaway ARL Had a great Field Day. They may not have made as many contacts as they have in the past...(6 meters & 10 meters were really bad), But they had great weather, lots of Rag Chewing and fellowship. Sorry to hear that Bill, KB0NXX, set-up the PSK-31 station, went home and suffered a heart attack. The latest report is that he came through the surgery and a full recovery is expected. We all wish him a quick and full recovery. The Joplin ARC is forming a Morse Code Class for those wanting to upgrade from the no-code Technician to a tech + or General. J.C. Alexander, K5DMI reports that some experienced CW operators are gearing up for a great CW class. The Suburban Radio Club will be having a video program on ATV activities in Australia. It was prepared by Bob, WB0QXW. Sounds like an interesting evening. SECTION ARES REPORT DON MOORE, KM0R SEC Field Day 2003 is an exercise that serves to test the capabilities of Amateurs to operate under emergency situations. Setting up antenna, operating stations, tents, running on emergency power and careful logging of contacts represents an excellent opportunity for individuals and Radio Clubs practice for situations that we all hope never occur. This year the Section Manager received nearly 20 Field Day messages, most of these were sent as traffic on the Missouri Traffic Net SSB, the net control Vergil, K0IPM, did a great job on a very busy day. A big thank you to Thaddeus Huff, KC0AQG, for the years of service as EC for Shelby County. Thad had to resign after he moved to Columbia, MO to finish up his college training. Vernon Cash, N3TRE, has

stepped up from Asst. EC for Shelby County to take on the EC position. Vern is a Fireman and well trained to deal with emergencies that may occur in his area. Carl Glenn, KD5OCX is the new EC for Oregon County. Carl lives in Alton, MO and a member of the Howell County ARC and serves as the net control station for the area ARES net. To view the Monthly Section ARES report for June, go to <http://www.ares-mo.org/currentsec.asp> SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS FOR JUNE 2003 DALE HUFFINGTON, AEØS, STM MON - CW Sessions 53 QNI 80 QTC 45 NM K9ZTV MO Phone Sessions 30 QNI 501 QTC 78 NM KØDAT MESN Sessions 5 QNI 131 QTC 1 NM NØXG 10th Reg. Sessions 60 QNI MO 38 QTC 258 NM WØSS (K9ZTV)

Nebraska

My current term as your Section Manager expires on December 31, 2004. I will not seek another term. If you are interested in running for Section Manager, you have to be an ARRL member and the desire to serve the ARRL members in the state of Nebraska. Please feel free to contact me on the details of being a Section Manager. My reasons for not running again are both personal and health related. My physician tells me it is time to cut back on my activities and start to have more time for myself. I will be 55 in June 2004, and will probably retire from my current job and seek less stressful part time employment around December 2004. I have enjoyed being your Section Manager, but due to things that have happened this year mainly related to Section issues and for personal reasons, I feel that it is in the best interest of the Section and my health that I not seek another term. When I leave office, it will be with 10 years of service to the Section. I am not going to drop out of the hobby. On the contrary, I plan to be more active on the air and eventually get my DXCC. I will remain as an Official Observer a position that I have held for 10 years. I would also like to do some volunteer work at our church. As many of you know, I have had to cope with my Mothers' Alzheimer's' Disease and that has started to take a toll on me. I have an older sister, but she doesn't want to share in the responsibilities of Mom's care. I haven't talked to her since the end of February. I am now faced with going to California in the next few weeks to clean out her house and sell it. She is at a care facility in Omaha and my wife and I visit her as often as we can. Our friends and church have been very supportive over the last 8 months. My wife and I are going to be grandparents around Christmas and we would like to have more time to spend with our grandchildren. Somebody has got to spoil them! I want to take this opportunity to thank you for letting me serve as your Section Manager. Thanks to all of the appointees for doing a great job in supporting the Section.

Net Reports Nebraska Storm Net QNI 892 QTC 18 30 sessions 3982 KHz 0030z Daily* Nebraska Cornhusker Net 3980 KHz 1830z Daily Eastern Nebraska 2 Meter ARES Net QNI 457 QTC 2 30 sessions 146.76 MHz 0300z Daily* Mid Nebraska 2 Meter ARES Net (Grand Island) QNI 377 QTC 2 30 sessions 146.94 0100z Daily* Midlands ARES Net Omaha QNI 199 QTC 2 5 sessions 146.94 0200z Sunday* Nebraska Morning Phone Net QNI 1164 QTC 34 30 sessions 3982 KHz 1330z Daily* Western Nebraska Net QNI 981 QTC 34 26 sessions 3950 KHz 1300z Mon-Sat* North Platte Progressive ARC Net QNI 21 QTC 2 3 sessions* Nebraska 40 Meter Net QNI 310 QTC 5 29 sessions 7282 KHz 1900z Daily* WØIRZ Memorial Net QNI 61 WTC 7 5 sessions* Saunders County ARES QTC 52 QNI 2 3 sessions 145.31 0100z Wednesday Traffic Totals: KØPTK 77* KEØXQ 32* WAØZCN 4* WAØZCM

4* WØUJI 2* KØYRL 2* WØDED 2* KAØO 2* WYØF 4* WØEXK 2* KØRRL 2* KAØDOC 2* KBØMTT 2* WØWHY 2* Public Service Honor Roll: KCØHOX 78* KAØDBK 213* KBØYTM 58* KEØXQ 74* KAØO 122* * Indicates report received for June 2003

New England Division

Connecticut

CABINET MEMBERS: ASMs: Pete, Kz1z; Anne, K1STM; Chris, NK1J; Joe, W1FAI; Dan, KY1F; Bulletin Mgr Jim, KD1YV; OO Coordinator Bob, W1GC; Public Info Coordinator Al, W1FXQ; Section Emergency Coordinator Allen, W1AGP; State Government Liaison W1UTQ; Section Traffic Mgr Larry, K1HEJ; Technical Coordinator Joe, N1KHB. Field Day was the top event for June. Many clubs in the Section participated and several endeavored to invite community and State leaders. The Candlewood ARA was visited by Lt. Governor Jodi Rel as well as other local leaders. The Lt. Governor toured the site and boarded the vans where she intently listened to explanations about field day from the operators. Dan, W1QK gave a particularly detailed description of what we do during FD. Right after the group picture was taken, Lt. Governor Rel told the group to "get back to work and join the contest." Many thanks to Jim, KD1YV, the FD chair for inviting this distinguished guest. PIC Al, W1FXQ did his usual fine work coordinating the Governor's proclamation for Amateur Radio Week in CT. The Newington Amateur Radio League was recognized by way of a citation from the General Assembly introduced by Representative Sandy H. Nafis, 27th District, Representative Tim O'Brien, 24th District, Representative Antonio "Tony" Guererra, 29th District and Senator Biagio "Billy" Ciotto, 9th District. Part of the text is as follows: "We thank you for the services of your volunteers to Newington and other towns in the areas of scientific training, Communications, outreach and Emergency. The community benefits from your many contributions and we wish you continued success. The entire membership extends its Very best wishes on this memorable occasion and expresses the hope for continued success..." Many thanks to Al for his hard work in coordinating both the proclamation and the citation. Many other towns hosted leadership officials. Your SM visited the Candlewood ARA, Greater Norwalk ARC, Stamford ARA and the Valley ARA and as usual enjoyed each site! SEC Allen, W1AGP visited several FD sites as well. DEC Bill, W1WJB visited several sites and took professional pictures! I'm sure we'll get some pictures up on the Web site soon so watch for them. The weather was perfect and it was a very fine weekend! I was particularly pleased to hear W1AW check into The Connecticut Phone Net, our Section NTS net. Thanks Brennan!

Eastern Massachusetts

MA amateurs were treated to a special surprise immediately prior to the Field Day weekend: Governor Mitt Romney proclaimed June 28, 2003 as "Amateur Radio Day" in Massachusetts! Spearheaded by newly-appointed PIC Jim Duarte, N1IV the project was the culmination of efforts by several amateurs, including SGL K3HI, SEC W1MPN, and MA State RACES Officer

N1CPE. A nice photo of the group posing with the proclamation in front of the MA State House in Boston appears in the September, 2003 issue of QST, and on the EMA ARRL web site at <http://ema.arrrl.org/article.php?sid=144> . "CQ Field Day, CQ Field Day!" That phrase was chanted (shouted?) a multitude of times the weekend of June 28-29 across the airwaves in EMA and the nation. Over 16 EMA ARRL affiliated clubs operated in the annual event — a cross between a picnic, a contest, and an emergency communications drill. Local ARRL EMA section staff visited many of those sites to congratulate the groups, and to show off the newly signed Massachusetts Amateur Radio Day proclamation. Several clubs turned out excellent results in the new "F" category, operating from Emergency Operations Centers. Sites included the Framingham ARC, the Plainville EOC, MA Emergency Management Agency Area One, and the Algonquin ARC. This SM had the privilege of meeting amateurs at the following clubs: Falmouth ARC, Genesis ARS, Capeway RC, USS Salem ARC, Wellesley ARS, Framingham ARC, Boston ARC, Mystic Valley ARS, and the Billerica ARS. Also touring various field day sites were SEC W1MPN and DECs W3EVE, WQ1O, KB1EKN, and N1BDA. Field day photos can be seen at <http://ema.arrrl.org/article.php?sid=156> and tour results are posted at <http://ema.arrrl.org/article.php?sid=154> . Thanks to N1VUX for an excellent field day web site, including details and directions of participating sites at <http://ema.arrrl.org/fd> . EMA Section Traffic Manager N1LKJ announces an NTS Traffic Handlers Picnic for NTS members and their families on Sunday August 10, from 1200-1600 ET in Raynham, MA. This will be a "bring your own food/beverages." No alcohol will be allowed on the site. Barbeque pits will be provided and some picnic tables are available. The site is well shaded and the horseshoe pits will be available. Mitch, WB1CHU will take any challenges at the horseshoe pits. Please RSVP to N1LKJ via NTS, or at n1lkj@ema.arrrl.org. See <http://nts.ema.arrrl.org/article.php?sid=14> for more details. The South Shore Fox Hunters are conducting their weekly fox hunt on Saturday, July 10, 2003 at 1000 hours ET. The South Shore Foxhunters is sponsored by the Massasoit ARA and the Whitman ARC. They welcome new participants and all area hams to join in the fun. The hunt consists of locating the fox, who transmits on 146.565 MHz within the boundaries of Route 138, Route 3, and Route 44. Fox hunters use the Bridgewater repeater (147.180 MHz, PL 67 Hz) for coordination and relay of beam headings. Fox hunting can be conducted using body fading with a handheld. Directional antennas cut for 146 MHz would be a valuable asset. Check out <http://www.homingin.com> for ARDF information. You can build a simple 2 meter tape beam to hunt for the fox in about one hour or less. Speaking of fox hunts: K1KWP reports that the Minuteman RA has resumed summer time foxhunts on Tuesdays at 1800 ET on the input of the Marlborough 147.270 repeater (i.e., fox transmits on 147.870 MHz). The fox must be stationary, must be able to be heard by the repeater, and must be within 20 miles of the repeater site (which in this case is roughly on I-495 in Marlborough. All are welcome to join and signal reports from "non-hunting" stations are appreciated. Please check <http://ema.arrrl.org> for the latest EMA news and info. 73 de K9HI

Rhode Island

Greetings RI Amateurs: Much has taken place since my last report on June 12th. The ARRL National Convention took place, the World Radio Conference for 2003 was completed in

Geneva, another chapter of Field Day became history and . I'll try to report on these events in this activity report. The WRC-03 Conference has been reported in detail on the web and you may read highlights of the final report at <http://www.iau.org/rel030703.html> . Contrary to the ARRL nay-sayers, we seem to have retained our frequencies as well as done something not expected even by the most optimistic among us. The conference improved our situation on 7 MHz by moving the broadcasters to accommodate the amateurs. Further, agreement was reached to give Region 1 & 3 Amateurs new privileges above their current upper band edge of 7.100 MHz. Region 2 (ours) already had exclusive privileges in that segment and above to 7.300 MHz. But, the agreement provides 7.000 to 7.200 MHz exclusively to Amateurs in ALL THREE IARU REGIONS, moving broadcasters out of the way! This has never been done before. History was made favorable to Amateur Radio! Thanks, K1ZZ and the ARRL delegation on behalf of all Amateurs, even the non-members who will benefit from your hard work on their behalf. Maybe now the value of ARRL membership will be obvious to more of them. In the "Section Manager's Corner" which you may read in its entirety at <http://www.ri.arrl.org/sm-page.html> , I talk about the club president's forum that was held in Dallas at the National ARRL Convention where dedicated e mail reflector was announced for the use of amateur radio club presidents. Look for that in the near future. Your ASM/ACC WA1RI attended the National Convention along with your humble SM. Bill enjoyed the event thoroughly as I did. Since I lived and worked there from 1998 to 2000, I made lots of great friendships that contributed to our having a better time than we otherwise might have expected. Both us being DXers, we thoroughly enjoyed the Lone Star DX program. Ham-Com is not equal to Dayton but it surely was enough fun for us. As always, Field Day was terrific. Band conditions weren't but that didn't stop anyone for enjoying the event. Your Section Manager traveled 243 miles visiting PRA, NCRC, Fidelity, and BVARC. I couldn't find PVARC (sorry) and didn't make W1AQ who chose not to set up their FD site. They operated in their club HQ instead. Across the country, the new Class F for existing Emergency Operating Centers to be exercised in FD appears to be popular. There were many entrants in this new class. Our SATERN group represented the new class F by activating their brand new EOC station in Cranston. A representative selection of pictures of various FD set-ups appear below this report on the RI website. BVARC has announced preliminary planning for celebration activities in the fall to commemorate its 50th year as a chartered ARRL affiliated club in RI. More on this later in the year. Every month, I receive phone calls and e mail messages from new grads of the on-line EmComm training program asking what emergency communications programs we have in RI. I really dislike being asked that, not because its a good question, but because I don't have any good answers. I fumble through some recommendations but have to admit that we just don't have any emergency communications plan or training activity in action. If I'm wrong, please let me know.....anyone. I had high hopes that ARES would lead the way but it fell apart. I had hopes for SATERN and still do, but it's having some problems, I'm hearing. We have no SEC, SGL or STM leadership Cabinet appointee, nor any nominees. HELP! Please enjoy the rest of summer here in the Ocean State of Rhode Island. 73, Bob W1YRC, Section Manager

Vermont

Field Day 2003 has come and gone, and what a great experience it was. I operated some CW from W1NVT at the RANV site in Williston. I also got to visit five other sites around the state. It was great to see everyone working so hard to show the local communities what we can do. I also witnessed a lot of good old fun and good eating. I am just sorry that I did not get to all of the Field Day sites around Vermont: maybe next year. Congratulations to everyone that participated in this year's Field Day! I am pleased to announce that the Burlington Amateur Radio Club will holding their annual Hamfest at the Essex Ice Rink in Essex Junction on Saturday, August 2, 2003 from 8 AM to 1 PM. Parking is in Old Colchester Road Lot. Many vendors will be on hand selling their wares. Several bargains will be available, as well as door prizes. One of the door prizes is a nice 2-Meter rig. Information can be obtained by contacting Renee Berteau N1UXK at 893-7660 or at N1UXK@juno.com. You can also find Vendor and VE Session details at the club's web site: www.vtstetson.net/barcpage.html. I will be there with an information table and maybe even a forum. I hope to see you there. Two clubs have upcoming picnics and the Ham Radio community is invited to attend. In Southern Vermont, SOVARC is having their annual potluck picnic on Wednesday, July 23rd at 6 PM at the QTH of Skip N1RRW. Hams in the local area are invited to attend. He can be reached ahead of time at N1RRW@arrl.net, which is required, so that he can coordinate the food. In Northern Vermont, RANV will be holding their annual picnic at Knight's Point State Park in North Hero on Sunday, August 3rd starting at about 11 AM. Admission to the park will be covered by the club, but not the food. No pets are allowed. For more information, contact Brian N1BQ@wulfden.org. In the world of Ham Radio Traffic, the various Nets around New England are looking for new Net Control Stations. You may not be ready to a NCS, but it all starts by checking into a Net and participating. After a while you get the hang of how a controlled Net operates, and you become more useful to the group. So please participate in a Traffic Net at least once a week, if you can. Information about local or regional Nets can be found on the League's web site, or in the ARRL Net Directory. You can search for Nets at this link: www.arrl.org/FandES/field/nets/. If you think that you could be a Net Control Operator, please contact Bert Morton W1DFU@arrl.net.

JUNE TRAFFIC REPORT Submitted By Bert Morton W1DFU Section Traffic Manager
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24/167/14/394 AA1PR Be sure to check out the ARRL Vermont web site from time to time for the latest in Vermont's Ham Radio news. Send me your news from around the state, such as public events that you may be covering, and I'll include them on the site.

Northwestern Division

Idaho

Net Reports NET SESSIONS QNI QTC MANAGER FARM 30 2682 79 W7WJH NWTN 30
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Montana

Just got word from Terry, W7WWW that our Senator Bacus has signed on the Spectrum Protection act, joining the rest of our Congressional Representatives. This is largely due to face-to-face contact between Terry and the Senator's staffs in concert with a concerted letter writing effort on the part of our State Membership. Your help on this important matter has brought us far closer to passage. Letters from our members in MT have shown strong support for this legislation and have created a positive climate for success. Terry informs us that he's hoping the bill will work through committee quickly and is acted on before August. Thanks to everyone involved for a job well done. 73 Doug, K7YD

Oregon

Oregon; SM; Randy Stimson, KZ7T-ASM: KL7OR. SEC: KK7TT. STM: W7IZ. SGL: KK7CW. OOC: AB7OC. ACC: K7SQ Well I've been recycled. I don't know if that is good or bad. For you who didn't know or forgot I was SM for 12 years and decided that it was long enough. I didn't run in 1998. Here I am five years later back at it. First thing I need to say is that there will be no change in the present personal. It will take me some time to get to know all of the new people and how well they are performing their job. In the future I will try and visit as many clubs as I can, depending on the distance. Next thing I have to do is to learn this new Web Site business. In 1998 it was just getting started. So again give me some time to get educated as to the workings. Be patient on my responding to E-mails as I was inundated with them. I am going down to Bandon OR. to a Ham fair and will report next month.

Western Washington

New Section Manager in Western Washington 30 June was W7JWJ's last day in office as the SM. Thank you, Harry for your 12 years of service and dedication. I have been involved in the Section ever since arriving in WWA in 1989. Having served as the Kitsap Co. EC, the Section EC, Assistant SM and Assistant State RACES Officer, I will continue as the State Races Officer. For the past several years I have also been active in the WWARA, our repeater coordination organization. After retiring from a 30+ year career in the Navy, I gained experience in emergency management and the internet industry. The previous section cabinet has agreed to retain their positions and I thank them for that. A listing of the cabinet and their contact information is available on the Section News web page at www.arrl.org/sect/wwa. If you would like to become part of the Field Organization we have lots of opportunities for you to volunteer. Please see <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/> for descriptions of the positions available. The Section News web page is your source of the latest news in the Section. For it to be fresh, I need input in the form of both text and pictures for content. As long as the submissions are Ham

Radio related, potentially interesting to a wide group and in good taste, they will be posted. I am especially interested in classes, exam sessions, stories about club activities and individual accomplishments, elmer info, public service events, etc. Send submissions to n7nvp@arrl.org. I will welcome suggestions that are intended to improve the Section, the League and Ham Radio in general. As the Section Manager I may have access to information or contacts that may help you find the answers you seek. Please don't hesitate to ask. 73, Ed Bruette, N7NVP - email: n7nvp@arrl.org

June - SEC Comments If Field Day is a test of Ham Radio's ability to operate under emergency conditions, then I believe Western Washington is Ready! How exciting it was to visit some of the Field Day sites and see innovation in operation. From two person sites to one site with two large tents (supplied by the CAP) with five stations; from simple dipole antennas to a 160 meter wire vertical suspended by a helium filled balloon; from a very slick portable telescoping tower on a special built trailer to tri-band beam on top of a 120 foot crane. The best part of my visits, however, was seeing how many visitors were getting a chance to get on the air as guest operators. When you see a 10 year old or a teenager, forget about all the expensive shoes, walkman and modern music - sit in front of a microphone and talk across the country and then exclaim "hey this is cool" - that's what it's all about. Yes, Field Day is about being prepared ... but it is also about having fun and presenting our hobby to others, especially our kids. Great job, gang, keep it up! As Retired SM Harry asks "when is the last time YOU talked to a teenager"? 73, Jim Pace K7CEX STM Report Pati Urie W7ZIW Email: w7ziw@arrl.net QNIs: Noontime Net 10917, Northwest SSB Net 522, Washington Amateur Radio Traffic System 3311, West Coast Net 187, Washington Section Net 755. Individual traffic totals: W7ARC 116, N7AJ 138, K7BDU 783, W7DPW 35, W7LG 30, W7QM 564, KJ7SI 24, W7TVA 910, N7YSS 105, W7ZIW 85 Official Observer Report John Burke W7BO Email: w7bo@adelphia.net 150 hours monitoring with 0 advisories sent and W7BO, KK7JA, N7QHC, KG7U, W7XC and W7POE reporting. ARES reports and up to date news can be found on the WWA Section News web page at <http://www.arrl.org/sect/wwa>.

Pacific Division

East Bay

Hello East Bay Section Amateurs, I am Ti-Michelle Connelly, NJ6T, your new Section Manager having recently been appointed by ARRL HQ to take over from Dennis Franklin, K6DF who resigned due to illness. In the past week I have been reviewing item related to the operation of the section and bringing myself up to speed on section activities. In the months to come, some changes may be made to add to or improve the section as needed. A little about me. I received my novice license in the mid 1970's, upgraded to tech in 1991 then General and Extra in 2001. I have served as Treasurer of the Hayward Radio Club, President of the San Leandro ARC. I was one of the founding members of the Bay Area Educational Amateur Society (BAEARS). I was the Net Manager for the Alameda County Emergency Service Net. EB Section Affiliated Club Coordinator and Assistant SM/EB under both Andy Oppel, N6AJO and Dennis Franklin K6DF. I will commit myself to do the best job possible as your new Section Manager.

===== ARRL East Bay Section News

===== The August Section News will be updated shortly on the ARRL East Bay Section page: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/EB.html> I am still gathering and looking through EB Section club newsletters for material to include in the EB Section News. This is the only place to read the section news as it is no longer published in QST. If you have a Public Service Event or a radio club activity that you would like to see included in the EB Section News, please contact me via e-mail. Also, if you have a club newsletter please add my name and address to the mailing list. I would appreciate receiving one each month. I will be looking through club newsletters for items to put on the Section News web page each month. My mailing address is on the web page shown above. =====

Pacific Div and East Bay Section E-Mail Bulletins

===== Please encourage your ham friends and club members to go to the ARRL Web Site Members-Only section and sign up to receive these "Division/Section notices". It's a great way to keep up to date on events and news for their Section and Division =====

Livermore Swap Meet
===== Sunday, August 3, 0700-1130: Livermore Swap Meet Swap Meet held the 1st Sunday of each month at Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd, Livermore, California North of I-580 at Airway Blvd. exit. 7 a.m. to 11:30. For more information, see the website: <http://www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html> or contact Robert Syms, KO6ZL at 925.560.5646 or e-mail rsyms@pacbell.net.

===== Study Session followed by test

===== Saturday July 26: BAEARS is offering a one day study session for Technician or General theory followed by testing. No Morse Code will be given. to be held at the College of San Mateo. More information may be obtained by contacting Ross Peterson: wb6zbu@arrl. ===== 73, Ti-Michelle Connelly, NJ6T

Nevada

Greetings to everyone in the Nevada Section! During the month of June Assistant Section Manager Gary Hartman KK7LV attended five amateur radio meetings and participated in a joint Field Day operation! Gary is proving to be an invaluable asset to the section and we are all very fortunate to have him working for us. On Saturday, June 14th, we traveled to Silver Springs to attend the regular bi-monthly meeting of the Rural Amateur Radio Association (RARA). Presided over by President John Hughes WB6QGH <jchughes@cccomm.net>, the meeting was well attended and concentrated on their upcoming Field Day plans. On Sunday, June 22nd, we assisted with communications at the Bonneville 100 road race. After dodging thunderstorms all weekend while in Wendover for the race, we returned home to an enormous thunderstorm just hovering over the Carson City/Reno area. It was quite a welcome home! Official Observer Coordinator Tim Hunt WA6TNW reports all has been quiet on the Amateur Auxiliary front. If anyone is interested in becoming an Official Observer, please contact Tim. Al Olcott K7ICW is doing a tremendous job pulling the Frontier Amateur Radio Society (FARS) together after the departure of one of its mainstays, Jim Frye NW70 to the great northern plains of Montana.

FARS has been an ARRL Special Services club for many years and it looks like Al has them continuing that great tradition of service. Speaking of FARS, they got together with the Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club (LVRAC) < <http://www.lvrac.org/> > and the Nellis Radio Amateur Club (NRAC) < <http://nellisrac.org/> > to pull off a combined Field Day event that drew visitors and very favorable publicity from throughout the area. Field Day Coordinator Fred Homuth K9GAJ is to be congratulated for an outstanding job! In addition to participating in the combined Field Day event, the Nellis Radio Amateur Club (NRAC) has gone through almost a complete rebirth under the leadership of President John Bigley N7UR . Once a club comprised primarily of transient members from the Air Force Base with few ARRL members, NRAC has done a complete turnaround and just qualified for ARRL club affiliation! Way to go, NRAC!! The southern folks weren't the only ones having good Field Day turnouts. Between RARA, the Elko Amateur Radio Club (EARC) , Reno Area Metro Simplex (RAMS) , Sierra Intermountain Emergency Radio Association (SIERA) < <http://www.siera-amateur-radio.org/> > and Carson Valley Radio Club (CVRC) , the north was well represented as well. District Emergency Coordinator Glenn Hale KB7REO has been working hard to help form the Las Vegas Regional SKYWARN (LVRS) . They are working closely with the National Weather Service and expect to have their own special WX7xxx call sign very soon. Glenn has also recently completed the ARECC Level II training course. The South Nye County ARES group has just received recognition as a IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Congratulations to Emergency Coordinator Dick Grady AC7EL for this significant accomplishment. Washoe County Emergency Coordinator Matt Parker N7TOD reports that Washoe County EMCOMM operators were busy this month with SKYWARN activities. Training planned for the 23rd and 25th of the month was accompanied by a real SKYWARN amateur radio activation that lasted for seven hours on the 23rd (This was the day we returned from our trip to Wendover). Everyone is starting to plan for the nationwide Simulated Emergency Test (SET) scheduled for October 4th. Please check with your local Emergency Coordinator to see what plans are being made in your area. For a current list of all ARRL Nevada Section Field Appointments, you can always check <http://www.pdarrrl.org/nevsec/officers.html>. Please send me your concerns, opinions, questions and newsletters. Until next month, 73, Dick W6OLD

Pacific

Pacific Section - SM Report for June 2003. This was written in early July. It is my sad duty to report Richard "Dick" Miner; NH6FP became a SK May 19th. I have received reports from five Field Day sites. Big Island ARC (BIARC) at Hawaiian Paradise Park. Hilo ARC & QRP group at Laupahoehoe. Koolau ARC (KARC) at Chinaman's Hat Park. Kona Amateur Radio Society (KARS) at Kamuela's North Hawaii Community hospital using the new class F. I understand State RACES also ran a FD site at OCDA under the new class F but I have received no confirmation of details. I have changed many of the pictures in the Section Website to show activities at the various FD Sites. If your group is not included it is only because I have received no reports or pictures. EARC (Kevin Bogan, AH6QO, president) reports they supported the Kailua Parade on July 4th. Clem Jung, KH7HO, was NCS. There was a RACES station set up at Kapiolani Park on July 5th. Paul Mullin, WH7QQ, Moloka'i Red Cross, VOAD Co-Chair

reports their group has been supporting firefighters working on brush fires on that island. He reported cell phones are spotty at best but coverage to several amateur repeaters is very good. He did report that at times it was hard to find people monitoring. The USS Missouri group (BMAC) met July 5th on board the ship. They are planning for Museum Ships Weekend on July 18-20. Ned, KH7JJ, reports that a frequent visitor from Oregon, Art (K7GV), is now a SK. ARRL now is an official affiliate program of Citizen Corps, an initiative within the Department of Homeland Security to enhance public preparedness and safety. ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, signed the formal Statement of Affiliation between DHS and ARRL during the ARRL 2003 National Convention June 21. You may remember that BIARC received a grant from FEMA under "Project Impact" a couple years ago. "Citizen Corp" is basically the same program enhanced and under a new name. Check the ARRL website for details. Congratulations to Clem, KH7HO, for completing all three levels of the EmComm program sponsored by ARRL. Warren Monroe, KH6WM, wrote that he is expecting to put on an Amateur Radio Class in Waipahu starting September 10. Contact him for details. 73, Bob, AH6J SM Pacific

Sacramento Valley

SECTION NEWS JUNE 2003 FIRE SEASON: This summer could be an active one for our ARES and VIP members. With very dry vegetation, the chances of having grass and forest fires is great, and we should all be prepared to help the city, county and state in providing communications when needed. Contact your local Emergency Coordinator or check with Dave, K6SOJ, at k6soj@arrrl.net, for more information, before an emergency exists! SILENT KEY: Bill Anderson, WG6N, became a silent key in June. Bill was a member of the Amador County ARC and was their Legal Advisor. He is survived by his wife Aloha, KB6LUX. FIELD DAY: I hope all the clubs did well at FD, although the band conditions were not the best. I hope all groups sent me a message for extra credit. I only received 3 messages. None of the messages were in the correct NTS/FD form. Next year be sure you have the correct format. I was only able to visit the River City ARCS, Yuba-Sutter ARC, Nevada County ARC, and Sierra Foothills ARC field day sites on a 105 degree day. OFFICIAL OBSERVER COORDINATOR: John Canaris, WY6O, has resigned as the section OOC. John has put in many years in the OO program, and I as well as the section members thank him for his years of service. I will be appointing a new OOC in the near future. NEW BAND: The FCC opens up 5 channels in the 60 meter band. These are narrow channels and much care must be used when operating in them. Check out the information on the ARRL web pages before trying to operate on these frequencies. VE EXAMS: Len Umina, K1LU, is looking for Extra Class VE examiners, for weekly exams, on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in El Dorado Hills. Contact him at 916-941-6993 or umina@theuminas.com or see www.k1lu.com for info on exams. Yuba Sutter ARC VE exam session is July 12 at Evangelical Free Church in Yuba City, 9AM. Please pre-register with Clara, KC6JPP or info at <http://users.cwnet.com/ysarc/>. Their club picnic is July 26 in Dobbins at home of W6HKB. River City ARCS VE exams July 21 at 8:45 AM at Carmichael Elks Lodge, corner Cypress & Hackberry. Info at 916-492-6115 – leave message. RCARCS will man a booth at the California State Fair in August. More info later. Sierra Foothills ARC VE exam at Auburn

Public Library, 350 Nevada St. at 8 AM, on the 1st Saturday of July and August, back to Folsom in September. Contact [larry.r.hodge.@intel.com](mailto:larry.r.hodge@intel.com) for information. MLDXCC/NCCC: The Mother Lode DXCC and the Northern California Contest Club will hold a joint meeting in Jackson on July 19 at Noon. It will be a Pot Luck lunch and a program by Doug, N6TQS on recent DXpeditions. It will be held at the Senior Center, 229 New York Ranch Rd., in Jackson. MLDXCC members Ken, K6TA and Kay, K6KO spent 4 weeks back east, including a stop at the Ham Com 2003, the ARRL National convention. SIERRA CENTURY BIKE RIDE: The Amador County ARC and El Dorado County ARC worked the 100 mile bike ride, by the Sacramento Wheelmen, using the two clubs repeaters for communication. They help out each year for this ride. EC-001/2/3 COURSES: Several more section members have completed one or more Emergency Communication Courses this past month. The ARRL is pushing to get as many hams trained while the grant money holds out. ARRL has signed an agreement with the Office of Homeland Security – more info on ARRL web. www.arrl.org. SECTION NETS: SV section nets are held on the 2nd Wednesday /month at 7 PM on 146.085 + PL 127.3, and at 7:30 PM on 3987 KHz. Please check in. SACRAMENTO VALLEY WEB PAGE: Besides this summary, there is a section page that I can make changes to as events happen. Go to www.arrl.org then click on Sacramento Valley section – upper right hand side – for latest information I gave a talk on DX to the Sierra Foothills ARC at their June meeting. Keep those fires under control! 73, Jettie W6RFF

San Joaquin Valley

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION. Report for the month of June 2003: SM Charles McConnell, W6DPD- ASM K6YK, ACC W6DPD, SEC K6IN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC W7WN, TC W6TE. Planning for EMCOMM South to be held on October 11, 2003, in Fresno is under way. More information will be released as it is known. PACIFICON 2003 will be October 17 to 19, 2003, at the Marriott Hotel in San Ramon CA. Check the web page, www.pacificon.org for information. A reminder to all affiliated clubs, remember to go the ARRL web page to update the information on the club. A good time to do this is following the election of officers. Field Day for 2003 is now over. Now is a good time to review your Field Day set up to see if improvements can be made to improve the scores for 2004. All Amateurs should consider taking the ARECC courses offered by the ARRL. There is no cost to ARRL members because of grants the ARRL has received. The training will help prepare us for our role as emergency communicators if the time comes that we are needed. The courses are good for all Amateurs, both experienced and new licensees. The Turlock ARC is holding its 75th Anniversary celebration on Sept. 20, 2003 in Turlock. Check the club web page, www.w6bxn.org for information. Emergency Coordinators are needed in Calaveras and Mono counties. Contact K6IN or W6DPD if you can help out in this important area. W6WWT received a Public Service Commendation for service above and beyond the normal duty. W6MRP and N6TNW are Silent Keys. Apologies to N6TNX for the erroneous listing last month. New Officers of the Madera County ARC are pres AD6VN, vp KG6KYU, sec KG6DAK, and treas KG6KYT. Congrats to WA8SME on the new job at ARRL HQ. Thanks for your service as EC for Mono County. WA6YEE earned 5BDXCC and DXCC Challenge. N6EKE, KA6TZX,

AA6R, K6BWO, and W6HYY completed the ARECC Level One course. N6ZFN completed the ARECC Level 3 course. Congrats to NN6NN on winning the plaque for USA multi op single transmitter category in the 2003 CQ/RJ RTTY Contest. The ops were N6EE, W6XK, N6LK, W5NH, and NR6H. Traffic for June: KB6QIB 22, W6DPD 2, for a total of 24.

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. Field Day was a blast. I drove 1,095 miles total through 32 counties to visit 15 sites, mostly along the I-40 corridor through the state. I saw everything from simple class F stations to elaborate field deployments. All were a pleasure to visit, and I thank each of you for putting up with me while I was there. There were many more sites I could not visit during the short time available. It takes around an hour to go from one site to the next, and it takes 20-30 minutes to visit at each site once I'm there, so I was pretty close to the practical limit on the number of sites I could have visited. I also received 29 Field Day radiograms this year. Thanks to all who participated. Whether it was operating, raising antennas or making coffee, your participation helps make it all possible. I'm also very pleased with the recently published 2002 SET results. We do well every year because we have good participation and good reporting of results. I will discuss the SET in more detail next month. We provide a lot of public service event communications in North Carolina. These events can be a lot of fun, and you meet some great people at them. Central Carolina Helping Hams has a listing of public service events in their area and links to many clubs in North Carolina providing public service communications. For more information, check it out at: <http://www.hampublicservice.org> Many thanks to those of you who keep me posted on public service events via newsletters and Public Service Activity Reports. ND4MR, N4YYL and KG4CXY have been very regular in providing the PSAR reports to ARRL HQ. These reports are used to document our activity so that government officials and others can see just how valuable our volunteer service is. A web version is available at: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/fsd-157-online-form.php> There should be an interesting session of the Tar Heel Emergency Net (7:30 PM, 3923 kHz) on Tuesday July 22nd. Jeff Orrock, the Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the National Weather Service (NWS) in Raleigh, will present a training presentation entitled "Hurricane Season 2003" for the benefit of amateur radio operators involved in providing emergency communications. It's my understanding that this presentation may also be covered on some of the PCRN repeaters as well. Many thanks to K4CWZ, WA4MOK, K4ITL, N4TAB and KG4HDT, among others, for their work in bringing this presentation to us. A lot of new information is now available on ARRLweb that should be of interest to club officers. It's called the Active Club Online Primer and combines much of the information that used to be in The Club President's Workbook and the Special Service Club Manual. Even if your club is not affiliated or not a Special Service Club, you should find some helpful ideas there. The new site is available at:

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/cpw/> August hamfests: Fayetteville Saturday August 9th, Shelby August 30th-31st. I plan to be at both, please drop by the ARRL table and say hello. Still remaining in July: Cary Saturday 19th, Waynesville Saturday 26th. June Traffic: W4EAT 1102 (BPL), K4IWW 209, AA4YW 192, K4RLD 108, W3HL 70, KE4JHJ 67, W4CC 56, KG4OQA 49, N4TAB 43, AD4XV 41, KE4AHC 38, WA4OBR 32, W4FAL 31, WD4LSS 31, W4EHF 18, N4NTO 16, W4IRE 12, KB8VCZ 7. June PSHR: K4IWW 170, N4TAB 152, K4RLD 120, W4EAT 120, KE4JHJ 110, W4CC 108, KG4OQA 105, WD4LSS 102, AA4YW 80, W4FAL 72.

South Carolina

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators! This is Dr. Jim with the July South Carolina Section Manager's Report. Since my last report, we have had numerous accomplishments, both at the National and Section Level! Field Day was an opportunity for teamwork and an excellent exercise for emergency communication preparedness this year. This was the first year for Class "F" stations, operating from Established EOC's or Served Agencies with the requirement of close interaction with agency personnel. This should go far in improved relations between amateur radio and the agencies we serve! For Charlie AE4UX, SEC, and myself, we decided on a road trip! On Saturday June 28th, over the course of a day, Charlie and I traveled 500 miles over 11 hours on the road to visit 6 field day groups. My full report and pictures of our travels are on the www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/ website entitled "Jim and Charlie's Excellent Adventure"! My thanks to all the groups that we visited for their hospitality, and my apologies to all of the groups we were unable to visit. That day made me realize how big a state South Carolina actually is! Fortunately, Les K4NK, our Vice Director, was able to visit a number of clubs in Upstate South Carolina. Excellent Public Relations resulted as a result of Field Day. Our PIC Dan Donovan KF4VIS just awarded Dennis Zabawa KG4RUL, PIO of the Trident Club and Michael Duff KG4SLH, PIO of the Florence Club certificates for their hard work and originality in establishing grass roots public relations in our section. In addition, I would like to thank all those others who worked so hard in their public relations capacity. Special mention is due to Elizabeth KG4CEZ, Brian K6NWS and Robert K4RKC from the Columbia club for securing the proclamation from Governor Mark Sanford to proclaim June 22-29, 2003 as Amateur Radio Week! On July 20th-24th, Dave WB4DFW, ASM-1 will be presenting amateur radio to the 4-H club Congress that will be held at Clemson University. ARRL-SC has donated five "Now You're Talking" books for Dave's presentation, and ARRL videos will be used as part of the teaching materials. My thanks to Dave for his upcoming presentation! I have just firmed up the SC QSO party details with Jim KB3PU, President of the Sumter Club. The Sumter club will be sponsoring the event, which will be held September 20th and 21st. I have contacted Ward N0AX to add the event to "Contest Corral" in QST. Full details are on the www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/ website. If anyone is part of the "County Hunters" group, please let them know about the QSO party! For Mobiles and Portables, there will be a multiplier for each county they activate-so there should be a number of rare SC counties on the air! Let's have a lot of activity, and make this a successful first annual SC QSO Party! Now on to the National News-What a month! On June 30th at Midnight local time, five frequencies on 60 meters became available to US amateurs for the very

first time! Full details on 60 meter operation can be found on both the www.qsl.net/arrl-sc section website and specifically the national www.arrl.org website. The VFO tuning frequencies are 5330.5, 5346.5, 5366.5, 5371.5 and 5403.5 kHz. Frequency accuracy must be within “a few tens of Hertz”. Bandwidth must be limited to 2.8 kHz. ERP is limited to 50 watts. 50 watts PEP to a half-wave dipole would satisfy this requirement. For gain antennas, you must “do the math” and be certain that your ERP does not exceed 50 watts! ENJOY! Well, that’s it for this month’s summary report! Check the Section Website www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/ for a full report! Have a great month, and don’t pass up any opportunity to promote Amateur Radio to the public! We are all PIO’s in this capacity! Reports submitted by Adam AF4QZ, STM: JUNE 2003 STATION ACTIVITY REPORTS: (CALLRCVD/SENT/DLVD/ORIG/TOTAL) AF4QZ 80/45/34/0/159; KA4UIV 45/39/3/0/87; WA4MIY 29/28/4/1/62; WA4UGD 26/0/2/0/28; KG4VDR 2/15/6/4/27; KA4LRM 13/13/1/0/27 JUNE 2003 PSHR REPORTS: [CALL (1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 / TOTAL)] AF4QZ 40 / 40 / 20 / 45 / 0 / 0 / 145; KA4UIV 40 / 40 / 20 / 0 / 0 / 0 / 100; KA4LRM 37 / 17 / 20 / 15 / 0 / 0 / 89 '73 de Dr. Jim N2ZZ, ARRL Section Manager, South Carolina Section

Rocky Mountain Division

New Mexico

SECTION NEWS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2003 NEW MEXICO Bill Weatherford, KM5FT ASM; K5BIS & N5ART, SEC; W5YEJ, STM; N7IOM. NM’s; WA5UNO & W5UWY, TC; W8GY, ACC; N5ART. Field Day was held June 28 & 29 with lots of fine reports received. We hope everyone had good luck on Field Day! The Arizona State Convention will be held in Flagstaff on July 25, 26, & 27th. The NM State Convention will be held in ABQ on August 22 & 23 at UNM Continuing Education Center URL www.qsl.net/dchf. Many excellent newsletters including ones from the SCARES/Rio Rancho, Socorro ARA, Pecos Valley ARC, The W5ES Bulletin, The Valencia County ARA, Zero Beat, Que Pasa DX, The Deming Communicator, QRL Gila ARS, The NM Antique Radio Club, The Alamogordo ARC and The Sun City ARC. HF Tfx nets include the NM Breakfast Club @ 06:30 AM, the NM Roadrunner Tfx Net @ 01:00Z year round, both on 3.939. HF ARES net meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, also on 3.939 @ 01:30Z. The ARES VHF Net meets on the .90, .94, .96, .64 URFMSI Linked repeaters @ 7:00 PM local each Thursday. Net Reports for June are: NM Breakfast Club, 985/200; NM Roadrunner Tfx Net, 1130/85; SCAT Net, 308/12; Caravan Club Net, 54/3; Yucca Net, 584/25; Valencia County Net, 45/12, Four Corners Net, 306/22; Rusty’s Raiders Net, 633/106; and the Deming ARC Net, 88/8. Sorry to report the passing of AD5MO She will certainly be missed. This is the final report of W5PDY who, because of severe health problems, is stepping down as SM effective July 2, 2003. Be sure to address future activity reports to Bill at Thanks to all for your support for the last 27 years and my thanks to Bill for picking up the ball. Best 73 W5PDY & KM5FT

Southeastern Division

Georgia

SM: Susan Swiderski, AF4FO; ASM/south GA: Marshall Thigpen, W4IS; ASM/Legal: Jim Altman, W4UCK; ASM/Webmaster and SEC: Mike Boatright, KO4WX; STM: Jim Hanna, AF4NS; BM: Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL; OOC: Mike Swiderski, K4HBI; TC: Fred Runkle, K4KAZ; PIC: Kevin Martin, W4SJR; SGL: Bill Cherepy, WB4WTN; ACC: Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC. www.qsl.net/arrl-ga www.qsl.net/gaares Greetings. Lots of you spent the 4th of July providing communications for the Peachtree Road Race or for one of the many parades held throughout the state. Many thanks go out to all of you. Well, this year marked the 12th year that the Alford Memorial ARC has provided communications for the parade held in Stone Mountain, but this year, 4th district congresswoman DENISE MAJETTE made it even more special when she presented club president GENE BLACKBURN, NU4J, with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of the club's "community spirit and support". Congratulations to all FORTY-SIX volunteers for this special recognition. (impressive, huh?) The Gainesville hamfest was a real winner, and so is STEVE HAMMOND, K4SAH, who was named ARES Amateur of the Year at the statewide ARES meeting held at the hamfest. Congratulations, Steve, for this well-deserved award. The Georgia Crackers held their annual meeting at the hamfest, too, and also elected new club officers. Congratulations to newly-elected president "MADISON BOB" WILBANKS, W4ZVX; VP JOHN COLLETTE, AF4XZ; Secretary/Treasurer ALAN SYKES, KR4AE and Net Manager HAROLD JONES, N4BD. (And it was great to see Harold at the hamfest, clearly "on the mend".) DAN MILLER, K3UFG, who conducted a special EmComm training seminar in conjunction with the hamfest, told me about a neat net that our young hams might like to investigate. It's CARLY, the Connecticut Amateur Radio League of Youth net, held every Sunday evening at 7PM EST, from the W1AW repeater via N1TUP-L echolink. Sounds like fun! Check it out. Congratulations to newly appointed EC for Henry and Clayton county, ROY BAKER, WB4WQE, and to newly re-appointed EC DAVID DELAMATER, K4DJD, from down beautiful Savannah way. Bob SMITH, K4PHE, EC for Lee county, will be moving on up to the DEC position for the Southwest district, where J.D. GOINGS, AA4P, has been ably serving for many years. J.D. will be shifting to the DEC position for the GA Baptist Disaster Relief Team. Sincere thanks to all of you guys for your continued willingness to serve the community. Coming Up Next Month: the Valdosta "Super Tailgate" on the 9th; AFMARS Region 2 conference from August 8-10, and the FREE Ellijay hamfest/ tailgate on the 16th. Has anyone made contact with our new GA ham, JAN OSBURG, KI4AGQ/VE8, who's up near the North Pole at the simulated mars base? Check out the website at <http://www.marssociety.org/arctic> to see what he and his team are doing. Really neat. They'll be conducting their research for the next four months, so you still have time.... Well, that's about it for now. 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: 07/01/2003 PUERTO RICO: SM, Víctor Madera, KP4PQ –

Agradecemos a KP4DL su decisión de aceptar la posición de “Technical Specialist” en la Organización de Campo de la Sección de Puerto Rico. Felicitamos al nutrido grupo de radioaficionados que participaron en el taller para instructores acreditados. Tuvimos la oportunidad de escuchar sus experiencias y preocupaciones. El PRARL regaló copias del Manual de Instructores en español a todos los participantes que pronto recibirán su certificado de acreditación de la Sección de Puerto Rico. Tuve la oportunidad de visitar varios Field Days, todos funcionaron muy bien y la participación fue muy buena. esperamos más clubes y grupos participando el próximo año. Ya comenzaron clase preparatorias para “Technician” en distintos pueblos de la Islas. Siguen las sesiones de exámenes del ARRL/VEC PR VET en los recintos de la Universidad Interamericana de PR y en la UPR de Humacao y Rio Piedras. El resultado de los trabajos en el WRC-03 ya es de conocimiento general. La decisión sobre el CW ha sido de mucho interés y se comenta tanto por el grupo de radioaficionados que favorecen la eliminación del CW como los que no están de acuerdo. Esperemos a ver que decide hacer la FCC que ahora tiene la última palabra. Pronto comenzaremos a organizar el programa ARES Nacional. Esperamos la cooperación de toda la radioafición local para lograr un programa bien organizado y eficiente para servir en casos de emergencias y desastres. 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; Affiliated Club Coordinator and Technical Coordinator – WA4AW; Section Emergency Coordinator –KD4GR; Official Observer Coordinator – W4WLR: District Emergency Coordinators – N4LEM, K9SHT, AA4BN, N4QPM, KG5QD, W4SS Thirteen of our fourteen counties participated in Field Day. WA4AW Jeff Beals, our Affiliated Club Coordinator traveled over 300 miles to visit 9 Field Day sites in 7 counties. Jeff was accompanied by Myra K3PHG, who photographed each site. Pictures from Myra, Big Lake ARC courtesy of Mike W4KPG, the W4HAW/K4FAU site courtesy of Will W4WLR and from Gulf Coast ARC courtesy of Mike Gurka K2UGH are at www.arrl.org/sections/sfl.html. I hope to be able to display all Field Day photos at one site soon so we can all share the events. If you have photos to share please do the following: send me an E-mail at: W4STB@ARRL.NET and I will send you an address to e-mail the photos. Please don't send them without contacting me first – I have limited space in some boxes and the spam is overwhelming. Our TS in Broward, Don Drennon, N4TZH visited 3 Field Day sites in Broward County on Saturday. I received NTS Field Day messages from the following sites: Broward ARES/RACES, Martin ARES/MCARA, Palmetto ARC, Okeechobee ARC, Ft. Pierce ARC, Titusville ARC, N4SCY, K4EOC. The following groups had media coverage for Field Day: Broward ARES, Big Lake ARC, Jupiter-Tequesta Repeater Group, West Palm Beach ARC, Okeechobee ARC, Gulf Coast ARC, Osceola ARES. I have news from every county this month. Let's try to hit that mark for the remainder of 2003! News from individual counties is at: www.arrl.org/sections/sfl.html. I do not have room here to feature everyone this month. Send me a JPG file of your hamfest flyer and I can post it in

the photo section on the arrl.org page. ARES: The following ECs submitted reports for July: N4LEM, KT4XK, K4JC, KC4UCN, N3PYQ, AD4RZ. ECs, please send your monthly reports. ARRL Headquarters uses the data in these reports when it works with the FCC and Congress to keep our frequencies. Even if you have a net only once a month we need to know. This data is also useful at the state and local levels when we work with officials on zoning and land use issues. Don't forget the SFL ARES net on Saturday mornings 8 AM local time on 3940 MHz. ECs and OESs are encouraged to check in. Jim KD4GR spoke at the Governor's Hurricane Conference in Tampa. Silent Keys Lee County had 4 Silent Keys, all ARES members: KF4DNJ James Burkhart, W4MFD Carl Haberrman, KD4ULS Charles Mudd, K4ENA Basilm Gray Our thoughts and prayers go to their families. JUNE SAR TOTALS: WA9VND 452, KA4FZI 422, K4FQU 271, KC4ZHF 231, KG4EQY 175, KD4GR 117, WA2YL 107, KG4CHW 72, KG4MLD 56, WB4PAM 56, WB4PAM 56, KE4UOF 52, AA4BN 43, KT4XK 43, WA4EIC 42, KG4MLC 40, AF4NR 39, KG4QIP 35, K4PG 29, K4VMC 29, W4WYR 25, W6VIF 18, KF4OMB 17, K4OVC 6, W3JI 2, KE4WBI 2. JUNE PSHR TOTALS: KD4GR 140, K4FQU 125, KG4CHW 120, KA4FZI 120, WA2YL 110, KC4ZHF 110, WA4EIC 100, KG4MLC 100, KE4UOF 100, WA9VND 100, WB4PAM 90, KG4MLD 80, AA4BN 78.

Southwestern Division

Arizona

SM Article for June/July 2003 For some reason I have not been very good at updating this article. I hope to do better during the last half of this year. The Hamfest in Show Low on June 7th was very nice and the weather was cool. This is a good time of the year to have a Hamfest in the mountains to get away from the heat. The parking lot for the school had lots of room and the attendance was very good for this first event. The Kachina club did a nice job. Arizona is again burning. We are having another rash of fires here in Southern Arizona, first Sierra Vista area, then Pima County: Northern Arizona also had a few fires. We had several people who used their communication skills by changing hats and working for the forest service. Chuck Michels, KB7RFI, Norm Martin, K7OLD, John Henderson, K7FCC, John Glenn, K7RJR, and Chuck Smallhouse, K7CS, went to work for the forest service on a part time basis to help the communications team for the Aspen fire. If you want to see what fire does to buildings and equipment, go to www.carba.net and look at the picture of what remains of the Cactus building. They lost everything at the Mount Lemon Radio Ridge location. Field Day is over for this year and the clubs in Arizona participated over and above what was expected. This year it was very hot and several clubs moved their operations inside for personnel safety. Since many mountain areas were closed many clubs had to adjust plans at the last minute and content with the heat and stay in the valley areas. The Catalina club moved operation to Falcon field near the Tucson airport and operated under emergency power using two (2) Honda 2kw generators but moved people and equipment inside a building. The RST club moved operation to Gates Pass in the Tucson Mountains and set up operations in one of the campgrounds inside the park. They also used emergency power but were basically outside. The IBM club was not able to find another

site and set up operation at one of the club member's home. Many Phoenix clubs also had to change locations at the last minute. But all plans worked out and participation here in Arizona was very good. I received field day messages from IBM, Catalina, Radio Society of Tucson, Scottsdale, Motorola, Arizona Amateur Radio Club, Hualapai Amateur Radio Club, Verde Valley amateur radio club, and Old Pueblo Radio Club. I tried taking pictures of the sites that I visited but the pictures did not come out due to operator error. Next time I will read instructions first. The next major event is the Fort Tuthill Hamfest on 25-27 July 2003 in Flagstaff. The biggest change will be in the road system. The park people have re-done the road system and you can no longer get to the fairground directly from the freeway off-ramp. All the roads are now one-way only. Allow yourself extra time to adjust to the new conditions. The Kingman Hamfest is scheduled for September 20th. Make plans for this event. This article no longer appears in QST, but it can be found on the ARRL Web site www.arrl.org/sections/index/html and on the state web site "www.qsl.net/arrlaz", and "www.hamsrus.com". If you want me to e-mail you a copy then just drop me a note and I can add you to my e-mail list. Clifford Hauser, KD6XH; E-mail is kd6xh@arrl.org.

West Gulf Division

Oklahoma

July Section Report I hoped you enjoyed Ham Holiday 2003. Many thanks to KC5EZZ and the crew for the effort to pull together a significant Amateur Radio happening in OK. Many of you have posted input on the CW issue facing the League Board this weekend. Some very impressive and well-made points were received in your writings. Your Division Director, Coy Day- N5OK will be in attendance and will keep us informed. Field day 2003 is now history. I trust your experience was positive and you got to operate a new mode or two. Thanks to John Turner, KA7GLA-Assistant Section Manager & Emergency Coordinator, and Coy Day, N5OK-West Gulf Division Director, for meeting with Section clubs on FD 2003. Clubs visited included: Ada ARC, Bartlesville ARC, Edmond ARS, Enid ARC, Choctaw ARC, Kay County ARC (Ponca City) , Mayes County ARC (Pryor), Midwest City ARC, MORI (OKC), OKC Autopatch, OIAR (Blackwell), South Canadian (Norman), Stillwater ARC, Tulsa ARC, and Tulsa Repeater Organization. Thank you for the hospitality and those great FD pictures! Check out Section web master Dave's (n7hro@aol.com) effort at: www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=OK as he has posted numerous FD pictures. A very special word of acknowledgement to Darla-KC5RGU for her letter of thanks to the SM for the FD visit to the Ada ARC. Vy thoughtful Darla! New Section level appointments for Assistant Section Managers are: Eddie Manley-KD5JGB, Pat Murphy-NJ5M, Bob Sims-W5KCB, and John Turner-KA7GLA. You can anticipate great service to the OK Section by these fine hams. Many thanks to these folk for agreeing to assist your Section in quality growth. The June National ARRL Convention in Arlington, TX was productive. Meetings attended were the National League forum, Meet the League Board, Club Presidents Meeting, Amateur Radio Publicity, West Gulf Division SM gathering, DX luncheon/hospitality, and the League exhibit booth. These meetings presented the opportunity to

meet both field and HQ staff resulting in increased opportunities and benefits for Section members. Public Service Honor- Pat Murphy NJ5M 150 Arlyn Seidle KK5GY 152 O.C. Elfer WA5OUV 110 Tom Johnson N5IKN 90 Jim, N5OHL, has put together a 10-10 group, OK Route 66 Chapter, and is affiliated with 10-10 International Net Inc. The July edition of their newsletter (page 12) describes the OK Chapter. Nice effort Jim (N5OHL@AOL.COM)!! Thanks to the 35 Section members who have successfully completed various elements of the on-line emergency communication (EMCOMM) courses from the League. Kudos to four of your peers who have completed Levels I-III: Stan Bradley-WA7WNM Dave Cox-NB5N Ed Lamport-W5EGY Steve McCary-WB7VYC Many thanks for your continued effort in Amateur Radio public service! 73, John-WB5SYT WB5SYT@ARRL.ORG

West Texas

Congratulations to our own West Texan, Les Brannon, WF5E, of Midland who was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Lone Star DX Association at the HamCom 2003 DX Luncheon. Les was manager of the W5 ARRL QSL Bureau for several years and is at the "Top of the Honor Roll." Congratulations Les on a very well deserved award. Another Midland ham, Bob Lowery, W5KGX, was also recognized at the same luncheon during the DX Standown. Bob, with his 384 confirmed countries, was runner-up to W5IO, who has one more country. The Panhandle ARC each year treats the engineers of KVII-TV to a lunch as a means of expressing the PARC's appreciation for their help in furnishing a site for the 146.94 repeater. Good PR idea Guys. Some of the rest of us might consider doing something similar. Scott, KD5MHN, and several others presented a ham radio demonstration to nearly 100 Scouts at Midland's Cub Scout day-camp. The demo ranged from CW to satellites. The event was a tremendous success and they have been asked to participate in the planning of next year's day-camp. While the Midland Scouts were being introduced to satellite radio via AO-14, another group in West Texas was making plans for contacting the International Space Station. Hopefully I will have more information in the next newsletter when they get final approval for an ISS contact. Prospects look good. Congratulations to K5VQN, Greer, of El Paso for receiving his EC-001 certificate. I was notified that Hoyt Handley N5XXP of Midland became a SK recently. Carla, K5RLA, and I traveled 800 miles visiting Field Day site last month. Our first stop was in Midland with the Midland ARC. They were set up in a city park using the Sheriff's Department Mobile Communication vehicle. Both phone and CW stations were very busy. A few blocks across town, the Permian Basin ARC had established a solar powered tent city on the campus of Midland College. I knew I had found the FD site when I spotted a young man in the fork of a tree. I think he was putting up a dipole? We finished off the day in Alpine with the Big Bend ARC. They operated from the Double Diamond Ranch Pavilion south of Alpine. The Pavilion is a large community building nestled in a small valley in the Del Norte Mountains. If you want to have a fun FD, this is your site. Kids, overnight tents, bbq, horseshoes, beautiful scenery, mountain breezes, and qsos galore. The phone and cw stations had over 1000 contacts each. When we left Sunday morning, the young folks operating the GOTA were approaching 400 contacts. On the way back home we visited the Class F Field Day station KA5NJA operating from the Brewster County EOC. One thing learned by many Class F stations that SSB HF

operation from an EOC is much more of a challenge then checking into a local VHF repeater net on FM. The computer generated noise level in an EOC combined with a compromise antenna for the station make operations difficult. This needs to be considered when planning our EOC installation. I received a note from Albert, KB5GZZ, concerning the joint FD exercise between the Sun City ARC and the Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief group. In the spirit of Field Day, the Disaster Relief group set up their operation at the Sun City FD site and prepared food for the participants. I only received two FD messages this year. Although I was on the road operating mobile during FD, I was able to check the traffic nets for any FD message to the Section Manager. Harry, N5IFK, also covered the traffic nets for me. A FD message to your Section Manager was an easy 100 bonus points. A bonus point total of 1000-1500 is easily obtainable for a FD group. It takes a lot of contacts to add up to that many points. With the current hurricane threat in the Gulf of Mexico, some EOC stations may soon need to be activated. The WX bureau has not mentioned any potential threat to the West Texas Section but a slight change in trajectory could increase the potential for a significant rain event in some areas of west Texas. The West Gulf Emergency/Texas ARES net is in operation on 7285/3873 kHz. The FCC has declared these as emergency frequencies for the duration. The normal plus/minus 3 kHz guard frequency applies. Other HF emergency nets that may be activated are the Big Bend Emergency Net on 3922 kHz, the North West Texas Emergency Net on 3950 kHz and the Panhandle Emergency Net on 3933 kHz. The recently ended international WARC meeting deleted the international requirement for code testing for HF licenses. When the US and other countries eventually sign the treaty, CW requirements will be left to the individual countries. Without a doubt, there will be a rule change proposed, either by the FCC itself or by a petition to the FCC by a ham. The ARRL summer board meeting is this coming weekend. The topic will obviously be discussed by the Board. Our West Gulf Director, Coy Day, N5OK would like to hear from you concerning this issue. Government agencies work at a pace of their own and nothing is going to happen for a long time, but the initial discussion by the ARRL Board is only a few days away. Contact Coy in the next couple of days if you have thoughts that you would like to pass along. His email is n5ok@arrl.org Another outcome of the WARC meeting is that we may eventually see some relief from the 40 meter foreign broadcast qrm. The changes will be slow in coming but help is on the way. West Gulf Division Convention will be in Austin at Austin Summerfest on Friday Aug. 1 and Saturday Aug. 2. Check the details at <http://www.austinsummerfest.org/index.html> ARRL President Haynie will give a report on the ARRL summer board meeting.