

Section News for July 2003

Atlantic Division

Delaware

Delaware Monthly Summary Congratulations to all the clubs and individuals that participated in this year's Field Day. I hope you all had a good time and maybe learned something in the process. I know I had a great time going around to many of the sites, talking with every folks, and even managing to help cook a burger or two along the way to help out. Although I try, time and distance does not allow me to always hit all the operations at the optimum times, so if I missed you in my travels please understand. This year we had copies of the State proclamation for each of the sites I visited. Congratulations to the Naticoke Amateur Radio Club for their efforts in activating Smith Island for the recent Islands On The Air (IOTA) contest. I understand the club had a wonderful time doing it. From what I saw of the pre-planning operations D-Day may have had a simpler logistic plan, (just kidding). But I know a lot of effort went into the planning of the operation and I am sure that's what helped make it a success. Club operating activities such as this are very valuable in many ways. First it provides a point of interest for the club. It also provides an opportunity to exercise planning skills by putting an operation on the air in a place that one might not otherwise think about. It also provides a learning opportunity when things don't go quite as you planned them. Finally they are just fun things to do!! The IOTA contest is just one example. JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) stations, special events stations at historic sites, and fox hunting contests are just a few of the other types of operating events that Delaware clubs have undertaken in the last couple of years. If your club hasn't done one in a while, maybe its time to think about a sponsoring club operating event? On an administrative note, several times over the last couple of months problems at the ARRL mail server which were beyond ARRL control, have caused email addressed to me at wb0jjx@arrl.org to bounce. Hopefully this has been resolved, so that it won't happen again, but because of anti-spam programs there is no guarantee. If it happens again in the future, please feel free to give me a landline and I will provide an alternative email address. Traffic(July) DTN QNI 141 QTC 21 in 23 sessions; DEPN QNI 32 QTC 1 in 4 sessions. K3JL 43.

Southern New Jersey

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2003...KA2YKN, Section Manager Several months ago SNJ and NNJ met and started plans for what is now the Assembly bill #3065. Synopsis reads: Prohibits municipalities from adopting zoning ordinances to prohibit construction or use of antenna structures by federally licensed amateur radio operators. It is sponsored by Assemblyman Matt Ahearn of District 38 and Co-Sponsored by Assemblyman Geist. To get a copy, go to www.njleg.state.nj.us/2002/Bills/A3500/3065. This bill is very important to New Jersey hams. It is time to sent a letter or QSL card to support this bill. Ask

your family and friends (even if not hams) to support your efforts. Equally important although not ham related is a bill in the Senate prohibiting the use of cell phones in the Senate # 338 and Synopsis is establishes penalty for using cell phone while driving. This act of using a cell phone could be misconstrued to include the mikes of our mobile rigs. Assembly Bill Nos. 2355, 2798 and 664 (all together) synopsis reads: Concerns distracted drivers of motor vehicles. Especially noted is operation of a citizen's band or "dispatch" radio. I think that includes us !! While you are at the computer writing letters, Jim Haynie, W5JBP, asks that members urge members of Congress to sign on as cosponsors of the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act bills in the US House and Senate. The identical measures, an ARRL initiative, are on their third try in Congress. Jim encourages More League members to take the effort to write, call or e-mail their representatives and senators to explain the bills' importance. Recently I received an email from a new ARES group in Delaware from John DiGiovanni, N3LUD concerning the Christiana Amateur Radio Emergency Service or CARES. They are sponsored by Christiana Care Health System in Delaware and serve more than a million people in De, MD, NJ and PA and are the only Level 1 trauma center between Phila and Baltimore. To learn more about Christian Care please visit their site at www.christianacare.org. They would like to recruit Amateur radio operators in these states to assist at some level. The web site can be found at <http://hamradio.christianacare.org> or email to n3lud@arrl.net. The annual MS-150 City to Shore bike tour is Sept. 20 & 21 2003. It starts at Woodcrest PATCO station, and goes to Ocean City, NJ returning the next day. Check out <http://www.phil~mont.org/>. Traffic for July 2003. STM Dan- K2UL QNI report NJM 56 N2GJ NJPN 191 W2CC NJSN 183 K2PB NJN(E) 168 AG2R NJN(L) 153 AG2R (above nets are dual with NNJ. Liaisons with 2RN) JSARS 398 KC2JBZ SJTN 64 KB2RTZ SJVN 221 WB2UVB SJVN train net had of session in July WB2UVB SAR report WA2YL 198 AA2SV 120 K2UL 103 WB2UVB 52 WJ2F 51 KC2IYC 46 N2VQA 29 WA2CUW 28 KC2JBZ 26 N2WFN 23 KB2RTZ 15 W2QOB 12 N2ZMI 1. PSHR report KA2YKN 140 WB2UVB 130 N2HQL 128 WA2YL 125 KB2RTZ 103 K2UL110 WJ2F 90 AA2SV 90 KC2IYC 83 WA2CUW 78 N2VQA 74 KC2JBZ 81 N2WFN 62 WA2NDA 40 W2QOB 40 DVRA is offering a free Amateur Radio licensing course just for the taking. The course will be held in Pennington, NJ on Sept 18, 2003 and will be comprised six (6) Thursday night classes from 7:30 to 9:00 PM, ending with an exam session. While the course is free, the textbook costs \$15.00. There is also a cost to take the FCC license exam, Payable at the test session of \$12.00. To obtain directions to the class and to register, please contact the DVRA's Education Director, Don Wright, at 609-737-1723 or via e-mail to aa2f@arrl.net. DVRA is one of the nation's oldest radio clubs founded in 1931. Their website is at www.w2zq.com. THIS JUST IN !!! Although SNJ came within seconds of being a part of the nation's biggest blackout, 5 counties in NNJ did lost power. Once again Amateur Radio was there with generators and battery power. Hams from SNJ answered the call and were ready to assist. Holly, KC2HDK with the American Red Cross activated her team shortly after 4PM. Good job everyone.

Western Pennsylvania

One of the most rewarding aspects of being section manager is the opportunity to acknowledge individuals that have been recognized for their accomplishments in amateur radio. This month I

have the pleasure of doing just that for several individuals. First I want to congratulate Bruce Watson, AA3LX, of Butler who was selected as The Professional Educator of the year by the ARRL board of directors. Bruce is a science teacher at the Mars Middle School and an assistant section manager here in W. Pa. Bruce has been using amateur radio in the classroom for several years and is also creating numerous training programs about various aspects of amateur radio. I want to also thank Bruce for his outstanding work in the section promoting amateur radio and working to get more young people involved in the hobby. Several young people in our section were awarded scholarship grants by the ARRL foundation and the Foundation for Amateur Radio. Those individuals include Victoria Reid, AA3OT of Sigel, James Rusinko, KB3GWD of Pittsburgh, Robert Rodgers, Wa3KOI of Gibsonia, Amy Johnson, KB3HXF of New Castle and Eric Tichanski, NI3S of Chicora. Our congratulation goes out to these individuals and best wishes for continued success in school and amateur radio. Last month I reported the appointment of Rick Johnson, AE3C as DEDC for official emergency stations. A typo had Rick's last name incorrectly listed. Sorry Rick. His daughter Barbara KB3HAS, also asked me to remind everyone of the under 21 net on the 146.88 repeater on Sunday evenings at 8:30 PM. Congratulations also goes out to the North Hills High School radio club for placing third in the school club roundup high school division. In the upcoming weeks you will see many changes in our section. We are still in need of volunteers to fill many key positions. There is a need for individuals that will step forward and give some time back to the hobby to promote amateur radio and the many facets. We have a need for a DEC in the North 1 region of the section. We also need to fill the vacancy of SEC created by Rich Beaver becoming an assistant section manager. There are several counties that have no emergency coordinator and I would like to see that these positions are filled. Another area that needs a volunteer is that of affiliated club coordinator. This person would be a liaison between the area clubs and HQ as well as the section. Individuals interested in any of these positions as well as any of the many field appointments should contact myself at n3mse@arrl.org or Rich Beaver at n3srj@arrl.net The Atlantic Division leadership is in the process of forming a group of individuals that will be producing some educational programs to assist groups in making presentations at club meetings and other events. More information on this subject will be made available in the next month or so and I encourage you to visit the division web page at <http://www.atldiv.org> More information will be placed there as the program progresses. On September 7th the Western Pennsylvania Section Convention will be held in conjunction with the Butler County Amateur Radio Association hamfest in Butler, Pa. This is the third year for our section convention and we are looking forward to many informative programs during the event. This year the guest from ARRL HQ will be Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV. Dennis is sales/marketing manager and will speak on the dxpedition to East Timor and on 6 meter operating. There is also scheduled a forum on echolink and with ARRL division and section leaders. More information is available at <http://www.qsl.net/w3udx> On Sunday August 24th the Skyview amateur radio society will have their annual hamfest at the clubhouse. Hope to see everyone at these fun events. Don't forget on October 11th and 12th is the Pennsylvania QSO Party. I personally look forward to this even sponsored by the Nittany Amateur Radio Club. To get more information about this event visit the web site at <http://www.nittany-arc.org/paqso.html> I also want to thank the countless members of the league and the volunteers that help me in representing each of you in the W. PA.

section. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by all of the members and especially by myself.

Central Division

Illinois

It's with sadness that I write this month about Raymond Gomes, K9KKY, Tony Tomalewicz, W9FOE, and Daniel E. Sullivan Jr. KB9JJY. Raymond passed away in Skokie. He was a Pearl Harbor survivor. Tony had been a member of Hamfesters for many years. He was a WWII Coast Guard Veteran. Dan, was also a member of Hamfesters. He really enjoyed Amateur Radio and could often be heard checking into the Argonne Repeaters' Nite Patrol. I know all three will be missed. I would like to send my condolences to all three families. On Thursday, July 31st, members of the BTARC provided storm spotting support to the Boone County Emergency Management Agency. The following members provided support: KO2R, KB9KCJ, WB9PMM, KH6UX, KB9MCX, and N9KUX. The club members were thanked by a member of the Boone County EMA for their support and assistance during the storm. On August 17, 2003, at the Poplar Grove Airport, BTARC will be running a special event station in concert with the annual fly-in. This will be the first special event station for the club in a number of years. The club plans to operate on 20 and 40 meters and a certificate will be sent to those stations making contact. The club station call will be WA9GWM. Am I receiving your clubs' newsletter? I can receive them electronically or via the USPS. I would like to include your clubs' news in the Section News Summary and on the web. A plea has been put out by WA9WOB for ham volunteers to help provide communication along various points in the annual Arcola BroomCorn Festival 5 & 10K run on Saturday, September 6. The activity will last for about an hour. All hams are welcome. If you can help contact Butch, WA9WOB, at guennewig@arcola.com or catch him on 146.655 Mhz, the MARK machine. On Saturday, September 6th, the SARC E-Comm group will hold its "Radio Day" at the Roselle Historical Museum. Special event info: Call sign, K9S. Time 1400Z - 2400Z. Frequencies 28.450, 21.340, 14.250, 7250. QSL, Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 68251, Schaumburg, IL 60168-0251. Hamfests that are coming up: On August 24th, the 18th annual Bolingbrook ARS Hamfest at the Inwood Recreation Center, 3000 W. Jefferson St. (Rt. 52) Joliet, IL. Then looking ahead to September--Peoria Superfest on September 19-21 at the Exposition Gardens Fairgrounds. This is also the Illinois State Convention. Also on September 20-21 is Radio Expo--please note the date change. July traffic: NC9T-12; WA9SLT-53; KA9HRO-17, PSHR-99; W9FIF-7; WA9APQ-2, PSHR-50; WD9F-47, PSHR-100; N9DT-25; W9HLX-94; WB9TVD-34; KA9IMX-18. ISN: QNI 176; QTC-90, Sessions 30. W9VEY Memorial Net report is 6 pieces of traffic and 199 check-ins.

Indiana

Indiana Section News for July 2003 Condolances to the Family and Friends of these amateurs who became a Silent Key during July: Alonzo "Al" Estes WB9RWB, Newburgh, July 1; Warren Turner WA9HBF, Marion, July 21. And, Natalie Andrews K9CAT, Terre Haute, July 24. They

will be missed. The month of July was filled with numerous SKYWARN Nets due to severe weather. Central Indiana had severe weather nets active on July 4, 5, 8, and 9. A tornado damaged the community of Rosedale, with power outages and roofs torn off buildings on July 9. Vigo County ARES was called upon to assist with flooding conditions in southern Vigo County due to previous heavy rains upstream on the Wabash River. Additional ARES activities were ongoing throughout Indiana, but no reports of activity have been received by our Section Emergency Coordinator. Remember, if you want your ARES groups's activity noted, you must report it on a Public Service Activity Report Form (FSD-157). Since SKYWARN activity is such an integral part of ARES activity, it is worth a brief reminder that when spotting severe weather for the NWS, it is important that the correct terminology be used. A funnel cloud is not a tornado unless it touches down. A distinct lowering of the cloud base is a "wall cloud" ONLY if it has rotation. This goes back to the old adage, "If it doesn't spin, don't call it in." Our Official Observer Coordinator John Merkley AA9WD is looking for a few good hams who would like to be Official Observers. Please get in touch with John or me about this important part that Amateur Radio plays in self policing our bands. This is not an on-the-air activity, but is most important just the same. The latest ARRL Emergency Communications courses have been having some vacancies. Vacations and summer activities have slowed the enrollment in these courses during July. Please check the ARRL's website for more information about upgrading your emergency communications skills. Remember that as a League member, you can receive 100% reimbursement for your tuition fees to all three of the EmComm courses upon successful completion of the course. It was a distinct please to meet so many folks at the Indianapolis Hamfest on July 12th. I hope to attend this hamfest next year, and get the opportunity to meet many more hamfest attendees. July Section Net Activity NET FREQ DAILY TIMES (UTC) QNI QTC QTR SESS ITN 3910KHz 1330/2130/2300 2770 243 1742 64 QIN 3656KHz 1430/0000 201 127 891 54 ICN 3705KHz 2315 23 4 156 11 ARES 3910KHz 4th Sun/Mo @1300 --- No Report --- HOOSIER VHF NETS 10 REPORTING 707 26 1226 53 HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS 6 4 ?? 62 July ORS Traffic Reports: K9PUI 211, KJ9J 133, K9GBR 132, WA9JWL 93, KO9D 59, KB9TUI 43, WB9OFG 23, W9EHY 20, W3GQJ 20, KC9UU 17, WB9NCE 9, AB9AA 6, W9XD 2. 73,

Wisconsin

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG, SEC: WB9RQR, STM: K9LGU, ACC: Open, SGL: AD9X, OOC: N9VE, PIC: W9UQ. TC: K9GDF, BM: WB9NRK, ASM: K9UTQ, W9RCW, W9CBE, N9VE, W9DGI. ** With regret, I inform you of the passing of Le Roy Dilger, W5VCR, 83, and Raymond Redlin, W9ZTP, 85. ** Reno W. Goetsch, W9NA was recently named Amateur Radio Operator of the Year for 2002 by the Wisconsin Valley Radio Association. Originally licensed as a teenager in the 1930's. Over his 70 years as an amateur radio operator, Goetsch successfully contacted all countries in the world once as well as achieving DXCC status on five different high frequency bands, and 5 Band Worked All States. ** Congratulations to Fond du Lac ARC for establishing a new record score of almost 715K points in the WIQP! Also, to K5OT for taking top honors with 170K points! ** There has been a recent rash of Wisconsin communities attempting to establish questionable antenna restrictions.

I wish to remind you that there is help available to fight unreasonable restrictions. The first place to go to is the Wisconsin section site. Jim Lackore, AD9X, our SGL, has written some good articles on the subject. You, also, have the recent Wisconsin Act 50 bill to aid your case. The full bill is on this site. Also, don't forget that there are Volunteer Counsels to give you professional advice. Go to: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/local/vc-vce.html> for more information. The ARRL has an excellent book on Antenna Zoning. You and your lawyer may need to refer to this book to put together a strong case for reasonable accommodation. If you would like to see an example of reasonable legislation, contact me and I'll send you the requirements and steps taken in Madison. Sometimes, all it takes for a community struggling to formulate legislation is to model something that works in another community. Keep your ears to the rail and get in on the ground floor before something is cast in concrete that will be hard to change later. Help is available! ** For a club to remain actively listed with ARRL, an update from the club, at least once per year, or as often as changes necessitate, is required. If you have not submitted an update with ARRL recently, please follow these instructions: To report changes in club data, please go to our web site at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/forms/fsd2/> Follow the instructions under the header "how to submit an update for your club records". Once the updates are received here, the database is updated and then at the end of the day, a report is run to update the club listing on the web page. If your club is a SSC, please be sure that is also updated. The SSC renewal form is located at www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/forms/fsd7/renewal.html ** ELECTRONIC CLUB NEWSLETTERS WANTED!! ARRL is working to improve club pages on the web. We need your help. We love receiving club newsletters! Our favorite way of receiving them is by email. If your club has an electronic newsletter, could you please send it that way? If you are already doing so, thank you. Receiving them this way will allow us to feature highlights and excerpts from club newsletters in our new club area. Send to: clubs@arrl.org ** STM Report – July, 2003: Some of the ham-gram traffic lately suggests participating in a CW net. It's especially helpful for new hams – and the Wisconsin Novice Net (6 p.m. 3723kHz) is just the place. The net control station will always slow to the speed of a station checking in, although the regular net speed isn't much over 5 w.p.m. so operators can follow easily, refer to Operating Aid FSD-218 (the famous pink card), and even handle some traffic. Please mention the WNN as well as local VHF nets to the new Hams you train or meet. If your club or ARES/RACES unit would like a presentation on the NTS and how traffic is passed, let K9LGU know. Maybe you could send him a message on the WNN? 73 – K9LGU/STM WI ** Upcoming license classes are posted on the Wisconsin site- <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI>. If you want your class listed, send me the information! 73, Don W9IXG w9ixg@arrl.org 608-274-1886

Dakota Division

North Dakota

NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Kent Olson, KAØLDG -If you haven't heard, we lost one of our own in Iraq. Specialist Jon Fettig, KCØHSQ, of Dickinson died in an ambush on July 22nd on a road

north of Baghdad. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. Please make your feelings known to the FCC regarding the proposed BPL - Broadband Power Line issue. If it is implemented, the spectrum pollution from it's noise could very well put an end to ham radio as we know it. Check out the ARRL website for the latest and get your comments in. We need all hams to respond now! The Peace Gardens Hamfest was a good time. It was my first trip up there, and it was well worth it. Congratulations to Curt Freeman, KCØJVJ, on being selected as the "Ham of the Year"! Also, Mark, WBØOAJ won the left foot contest while Bill, KØUB took second. The Dickinson bunch took home a few of the prizes also. Mark your calendars for upcoming events: TRARC picnic August 9-10th in Dickinson. The Dakota Division Convention in Fargo on Sept 9-11, 2005. Section's web site at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~qtipf16/>. HF NM KØHDA Net reports for Dec: Goose River Net, 4/16/0; WX Net 27/504/12; Data Net 27/564/12.

South Dakota

As most of you know we had great success on 40M restructuring and we will not have the broadcast stations to contend with. On the CW issue I'd like each of you to drop me a line about how you feel on CW as a requirement pro or con. I would like to have a feel for our section if they ask. Lake Area: Saturday, August 16 and Sunday, August 17 • Twin Brooks Threshing Bee/Plow-off. Operators needed, contact Chuck (KBØVXD) or Kevin (KBØUZJ) for more information. Thursdays @ 7:00pm • Morse Code Practice Classes at the Watertown Salvation Army, 621 4th Street SW. Contact John (NØMEA) for more information. Saturday, August 16 and Sunday, August 17 Twin Brooks Threshing Bee/Plow-off. Operators needed, contact Chuck (KBØVXD) or Kevin (KBØUZJ) for more information Pierre: Our Field Day for 2003 was quite a success. The club operated from the Pierre Mall (Outside) along the truck route. I want to thank Rob and Bob for organizing it and setting things up. We (Club) received exposure in the newspaper as well as the local cable channel. ARES: Jim reported that we have had a few storms that spotters were sent out. Prairie Dogs (Yankton/Vermillion): The Tri-band beam at the club station at the Church was thought to be better off taken down and stored somewhere accessible for club events. That way it would not be in danger of getting wrecked by a storm. The G5RV would still be there for communications until the beam could be put up if needed. A new Ham class could be started if interest is there. SEARC: The MS 150 Bike Ride was a great time for all who participated. Thanks to one and all we had no major incidents involving riders or support people. We did happen up on a 2 car accident along the route with injuries and we were able to notify the ride support ambulance and they beat the standard dispatched unit by almost 5 minutes. Shows what radio can do. August 24, 2003 Starting at 7:30 we will be having a fox hunt in Sioux Falls. The rabbit this time will be Glen , KDØZP VE Testing will be held Aug 19 please contact WJ0S for further details. Deuel County The August 2003 Meeting of the Deuel County Amateur Radio Club began at about 7:45 PM with the late Gary Carlson, secretary, presiding. Present were: WØGC, KCØOFZ, KBØOVY, KCØFLK, NØVEK, NØYAD, and WAØYIN. Hamfest was a success, despite a relatively modest turnout. We will definitely reserve the same facility for next year. Several new ideas were suggested for a Fall activity including an auction, and many suggestions to improve next year's Hamfest were also discussed. Aurora FD is doing an event on Sunday starting at 1:00 PM. Ham radio will be featured, so a

good showing by hams, either in person, or on an impromptu net on 147.18 at 1:00 PM would be appreciated. Black Hills: The Black Hills Club operated in support of the Big Mick Ride. Thanks to all the operators that assisted in this fun event. 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. August 30, Southern Black Hills Triathlon. August 31, Mount Rushmore Century Ride. October 12, 25th Annual Mount Rushmore International Marathon.

Delta Division

Arkansas

Several Arkansas hamfests are coming up soon. The CrossRidge Hamfest will be at Wynne on August 30th (www.qsl.net/crosscarc/hamfest.html). The Mena Hamfest will be September 5 and 6 (www.qwha.org). The Bentonville Hamfest will be September 12 and 13 (contact ad5am@mc2k.com or 479-631-9231 for info). The Arkansas State Convention will be the All-Arkansas Hamfest sponsored by the CAREN club on September 20th (www.carenclub.com). Although not strictly a hamfest, the Hot Springs Electronics Fest will features all types of electronic equipment, including amateur. This event is on September 27th (www.boatanchor.com/hsef). Other activities coming up soon are: Arkansas QSO Party September 27 and 28 (www.arkan.us). Simulated Emergency Test October 4. The Benton Amateur Radio Society Club will operate a special event station in October in recognition of the Louisiana Purchase 200th anniversary. See Section News on the Arkansas Section page at www.arrl.org and also www.arkansashams.org for full details. We are saddened to report that Ishmael C. Benton, W5HBF, of Fayetteville recently became a silent key. He was an Army MARS member for over 40 years. Also, Glenn Davidson, K6ASB, of Mena became a silent key on July 23. Glenn was a long-time member of the Arkansas DX Association and was on the CW Honor Roll for DXCC. The ARKAN Club reports that construction is underway on their club station/exhibit at the Arkansas Air Museum in Fayetteville. ASM K1ARK reported hail up to 2 ¼ inches in NW Arkansas. Fort Smith Weather Net Chairman WB5OFN says Fort Smith hams also responded to severe weather and assisted in areas damaged by high winds. There is a new club in the Crawford County area. Contact Mike Bredernitz, KD5GQY, for more info. Congratulations to Martin Worster, KD5LJT, of Harrison for receiving the Lawrence E and Thelma J Norrie Memorial Scholarship, and to Victoria Worster, KD5LJW, for receiving the K2TEO Martin J Green Memorial Scholarship. Technical Coordinator AC5DK has made the following new Technical Specialist appointments: N5QS, KA6VAN, and KD5STN. July Net reports: Arkansas Phone Net: QNI 490, Sessions 27, Traffic 22, Net Manager W5SXV, Mockingbird Net: QNI 398, Sessions 23, Traffic 7, Net Manager WB5YLI, Razorback Net: QNI 1565, Sessions 31, Traffic 111, Net Manager K5BOC, OZK no report. July Traffic: W5RIP 96, WA5KQU 46, K5BOC 38, K7ZQR 33, WB5HIL 21, KA5MGL 16, AD5AM 6, AB5ZU 5, WA5EVW 4, KB5ILY 3. Public Service Honor Roll: KB5ILY 188, W5ARS 104, WA5KQU 98, W5RXU 91,

Louisiana

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – JULY 2003 Two leadership appointments have been made since last month's report. Roger N5NXL is now the District Emergency Coordinator for the Capital District and Ray W5EW is our new Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC). Our section is fortunate to have Ray and Roger volunteer for these important positions. In the short time that W5EW has been the ACC, Ray reports that ten clubs on the inactive list have been reinstated and four active clubs have renewed their required "paperwork." In addition to contacting many of our section's clubs via telephone and email in the past few weeks, Ray is interested in visiting clubs whenever possible. Ray and I have had the pleasure of visiting several clubs together recently and we both hope to visit more clubs in the coming months. The following members of the Minden ARA provided communications during the Caney Lake Triathlon in Jackson Parish: W5FYZ, KD5LKB, N5SEG, KB5PKW, K8AOK, K5ROK, KC5TEV, KD5MNT, AD5KX, N5FJ, KD5ETE, KC5TBC, KD5IUZ, KD5JJP, N5DK, KD5LSM, W5VWE, and KB5WFE. New officers for the Southeast LA ARC are KD5PKS, President; AG5AT, Vice-President; WB5FBS, Secretary; and K5CAV, Treasurer. Congratulations to all! David AA5HY (DeSoto Parish EC) reports that the new DeSoto Parish ARES Net meets on Tuesdays at 7 pm on the 146.94 MHz repeater in Mansfield. All stations are welcome to check in. I also want to encourage all net managers of local and district-wide ARES nets to send their monthly net reports to either WA5LQZ (LA SEC) or me. These reports should include the number of sessions, check-ins, and formal messages handled per month. Benson AE5V in West Monroe is now serving as an HF/VHF digital station in the National Traffic System. The present threats to the Amateur Radio Service may be more serious than at any time since the early days of our hobby. BPL (Broadband over Powerline), in particular, might render our HF and VHF bands practically useless if the FCC permits electric power companies and BPL vendors to move forward with this technology. We need to be united if we are to have much hope in fighting this latest threat. Now is the time for our section to have more ARRL members and affiliated clubs, not less. Traffic totals: K5IQZ 127, AE5V 114, K5MC 90, W4DLZ 85, N5KWB 83, K5DPG 32, W5PY 22, WA5LQZ 16, W5NK 15, AC5VN 4. Public Service Honor Roll: N5KWB 160, K5DPG 137, W5PY 122, K5MC 110, WA5LQZ 106, AC5VN 105, K5IQZ 100, W4DLZ 87, K5ER 83, KD5ITA 74, AE5V 67, W5NK 55. Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 30/348/92. Louisiana CW Net: 30/167/38. Louisiana ARES Net: 3/48/1. Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Ouachita Parish ARES Net: 4/76/1. Northeast LA ARES Net: 4/32/0. Union Parish ARES Net: 4/39/0. 73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Manager Email: k5mc@arrl.org LA Section Website: www.cox-internet.com/k5dpq

Mississippi

Mississippi Section Report for July 2003 SM: Malcolm Keown, W5XX. Mississippi Section Web Page at arrlmiss@org. Web Master K5IBM at billscott@storereport.net. STM: KJ5YY. NM: W5KWB, KB5W, WY5S, N5YNY, KM5UH. The Columbus Area VE Team was very

busy in June giving 36 exams in 4 sessions at Houston for members of the Solar Powered Car Race Team which is a group of Houston High School Vo-Tech Students. K5VVA reports that the team won the National Solar Powered Competition for the third year in a row. The race was from Dell Computer Headquarters in Round Rock, Texas, to Cocoa Beach, Florida. Their teacher reports that the ham radios worked flawlessly and were a vast improvement over the Family Radio Units used previously. In the future all team members will be required to have a ham license. Through the efforts of WJ5K, KD5NSP and KD5RTF were interviewed on Tupelo's Channel 9 Morning Show and had an excellent opportunity to publicize ham radio's capabilities to support public service and emergency communications. In addition, W5XX was invited to present a program on ham radio to the local TRIAD organization, and the presentation ended up on Vicksburg local Channel 23. The Meridian ARC held a joint exercise with the Civil Air Patrol and Lauderdale EMA to locate an Emergency Locator Transmitter, downed aircraft, and pilot. Each of the three ground teams participating found the crash site and beacon. Many valuable lessons were learned about radio direction finding techniques and inter-agency communications. Those hams participating were: KD5GWM, KB5ASR, N5VWS, KD5GBQ, KC5NMB, KD5MUD, W5ED, KC5NMB, and W5RB. October will be a busy month for Mississippi Hams. The Simulated Emergency Test will be conducted on October 4th as a joint exercise between the Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Texas sections starting at 8 AM. Frequencies will be 7285 (Tactical) and 7280 (health and welfare traffic). DEC/ECs will be preparing local scenarios to complement the wide area scenario. The ARRL Day in the Park will be held the next weekend on October 11th at Bonita Lakes Park in Meridian at the Pavilion on the West end of the Dam. There will be plenty of prizes, tailgating, and food. A complete list of other upcoming events is posted under What's Up on the Section Web site at www.arrlmiss.org. Congratulations to N5ZNT, AD5IS, W4WLF, and W5LMW on completing the Level 1 ARRL Emergency Communications Course. N5YNY has retired as Net Manager of the PBRA after 7 years at the helm. Gene is moving to Washington State to be near his family. Thanks for the great job Gene! KD5KRX will be taking Gene's place. Thanks, Nancy! Also please note that Larry, AG5Z, is the new EC for Forrest County. Welcome to new Mississippi hams: Kelly, KD5WXS - Gulfport, David, KD5WYG - Brandon, Jeffrey. KD5WYH - Canton, Sylvia, KD5WYJ - Vicksburg, Derek, KD5WYK - Clinton, Douglas, KD5WYL - Raymond, Steven, KD5WYM - Brookhaven, Miles, KD5WZP - Picayune, William, KD5YAD - Southaven, Ashley, KD5YBD - Tupelo, Bethany, KD5YBC - Saltillo, Eric, KD5YBE - Saltillo, Suzette, KD5YBF - Marietta, William, KD5YBV - Carriere, Cheryl, KD5YDY - Ridgeland, Marcy, KD5YEH - Grenada, and Kevin, KD5YFO - Houston. Regret to report the passing of W5ERU from Philadelphia. DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON, KD5FUO, KD5GWM, KA5ICO, N5NQ, AC5SU, WA5TMC, W4WLF, N5ZNT PIO Report: W5KWB. Net Reports: sessions/QNI/QTC: MSPN 31/3155/76; MTN 31/107/17; MSN 31/1234/10; PBRA 31/806/4; MSSN 23/40/2; WCMS ARES 9/61/0; Itawamba ARES 5/33/1; MAEN 5/88/0; SW MS ARES 5/70/0; Lo Co ARC Net 5/60/0 LARC-Jones Co ARES 5/123/0; JARCEN 5/96/0; HAEN 4/49/0; MLEN 4/60/0; MBHN 4/46/1; Metro ARES 4/53/0; South MS Skywarn 2/17/0. PSHR: WB5ZED 140, W5XX 115, KJ5YY 88. Traffic: WB5ZED 2148 (BPL), KJ5YY 28, W5LEW 6, W5KWB 6, W5XX 5. Compilation of traffic statistics provided by KJ5YY, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager.

Hudson Division

Northern New Jersey

SM Bill Hudzik-W2UDT, ASM-K2WJ, ASM-N2WZB, STM-WB2FTX, ACC-N3RB, SEC-K2SO, OOC-K2ZD, PIO-WB2CRD, TC-NR2H NNJ SECTION WEBPAGE:

www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer and recovering from Field Day activities! Speaking of activities, many NNJ clubs are continuing to sponsor Special Events, hamfests, and assist with public service requests. This sponsorship helps to encourage club participation but also brings added benefits in increased club membership and public awareness of our services. I have always viewed Amateur Radio as a service. For it to survive we must continue to show that we provide a service when all others fail. That is another reason why we must learn to communicate effectively. The various ARRL on-line Emergency Communications Courses provide that training. If you have not done so, please sign up. After all, one of the reasons the Amateur Service has survived for almost a century is our ability to communicate effectively in times of need. One obstacle to that ability is the proposed BPL, or Broadband over Power Line, fronted by several internet commercial communication companies. Many of you may have read about it, especially in QST. This, if it happens, is SERIOUS TO AMATEUR RADIO as we know it! If you have not done so, PLEASE read the articles on the ARRL web page about the subject. If you can, PLEASE donate to the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund for BPL. (info is on the ARRL web page and in QST) We cannot sit back this time! We must be proactive! On other matters, I would like to welcome two more Official Observers to the section OO group: N2CG and W2RN. They are now a part of a renewed effort to respond to various interference complaints we are experiencing in the section. I would like more clubs to add me to their mailing lists. Not only does it give me the opportunity to find out what clubs are doing but it provides fun reading as well! As a reminder, the section ARES net meets the Second Monday of each month at 8PM on the WS2Q Morris County Repeater (146.895 -600hz). Please check-in and support our ARES Section activities. Also, don't forget to visit our Section web page listed at the top of the column. You will find more NNJ news as well as club and other links. Our webmaster, Mark, N2WZB will be happy to add your club events and listing to the web page. 73, Bill Hudzik, W2UDT

Midwest Division

Kansas

Kansas Section News July 2003 SM, Ron Cowan, KB0DTI—ASM/ACC/OCC:Robert Summers,K0BXF ASM:Orlan Cook,W0OYH SEC:Joseph Plankinton,WD0DMV PIC:Scott Slocum,KC0DYA SGL:Steve Hamilton,KB0JYL Silent Keys: WDØAKU-Charlie Ward, Chanute WØAWA-Don Davis, Prairie Village Our state convention is Sunday August 17th at

Salina. The Central Kansas ARC bunch is happy to be our host again. They have some good forums lined up and of course there's the fleamarket. Chuck Skolut-KØBOG from HQ, having left Great Bend 1 year ago, returns to bring us up to date on League programs. Our Kansas Section meeting begins at 10AM with the presentation of the Amateur of the Year award. We will talk about emergency communications and where you fit in as well as the May storms on the East side of the state. I look forward to seeing you at our convention ! For more: <http://www.qsl.net/ckarc/> Johnson County RAC held a Fox Hunt (Bunny Hunt to some). 7 or 8 teams competed, some used only a hand held receiver. Afterwards they headed to a pizzeria and the usual post hunt discussion of techniques and locations for the fox next time. Johnson County RAC was contacted for help with a Public Service Event. Don-WØDEW has accepted the task of coordinating Hams for a Labor Day weekend soccer tournament in Olathe. The games go on all day and are expected to draw 18,000 people over the 3 days of the event. Don's email address is wb0nvo@juno.com if you're able to help out. Bruce-KØBJ from Colby and Alan-WØNO from Beloit meet Mike-K1WTF of Massachusetts to work Block Island for the Islands On The Air Contest. Block Island is located off the East end of Long Island, New York. The Trojans continue to work with the NWS office at Goodland on APRS and voice communications. Marion-KAØRID installed the antennas for the SHARC 443.225 repeater in Garden City. Bill-ABØRG, Technical Specialist, has been busy helping newly licensed hams and some veterans too. There is a new QCWA chapter forming in South East Kansas. Neosho Valley Chapter will begin meeting on the 4 th Saturday of the month 10 AM at Zion Lutheran Church Activities Center in Chanute. The first meeting will be September 27 th. Contact Jon-WØUHL for more information or just show up. The Shawnee Co. (A1) ARES van will be appearing at the Holton hamfest September 21 st. Chanute hamfest is Saturday August 16th in Chanute. Newsletters received: Johnson Co. Feed Back, Trojan Harmonic, Douglas Co. ARC, QRZ from Pilot Knob ARC. and Kaw Valley Transceiver June Nets/Sessions/QNI/QTC/Mgr: KSBN/30/884 /91 /N0KFS KPN/22/291/29/N0KFS KMWN/30//599/528/WB0YWZ KWN/30/679 /516/WB0YWZ CSTN/25/1828/77/AB5PA QKS/59/286/115/K0PY QKS-SS/ 7/20/6/KB0DTI SEC: 58 sessions QNI 527 QTC messages 20, Ks participants KB0AMY N0BTH KC0CFL KC0CIG WD0DMV K0FJ KC0GDV AA0IQ K0UO KB0WEQ . Joseph WD0DMV SEC. TEN: 60 sessions, QTC 258, KS 87% with WA0LYK K0PY AB0WR W0WWR NB0Z WB0ZNY. Dave W0SS/Mgr. Traffic: AB0WR 174 WA0LYK 79 KB0DTI 32 AB0UY 22W0OYH 20 NB0Z 17 N0ZIZ 16 N0ENO 11 K0RY 10 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

AUGUST 2003 SECTION NEWS CONVENTIONS AND HAMFESTS Missouri State ARRL Convention will be held this August 23, 2003 in Columbia, MO at the National Guard Armory located 4.5 miles north of Interstate 70 on Highway 63. For a map check out <http://www.advent.org/cmra/> or Contact Dale Huffington, AEØS 573-875-6170 e-mail Dale@tranquility.net . There will be a Special Session on State-wide ARES Planning. There will also be a meeting of the Missouri Repeater Council in addition to a ARRL Forum. Midwest

Director Wade Walstrom, WØEJ, Midwest Vice-Director Bruce Frahm, KØBJ, and MO Section Manager Dale Bagley, KØKY. will all be attending. Admission \$4.00, Tables \$10.00 each Tailgate space \$4.00. The St. Charles Hamfest will be held August 24, 2003 at the American Legion Post 312 at 2500 Raymond Dr. in St. Charles, MO. Free forums, "Onsite Testing", and Attendance Prizes. Tables \$15.00/table Electricity \$5.00, and Tailgate spaces \$7.00 per parking space. The St. Charles Hamfest is always a great event and you get to share some time with a wonderful group of amateurs. Probably the simplest way to get to the Hamfest is exiting off I-70 on hwy 94 north, go west on Clay Street, then north on Dorste Rd. and finally west on Raymond Dr. to the Hamfest site. AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS KEITH HAYE, WEØG, ACC The St. Louis version of the MS 150 bike tour will be Sept. 6th and 7th. Hundreds of bike riders will be earning money to fund research to prevent and to treat MS as they enjoy the challenge of a 150 mile tour. Amateur Radio Operator volunteers are needed to work at the rest-stops along the route. If you are interested contact Mike Musick, NØQBF or Bill Coby, KBØMWG. This will be a great opportunity to raise the profile and illustrate the value of Amateur Radio to the community. Congratulations to Robert Roske, NØUF, has won the first place award for a mobile in Indiana during the MARAC 2003 County Hunter SSB Contest. Not only did Bob enjoy his trip to Dayton, but he has a certificate to show for it. The Callaway Amateur Radio League and all of Amateur Radio share in the passing of Emery Smola, KCØMV. Emery was an outstanding technician, trustee of the CARL Repeater, and a friend to all that knew him. Amateurs like Emery can't be replaced, but as Dick White, KSØM says, "He would expect us to carry on and continue the legacy he left for us." We can honor all those that have "Elmered" us by sharing our excitement about Amateur Radio communication with a friend. The Southside ARC is gearing up for their October 18th Hamfest. If you would like to check out their really well done website go to <http://www.qsl.net/southsidearc/> Woody Moore, WØODY, of Springfield, MO is looking for some information and/or available VHF operating equipment for a newly licensed blind Amateur. You can pass on the info to Woody via e-mail at woodie@mail.orion.org or w0ody@arrl.net. SECTION ARES REPORT DON MOORE, KMØR SEC Don Moore, KMØR, SEC announced on July 25, 2003, the appointment of Michael Grady, NØMLN as the New Emergency Coordinator for the City of St. Louis. Mike is a member of the Suburban Radio Club and the St. Louis Repeater Club and has worked in the area of emergency management for some time. To view the Monthly Section ARES report for July 2003, go to <http://www.ares-mo.org/currentsec.asp> SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS FOR JUNE 2003 DALE HUFFINGTON, AEØS, STM MON - CW Sessions 51 QNI 84 QTC 29 NM K9ZTV MO Phone Sessions 31 QNI 560 QTC 85 NM KØDAT MESDN (80 M) Sessions 4 QNI 11 QTC Ø NM KBØEMB MESDN (60 M) Sessions 2 QNI 13 QTC Ø

Nebraska

NEW DOUGLAS COUNTY EC APPOINTED Citing job requirements, Bill Newman - KØNSA has resigned as Douglas County Emergency Coordinator. Replacing Bill is Jim Wescott - KAØKCV. Jim is currently the president of the AKSARBEN ARC. I want to thank Bill for his dedication to the Section. Congratulations to Jim for volunteering for this position. I

am sure that Jim will do a good job and please give Jim your support. RED CROSS HONORS LARC PRESIDENT Steve Wood KBØMTT, was presented the Harold Hill Humanitarian Award at the volunteer recognition event sponsored by the Lancaster County Chapter of the American Red Cross. This award was established in 1995 to honor Harold Hill, the Lancaster County Chapter Manager from 1945 to 1975, who exemplified the humanitarian spirit of the American Red Cross. The award is bestowed on individuals who embody the humanitarian mission and principles of the American Red Cross. - from the Lincoln Log From KAØO: I am proud to announce that the Nebraska Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has selected the Bellevue Amateur Radio Club as their 2003 Volunteer Group of the Year. Congratulations to the club for this award, and thanks to those who have volunteered their time, not only this year, but also in years past, to help make the MS Bike rides safe and fun for the participants. Doug Eubanks, KAØO SECTION MANAGER RETIREMENT - DECEMBER 31, 2004 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.

New England Division

Connecticut

Did I say last time that the summer months were quiet? Not so this year. For sure, the power outage the other day is still on our minds as we all wonder how it happened and reflect on the real inconveniences everyone with an outage had to endure. Of course, Amateur radio operators

were on standby in Connecticut. I opened the Connecticut Phone Net on 3.965 at 1625 and was joined immediately by our DEC for Red Cross Brian, K1BRF and by our SEC Allen, W1AGP soon after. Many ops checked into the net which met each hour until approximately 2215. We then met at 0700 the next day for a status check. Good liaison was maintained between CT and New York State and NYC ops both on VHF and on HF. Priority traffic was relayed between Farmington and NYC Red Cross Headquarters. I am aware of just one Red Cross shelter open in Danbury. The Bethel Office of Emergency Management and its associated ARES team were particularly active. Here is part of their report-thanks to Pete, KZ1Z for compiling the details. Bethel began to experience a rapid succession of power surges and brown outs around 4:10 PM when the power went out completely. The local commercial radio stations didn't have a clue what was going on initially. All cell phones went dead. The NEXTEL system, which the local government supervisors use extensively failed totally. The local town radio (local public works/government) failed, as there was no power to their repeater site. A back-up repeater was put on line from the town garage/maintenance building on a generator. It had a very small signal coverage area rendering it useless for all practical purposes. The local 147.300 amateur repeater went off the air so area amateur radio operators used the repeater output frequency for local operations and coordination. The Internet was useless, with ISPs being most erratic even if they could be connected to. By 4:25 PM the Bethel EOC was activated. The power to the municipal center was off so Pete Kemp, KZ1Z set up portable operation using a mobile vehicle on HF/VHF stationed at the site. The Bethel KA1KD repeater 147.03 worked perfectly on emergency back-up power, as did 145.47 in Ridgefield. Within minutes Clarence Rees, N1LHJ, the Public Works Director, and the Director of the Bethel Office of Emergency Management, arrived, putting our back-up generator on line. The EOC now had complete power and was able to operate all of its equipment. By 5:00 PM Assistant Director James Ritterbusch KD1YV, Sue Ritterbusch N1SLB and Michelle Thompson N1PNT arrived. For a few hours the local cable television was accessible as an information resource. When the cable went out, the EOC switched to an external antenna which made it possible for us to receive television reports of the power failure without interruption. TV stations in NYC were our primary resource with WTNH-8 CT providing some signal coverage. But these NYC stations covered very little for CT residents. The exception was WCBS-2 which had a reporter doing a live shot from Danbury that surprised everyone. radio operations were conducted on VHF simplex utilizing repeaters 146.73 New Milford, 147.39 Norwalk, 147.18, Naugatuck and via the Connecticut Phone Net Frequency 3.965. The 145.13 Putnam County, New York (PEARL) repeater was also monitored as needed. Bethel's EOC was able to bridge communications between HF/VHF and simplex VHF ops in the area, allowing the flow of communications to run smoothly. The Bethel EOC had recently installed a new Icom 2720H just days before. This transceiver offers a lot for emergency work, with dual receive, so we could monitor various nets, wide band receive and cross band linking among other features. Judy Novachek, the Bethel First Selectman, arrived at the EOC during the evening, staying about 15 minutes, observing, asking questions and getting updates. At 10:00 PM commercial power was restored and the emergency operation deactivated. A huge thank you to everyone in CT who helped out; the names are too numerous to mention. Your SM once again is proud of CT hams!

Eastern Massachusetts

ARES and RACES groups across the northeastern U.S. and Canada and in the Midwest were activated or placed on standby in the wake of last week's "Blackout of 2003." Billed as the largest outage of its kind in history, tens of millions of people were left without electricity and water for up to 48 hours after three damaged transmission lines in Ohio apparently started a chain reaction Thursday afternoon, August 14. Thankfully, Massachusetts was virtually unscathed by the emergency. Even so, ARRL Eastern Massachusetts PIC Jim Duarte, N1IV, reports the ARES/RACES response in the Bay State was "quick and organized" showing that "our recent drills and training sessions have proved beneficial." Thanks to all of the ARES/RACES members in EMa who stood by, ready and willing to serve. Marconi Radio Club president K1VV reports that area amateurs are operating stations from various lighthouses in EMa this weekend in the International Lighthouse/ Lightship event. Members of the Marconi club will activate Boston Light under the call sign N1L. Other planned operations include Nobska Light, Falmouth (W1NOB), Scituate Light (W1QWT) and Ned's Point Light in Mattapoisett (N1P). N1L will run an Icom 706 and wire antennas on both phone and cw. "It will be a Field Day-like operation," comments K1VV. DX QSLs for N1L should be sent to the W1-bureau; stateside contacts QSL via the K1VV callbook address. Thanks, K1VV. A very successful ARES training workshop was held August 9 at the Southeastern MA ARA (SEMARa) club house in North Dartmouth, MA on August 9. Approximately 25-30 amateurs attended the event, which featured a fantastic chicken barbeque/corn-on-the-cob feast. Delegates from the Council of Eastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Clubs (CEMARC) also attended the noon-time meal. The workshop was well-attended, and was taught by several ARES staff, including: W1MPN, WQ1O, KD1CY, W3EVE and N1VSJ. Photos from the ARES Workshop/CEMARC Picnic are available for viewing at . South Shore fox hunters found themselves on the wrong side of the law recently when someone called the police to report two "suspicious" males sitting in a pickup truck at the end of a parking lot. Police investigated the call but concluded the men were not guilty of any wrong-doing. According to the police report in the newspaper, "it is a group of senior citizens using radio and locating devices." Thanks, Massasoit ARA "MARANews" The National Council of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) filed a petition July 31 with the FCC to eliminate Morse code testing for amateur radio licenses in the United States and other FCC-administered areas. In their petition the NCVEC stated that the Morse exam continues to be a barrier to "otherwise qualified individuals" who want to become hams; that it is a burden to applicants and examiners alike, and that code proficiency should not be used to determine who may operate voice. (Thanks, Handiham.org) How do EMa amateurs feel about this issue? Please take a moment to answer our straw poll at <http://ema.arrl.org> and let us know what you think! 73, Phil K9HI

Rhode Island

Greetings RI Amateurs: It's summertime and not much is happening in RI. At least, that's my impression from calling around and reading club news. It's not too surprising, I guess with

family vacations, etc., not to mention band conditions; it's a time for antenna work and getting everything ready for the weather that we know is just ahead. BVARC's 50th anniversary celebration dinner is October 18th. Members from the 50's will return to their ham radio roots. W1GYF is coming from N. Carolina. The dinner meeting will be held at Vermette's Restaurant in Woonsocket. It will be a terrific evening. Three of the original founding Charter Members are still admiring the grass from the top side and will be there to prove it. The ARRL Board has received a recommendation from the Volunteer Resources Committee (VRC) that will require that ALL Section Emergency Coordinators "develop, implement and maintain a comprehensive Section Emergency Plan by year's end." RI doesn't currently even have an SEC, let alone a Section Emergency Plan under ARES. Further, the Board called for a comprehensive system to enhance the communications capabilities of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). There are situations, the Board said--especially given the League's new Citizen Corps partnership with the Department of Homeland Security--when ARES "must have the capability to pass traffic across the nation quickly and accurately." The RI section has no Section Traffic Manager either to partner with our non-existent ARES team. We have only one active ORS station, N1YKH, who handles traffic within RI to the extent his personal time along with a young family permits. DO I SOUND DISCOURAGED? We also have no Section Government Liaison to help us with the state legislature. Why is that? It's not because I haven't tried to recruit one. Do so many capable Amateurs in RI dislike ARRL so much that they're willing to ignore the progress of their hobby? Is it merely because all of these appointments are simply connected with ARRL? Well, I also disagree with some things they do but I will support them without reservation. WHY??? The answer is simply contained in the question, IF NOT THEM, WHO? There's no one in the on-deck circle waiting to come to bat. ARRL is our one and only world-wide supporting organization and representative to the IARU and WRC. We either support them or we don't support Amateur Radio. Anyone reading this already is an ARRL member, but you only represent about a fourth of our Amateurs. The other three quarters of our Amateur brethren are riding on your support and enjoying the benefits of protection of our privileges without paying their share. It's not fair at all. If you personally know or happen to learn of someone who isn't a member, please do what you can to convince him or her to assume a fair share of the load by joining those of us who are doing the work. Thanks. You only have to read the WRC-03 results comprehensively reported in this month's QST on page 40-45. Region 2's retention and region's 1&3's expansion of the 40 meter band was negotiated amidst multiple personal agendas and special interests at work. Further, 40 meters won overall by a consensus agreement to move the shortwave broadcasting allocation out of 7.100 to 7.200. NEVER BEFORE HAS A BROADCAST ALLOCATION BEEN MOVED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ANOTHER SERVICE! Sure, all this won't take effect until 5 1/2 years from now, but in these sorts of agreements, that's fairly fast. Did this happen because the commercial interests of the world just love Amateur Radio? Hardly. As Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, ARRL's CEO explains, "spectrum access is a zero sum game. For you to win, someone else has to lose." Our IARU team from the US and Region 2 was there to negotiate FOR ALL AMATEURS. They were able to be there because some of us realize the importance of their participation. All Amateurs will benefit, even the 75% who don't share in supporting ARRL. I've done enough preaching. It's time for a gin and tonic! Cheers and 73, Bob Beaudet W1YRC Section Manager.

Vermont

What a great summer we have been having! The weather has been great, and all of the Ham Radio clubs in the state have been having their picnics, having Hamfests, or planning for one. Reports of a fun time had are coming in from all over the state. Here is what some of our Ham Radio Clubs have been up to. I attended the RANV summer picnic on August 3rd, and enjoyed some HF operating, eating, and a Fox Hunt. I also attended the Border Amateur Radio Club picnic on July 27th. Eating was also high on the list of things to do there. Amateur Radio Associates had their picnic on August 9th. I'm sure that they had a great time too. Burlington Amateur Radio Club had their Hamfest on Saturday, August 2nd. That took a lot of planning and effort, I'm sure. I managed to drop by for a few hours and even give a short talk. The Central Vermont Amateur Radio Club will be holding their picnic in a few days on August 24th at the QTH of Fred & Jo Messer WA1LIE & KB1EPT. On Saturday, September 20th CVARC will holding their Hamfest at the Waterbury Amory. Many more details on that coming next month. On July 19th, the Connecticut Valley FM Association provided Ham Radio communication for the Vermont 100 Mile Endurance Run in the Reading area. That must have been a hard on to pull off. Great work guys! On September 28th, they will be covering the 50 Mile Endurance Ride & Run in Windsor County. Contact Marlon Wood, KA1SMC@arrl.net if you would like to help out with this one. On August 9-10 RANV & STARC provided Ham Radio communications for the MS Bike Tour. This bike ride started at Sand Bar State Park on Saturday, and ended at Johnson State College that night. On Sunday morning, the bikers (& Hams) headed back to Sand Bar. It was a successful third year doing this. Thanks to all of you that helped me pull it off. I really appreciate it. The Green Mountain Wireless Society has been planning for the Simulated Emergency Test (SET) in October/November. They also aided in an antenna reduction party at the QTH of W3SOH & W3ZCE who moved to PA to be closer to their family. Phil & Terri Bates donated their tower, antennas, radio, and power supply to the GMWS. Their August 12th meeting featured Dave W1DEC talking about RACES. Dave, as you know, is our State Government Liaison (SGL). The Southern Vermont Amateur Radio Club recently had their Annual Potluck Picnic on July 23rd at the QTH of N1RRW Skip Crego. I regret that I could not attend this great gathering of hungry Hams. SOVARC also provided communications for this year's Tour de Cure for Diabetes. That's about it for this month. Keep sending me your news of what's going. July Traffic Report Submitted by Bert Morton W1DFU
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25/127/12/308 AA1PR

Western Massachusetts

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS: SM: William C. Voedisch, W1UD, w1ud@juno.com - ASM (digital)KD1SM, STM: NZ1D, SEC: K1VSG, OOC: N1FL- Activity has taken a plunge in WMA. Vacations, clubs being off for the summer and the hot, humid weather has not helped the

situation. Within the last 30 days we have had in excess of twenty with rain and thunderstorms. That has not helped band conditions here in Western Mass. With noise levels exceeding S9 on a regular basis it is almost impossible to enjoy our hobby. As you all know, there was a major shut down of the power grid feeling part of the eastern seaboard, Toronto and Ohio. Only the area around Springfield was effected. The EOC's in Worcester, Leominster and Springfield were activated on a standby basis. Fortunately, our source of power is from the grid that includes Quebec, New Hampshire, Maine, Eastern and Western Mass. I want to compliment Bob, KA1OTQ. He writes, and distributes, via E-mail to members of both organizations, a journal each month with information pertaining to ARES and RACES activities in the Western Mass. area. You have done a great job Bob and we all thank you for keeping us up to date on ARES/RACES activities. Mark, WB1ARZ, sent me a report of the 'F' class activities at the Worcester EOC during FD. They contacted in excess of 1000 stations during that weekend. The list of participants is too long to be published but I do want to thank each participant especially Mitch, WB1CHU. He cooked for the group and the old adage is always true. An army travels on it stomach. You can make more contacts if you are well fed. Well done Mitch. Teamwork is the name of the game. Again, congratulations. Traffic reports are slow coming in again but I do have few. TRAFFIC: W1ZPB 249, WB1CHU 372, W1UD 321. 73 Bill

Northwestern Division

Eastern Washington

*** CHECKING DXCC CARDS -- Effective immediately, Jay Townsend, WS7I, has resigned as the ARRL DXCC Card Checker for the EWA Section. A replacement person is in the works now, so please do not send any cards until the new card checker is announced. Thank you. *** THE WRC-03 CONFERENCE ended on July 4th, 2003, with a historic change in the 40 meter band to move broadcasters out of the 7100-7200 MHz spectrum and allocate the space exclusively to amateur radio operators. The effective date for the change to take effect will be in 6 years on March 29, 2009. *** WRITTEN MESSAGE TRAFFIC REPORT FOR JULY: W7GB 188, KA7EKL 78, K7BFL 70, K7GXZ 17, KK7T 15. Public Service Honor Roll: W7GB 110, K7GXZ 100. Total Traffic: 368 *** NTS NET ACTIVITY REPORT FOR JULY: WA State Net (WSN): QNI 952, Traffic 206, 93 Sessions. Noontime Net: QNI 9888, Traffic 271, 62 Sessions. WA Amateur Radio Traffic System (WARTS): QNI 3311, Traffic 146, 30 Sessions. *** The SPOKANE HAMFEST will be September 27th at University High school in Spokane Valley. A no-host dinner will be held following the Hamfest on 9/27 for anyone wishing to attend. Because of its convenient location to the Hamfest, the Old Country Buffet Restaurant was selected again for the dinner.

Idaho

Net Reports: Net Session QNI QTC Manager FARM 31 2787 84 W7WJH NWTN 31 1360 80 KC7RNT IDACD 23 398 15 WB7VYH IMN 31 539 171 W6ZOH Station Traffic Reports:

Station ORIG RCVD SENT DLVD TOTAL W7GHT -- 118 128 4 250 WB7VYH -- 20 21 2 43
W6ZOH -- 8 16 - 24 KB7GZU -- 30 36 - 66 Public Service Honor Role Station 1 2 3 4 5 6
TOTAL W7GHT 40 40 20 - - - 100 WB7VYH 36 40 10 - - - 86

Montana

Just a note regarding ARES participation in local emergency situations: If your local Emergency management people request any kind of support role, please notify our Section Emergency Coordinator, N7VMR or myself as soon as possible with info detailing your best knowledge about the activation, who/what/when and where. This would include any info about staffing, day-to-day requirements of manpower and equipment, if known. Don't wait long to send the info, just a quick message to allow our staff people to prepare in an effort to provide support to you and your team. Later messages can detail your needs. Use ANY method at your disposal, radio, cellphone, relayed message or landline. If you relay info via an ARRL formatted radiogram, be sure to stress the importance in seeing it to the intended recipient as soon as possible. ALWAYS provide contact numbers/frequencies so we can contact you in the field. At some time if possible, try to get some sort of HF station on the air for traffic movement and quick information to the outside world. If you live nearby, keep in mind that your group could be asked to support the ARES crew in the field. Notify your EC or the Section EC of your availability to allow staffing plans to be made. Questions are often asked about RACES activation for a given emergency. Keep in mind that the Governor's office is the primary decision making power in each case. But, even though RACES is not active, the frequencies allotted for use in that event can also be set up for ARES activity and traffic handling. In addition, don't forget our state rally frequency, 3880.0 KHZ. Even if you are not directly involved in the emergency situation, monitoring of those freqs may be helpful to Amateurs in the field. Our Wildfire situation continues to deteriorate as the Summer progresses. Please take time to review your preparedness and consider the possibility of responding in support of a communications or other emergency. County Emergency Coordinators need to review their callout lists and procedures. Consider training levels and ability to stay out overnight on duty should that be needed. This is a good time to stress the importance of ARRL CED courses available online from CT State University. Each contains knowledge required in Emergency response and proper decision making during these events. Anyone with a computer can sign up, and the \$45 fee is refunded after successful completion. Take a look at these and give one a try. The Montana Amateur community continues to deal with emergency responses in an exemplary manner. My thanks to all involved
73 Doug, K7YD

Oregon

Oregon SM: Randy Stimson KZ7T-ASM: WA7VTD. SEC: KK7TT. SCC: W7WZ. ACC: K7SQ. BM & STM: W7IZ. OOC: AB7OC. PIC: W6ABM. I went to the Bandon Ham Fair, put on by the Coos County Radio Club. I got to see some of the hams that I haven't seen for years. The Facilities were very good and the club did a great job. Even being Section Manager for less

than three weeks, they had a ARRL forum and it was very well attended and a lot of information was exchanged. By the way they have the best Chile Dog any where. I would like to welcome Jerry Boyd KW7J, a new DEC Also welcome two new EC to our group. They are Bert Younglove WA7AXO- EC Multnomah County and Don Montgomery WB7Q- EC Jackson County. There are two new hams that are working towards being Official Observer They are Neil WA6KLA and Dean KL7OR. All they need to do is pass the test. Speaking of OO, we do need more. If you are interested contact Michael Califf AB7OC. E-mail ab7oc@arrl.net. I would appreciate Club news letters from the area or E-mail me any events that you are involved in. It is a good way for me to get some of your activities in the news letter. Finally the Oregon Emergency Management ARES/RACES Unit is hosting a "Traffic Handling 101" workshop on August 30, 2003 from 0900-1300 hours at 3225 State Street Salem, OR (room 115). They have two great knowledgeable speakers. This is a good way to learn how to send messages. If you are interested contact Tami (w7tmk@arrl.net).

Western Washington

Pacific county ARC together with Sunset Empire ARC will be sponsoring license preparation classes, including code, beginning September 8. Microsoft ARC will begin offering Tech and General classes starting in October. Marina N7LSL announces this year's Communications Academy is March 20-21, 2004 at Shoreline Conference Center. District 1 Island County ARES/RACES team assisted with 4th of July Parade and other activities. District 3 Mason County ARES/RACES team supported Search and Rescue teams as they brought and injured hiker out of the Olympic Mountains. District 5 ARES/RACES team assisted in locating an errant ELT, supported Search and Rescue on Johnston Ridge near Mt. St. Hellens and demonstrated the Cowlitz County Com Van at the fair. NET REPORTS: NOONTIME NET (NTN)QNI 9888 QTC 271 SESSIONS 62 MGR W7TVA LN TO RN7 WASH AMATEUR RADIO TFC SYSTEM (WARTS) QNI 3609 QTC 189 SESSIONS 31 MGR W7GB LN TO RN7 NORTHWEST SSB NET (NWSSB) QNI 687 QTC 41 SESSIONS 31 MGR N7YMY LN TO WARTS WASH SECTION NET (WSN) QNI 952 QTC 206 SRESSIONS 93 MGR W7QM LN TO RN7 WEST COAST NET (WCN)QNI 228 QTC 26 SESSIONS 31 MGR K7WCN LN TO WSN CLARK CTY ARES & INFO NET (CCAIN) QNI 130 QTC 0 SRSSIONS 29 MGR ND7P LN TO WARTS PUGET SOUND TFC SYSTEM (PSTS) QNI 27 QTC 0 SESSIONS 27 MGR KA7TTY LN TO WARTS July - Official Observer Report de W7BO: 90 hours monitoring with 2 advisories and 8 good operator notices sent. W7BO, KK7JA, N7QHC, KG7U, W7XC and W7POE reporting. The latest WWA news and information can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/sect/wwa>

Pacific Division

East Bay

Section Club News ===== KO6JF, KO6HA AND KL7IDY participated in

the Museum Ship Event on July 18 -20 2003 from home stations and aboard the USS Hornet. The USS Hornet made about 350 contacts. Code practice is being transmitted on Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm on 146.505 MHz. Hams that copy the code practice are invited to check-in by voice on-air or via e-mail to provide some statistics on the number of users and to provide suggestions on operations. Contact kl7idy@arrl.net The club meets the 4th Friday of the month, 1930 hours local, at 522 W. Midway Rd, Alameda Point. Club web site:

<http://www.arcaham.org> ===== Silverado Amateur Radio Society Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 1930 hours local, in the Lee Lounge, Lincoln Bldg. of the Vets Home in Yountville. =====
Hayward Radio Club Club meets on the 3rd Friday of every month, 1930 hours local, at 1401 West Winton Ave, Hayward, behind Hayward Fire Station #6.

===== Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club MDARC is hosting the Pacificon convention at a new location, San Ramon Marriott Hotel, 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon on Oct 17, 18, and 19 2003. See their web site for details.

<http://www.cccbusiness.com/mdarc/index.shtml> =====

East Bay Amateur Radio Club, Next meeting is on August 8, 2003 at 7:30 PM, Friday, at Salvation Army, 4600 Appian Way, El Sobrante, CA. will feature a video "First Radio Sea Rescue" all are welcome. ===== Contra Costa Communications Club, Inc Club meets on the 2nd Sunday of every month, breakfast at 7:15 AM, meeting at 8:00 AM, at Denny's on the corner of San Pablo Ave and Potrero Ave in El Cerrito. ===== Alameda County Sheriff's Communication Team The ACSCT provided an "eyes & ears" patrol over the July 4th holiday for the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. K6JNW, KE6QJV, KA6FIY, N6AJO, WB6UZX, AD6ME, KF6CRZ, W6RGG, WA0YQM, KE6LEV and KE6NEZ participated. The Team Meets at 7:30 pm on the 1st wednesday of the month at the Office of Emergency Services 4985 Broder Blvd, Dublin. ===== Livermore Swap Meet 1st Sunday of each month at Los Positas College, Livermore, 7 AM to Noon, all year. Talk-in 147.045 MHz. For more information contact: Ian Parker, W6TCP at 925-485-7953 or e-mail at: swap@livermoreark.org ===== July Traffic (National Traffic System): Joe Lee, W6DOB - Orig/0, Rec /186, Sent/ 454 Del/35, Total /675 Steve Hawes, WB6UZX - Orig/2, Rec/56, Sent/22, Del/32, Total /112 Gary Gross, KE6QR - Orig /0, Received /14, Sent/2, Del/14, Total/30 Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR): WB6UZX. Brass Pounders League (BPL): W6DOB,

===== Traffic Nets: NCN1: 3630 7PM
NCN2-SLOW SESSION: 3705 9PM NCN-VHF: 145.21 7:30PM RN6: 3655 7:45pm & 9:30PM
PAN: 3651 7052 8:30PM 73 de Ti-Michelle Connelly NJ6T SM/EB

Nevada

Greetings to everyone in the Nevada Section! The month of July was unbelievably full of very important events affecting ARRL members in general and the Nevada Section in particular. July 18-19 was the summer meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors in Newington, CT, where among many other pieces of business they were presented with a detailed evaluation of the

ARRL field organization prepared by their Volunteer Resources Committee (VRC). Minutes of the board meeting can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/announce/board-0307/> and I ask you to pay particular attention to Minutes 17, 25, 26, 27 and 29. The complete 22-page VRC report can be downloaded as a MS Word document from <http://www.cvrc.net/files/vrc071803.doc> or as an Adobe Acrobat PDF document from <http://www.cvrc.net/files/vrc071803.pdf>. This document will provide a blueprint for the field organization in the Nevada Section for the next decade. I will be chronicling those changes as they happen. We also had three major personnel recognitions take place during the month of July. First, Joe Giraudo N7JEH was awarded the ARRL 2002 Excellence in Recruiting (EIR) Award by the ARRL Board of Directors. The EIR award is an annual national award recognizing a person who has repeatedly demonstrated the highest standards of amateur radio recruitment. Next we had the tremendous good fortune to obtain the services of Don Carlson KQ6FM as Public Information Coordinator (PIC) in the Nevada Section. Don comes to us with a career in public broadcasting and media relations. From his own professional sound studio Don will be producing, distributing, promoting and coordinating public relations activities throughout the section. Finally and most recently, Matt Parker N7TOD has accepted appointment as Section Traffic Manager (STM). When you read the VRC evaluation of the ARRL field organization you will understand the vital role the STM will play as we build--and in many cases, rebuild--a traffic handling system that will integrate the best of NTS and ARES into one responsive emergency communications partnership. You will be able to meet and hear from all of these people at the 2nd annual ARRL Forum to be held in Carson City on Saturday, August 23rd. In addition to ARRL Pacific Division Director Bob Vallio W6RGG, nine of the eleven cabinet members from around the state will be there to report on the "State of the Section" and to answer your questions. I am extremely saddened to report the passing of George Lyle K7ZAU of Carson City. George became a silent key on July 24th, silencing forever one of the most distinctive voices and personalities in amateur radio. A good and loyal friend, George will be missed by all with the good fortune to know him. Congratulations go to Doug Abramson KA7FOO for his recent appointment as Net Manager for the Western Nevada Noon Net. Doug takes over from Matt Parker N7TOD who is most appreciative of the help. District Emergency Coordinator Glenn Hale KB7REO and Clark County Emergency Coordinator Charlie Kunz AA5QJ were interviewed by Fox News about SKYWARN weather spotting. The interview aired on Jul 19, showing Charlie's ham and weather stations and Glenn's mobile installation. Glenn Hale KB7REO also reports that Las Vegas Regional SKYWARN (LVRS) was activated five times in one week and Matt Parker N7TOD reports Washoe County SKYWARN was activated seven times during the last eleven days of the month. All of this activity caused by severe thunderstorm activity throughout the state. 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. 73, Dick W6OLD

Pacific

Pacific Section - SM Report for July 2003. This was written in Early August. It is my sad duty to report Angelo "Sam" Canevali, KH6TQ, became a SK July 16th. Ned, KH7JJ reported the USS Missouri group (BMARC) was active during the weekend of July 18/20 for the Museum Ships event. See the picture in the Pacific Section Website. On July 21, 2003 a group from the Big Island Amateur Radio club reinstalled the Kulani Repeater, KH6EJ. Coverage was very good. One mobile was able to access it from South Point road. He reported the progress of a wildfire to Red Cross. See the picture of the equipment on the Pacific Section Website. The Big Island ARC used the new Kulani repeater July 26 for the Volcano Rim Run support. For the past few years simplex was used and some of the remote stations had poor coverage. This year only one station had difficulty communicating. ARRL sent out a section e-mail recently about the EC series of courses available to members. They teach the basics of Emergency Communications. They are EC-001, EC-002 and EC-003. At the moment the cost is refundable upon completion. Hurry and sign up before the money runs out. Our number one priority is being prepared for Emergencies. This means both the small stuff and the large problems. For the everyday problems, know how to summon help, have a basic knowledge of first aid and have emergency supplies on hand. Don't interfere with established emergency services but be willing to help if asked. It is the large problems like Iniki where we really come into our own. We are not the front line but supply a safety net when normal communications fail. The secret to success is training and preparation. It is my hope that we are always ready but never needed. Boy Scouts are looking for volunteers and help for the 2003 JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) on Oct 18, 2003. Contact your local scout office or group for more information. On Saturday, 16th August 2003, VE testing will be conducted on Oahu. Reservations will be taken up to 9PM the proceeding Thursday, 14th August 2003 up to 9PM. Call, Lee, KH6BZF at (808) 247-0587 daily between the hours of 9AM and 9PM; PLEASE NO EXCEPTIONS, due to an ill family member. Your considerations will be greatly appreciated. SORRY, there will NO WALK-INS. ARRL has invited me to HQ for the SM workshop next month. If you have issues you want discussed, now is a good time to let me know. (I already know about QST late delivery). 73, Bob, AH6J

Sacramento Valley

SECTION NEWS JULY 2003 WEATHER: July was a very hot month with record number of days over 100 degrees. So far we have not had any huge fires, but August will be extremely dry, so all you DEC, EC, AEC and ARES members in general be prepared if a big one starts. The National Weather Service office in Sacramento is hoping to form a SkyWarn network in their area. They held meetings in Yuba City and Sacramento as a preliminary to setting up a network. They are willing to make presentations to radio clubs, within their area. Contact Kathryn Hoxsie at: kathryn.hoxsie@noaa.gov for more information ARRL HQ: The ARRL Volunteer Resources Committee released their report to the Board of Directors. They advised several changes in the ARRL Field Service appointee program, so look for future changes. You can find minutes of the BoD meeting at www.arrl.org/announce/board-0307/. The first change is that there will no new appointments for Bulletin Managers or Official Bulletin Stations. CALIFORNIA ANTENNA BILL: The Governor has signed the bill, so it becomes law, and is very similar to the FCC PRB-

1. If you have trouble getting permission to put up an antenna (not where CC&Rs restrict), contact ARRL for their antenna information packet. The State is also looking into the use of amateurs for the State Civilian Corps. More information in a month or so on this. SK: Richard Earl, KE6TT was killed in an accident during the 4th of July parade in Grass Valley. He was riding a float in the parade, which overturned on a hill and landed on top of him. Paul Mellinger, NI6P, became a SK after an illness. He was a long time member of the Yuba Sutter ARC. He is survived by his wife Margaret, N6IBE. IRLP: Ernie Kapphahn, W6KAP, is looking for more users of his repeater for IRLP world wide communications. Contact him on 440.45 PL 127.3 for more information on the system. MOTHER LODGE DXCC & NCCC: Their annual joint meeting was a success, with a good turn out and good food. The presentation at the meeting was a slide show on the latest Ducie Island DXpedition. RIVER CITY CONTESTERS: A Pot Luck dinner was held at the home of Bill, K6NO, for Randy, W6UT, and his wife who are moving to Indiana. He was an active member and tester. He will be missed. CLUB AFFILIATION: It is time to up-date your club affiliation records. HQs need to receive an update once a year or when there are changes, so that they will know who the officers are and who to contact for the club. To update or report changes in club data, go to the following web site; www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/forms/fsd2/, follow the instructions under "how to submit and update for your club records". Special Service Clubs, please be sure that is also update. The SSC renewal form at; www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/forms/fsd7/renewal.html. If your club publishes a newsletter by email, please send a copy to ARRL HQ at clubs@arrl.org. HAMFEST: The North Valley Hamfest 2003 will be Saturday, August 9, from 7 am to 4 pm, at the Anderson River Park, in Anderson, CA. Swap Meet at 7:30, seminars start at 8 am. Speakers are, W6RFF, K6SOJ, W6FOG, W6AAQ and N6FF. A hamburger lunch will be served. Swap Meet, Demonstrations, VE Testing, and Fox Hunting will be held. See you there. Info at www.qsl.net/arca & www.qsl.net/nc6sv. SV SECTION NETS: The section nets are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. VHF at 7 pm on 146.085 MHz, pl 127.3 and HF at 7:30 pm on 3987 KHz. I have had trouble on VHF, but I hope a different rig will cure the problem. I would like to have alternate Net Controls for both nets. Any takers? It is good experience. Check the Section web page for up to date news. 73 Jettie W6RFF

San Joaquin Valley

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of July 2003: SM Charles McConnell, W6DPD- ASM K6YK, ACC W6DPD, SEC K6IN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC Vacant, TC W6TE. The Turlock ARC's 75th Anniversary celebration is Sept. 20, 2003 in Turlock. Check www.w6bxn.org for information. The California QSO Party is October 4-5, 2003. Get on the air and you can be the center of a pileup. Stations will be looking for you. Check www.cqp.org for information. EmComm South is being planned for Oct. 11 in Fresno. Pacificon 2003 will be October 17-19, 2003, at the Marriott in San Ramon CA. Check www.pacificon.org for program information and registration forms. In order to remain on the active list, all affiliated clubs need to update club information on the ARRL club web page. This should be done following the annual election of officers. Every club should have a public information officer whose job is to get information into the media. Amateur Radio does good things. The public

needs to know. Contact w6dpd@arrlorg if you can help. If you have not participated in the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Courses offered through the certification and continuing education part of the ARRL web page, please consider taking the courses. ARRL has received grant money to cover the cost of the courses. Upon successful completion of the course, your fee money will be refunded. If you have completed Level 1, then you should take Level 2, then Level 3. It is my sad duty to report the following Silent Keys for July KG6F, KD6UQI, W6RLG, and W6PJF. New officers for the Mid Sierra Chapter of QCWA are pres WA6ZIS, vp AA6LY, sec K6IX, and treas W6NDR. The chapter meets 3 times a year in Oakhurst. Operators W6XK and N6EE operated VP5NN to second place in the 2003 ARRL RTTY Roundup. K6SUU chased NA1SS for W6BXN during Field Day. W6PM, W6PAJ, and W6SLT completed the ARECC Level 1 class. NA6G completed Level 2. W6FRH qualified for WAZ. KF6QJN passed the Extra Class exam. K6YK traveled by train to the east coast, operating on UO 14 making 391 QSOs. He gave out Delaware which was the last state for WAS for many of the deserving. Traffic for July was zero. PSHR K6RAU 53.

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. Congratulations is in order for our Technical Coordinator, Danny Hampton, K4ITL of Raleigh. Danny is the recipient of the 2002 ARRL Technical Service Award, so designated by the ARRL Board of Directors during the July meeting. His technical service has been outstanding. Danny has served as ARRL Technical Coordinator under two different Section Managers in the North Carolina Section. Danny's technical expertise has served us well during disasters, including locating backup repeater resources on short notice during the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd (1999). His advice in resolving RFI problems between repeaters and commercial services, and other technical matters, have been extremely valuable to the Section. Danny has provided equipment and countless hours of his time to creating and maintaining Amateur Radio repeater networks in the state of North Carolina during the last thirty years. This is important to ARES and NTS because repeaters provide a substantial portion of our disaster and public service communications capability. Danny set up a pair of repeaters in the Raleigh area in the 1970s as a personal project. The repeaters became very popular and the Piedmont Coastal Repeater Network was formed to support this network. Today PCRN consists of over 30 independently-owned repeaters linked together using a linking system designed by Danny. His knowledge of the broadcast and two-way radio industry has helped others setting up repeaters also. As a result we have excellent coverage even in rural areas. Danny is also the North Carolina Director of the SouthEastern Repeater Association, and has been involved in the Coastal Carolinas Health Alliance communications project. I'm pleased that someone in our section has won this prestigious national award. Those of you that know him know this award is well-deserved. I am also very pleased with the Simulated Emergency Test results from last year. SET will be upon us

again very soon. Contact your local EC and find out how you can be involved. We do well in the SET because we have great participation, and we do a good job of reporting our results. During the July meeting, the ARRL Board also decided to adopt some recommendations of the Volunteer Resources Committee which directly affect the Field Organization. I have been reviewing these recommendations and will be having a lot to say in the near future about how North Carolina should meet the new expectations of the Board. Hamfests: I'll be at Shelby on Saturday and Sunday, August 30-31. Hope to see many of you there. The ARRL Forum is at 10 AM Saturday. There will be a lunch meeting of the National Traffic System at noon Saturday at Jackson's Cafeteria. Show up before noon to eat since the meeting itself starts at noon. When I'm not attending meetings, I should be at the ARRL booth. July Traffic: W4EAT 2589 (BPL), K4RLD 276, K4IWW 214, W3HL 107, AA4YW 107, WA4OBR 94, WD4LSS 92, KE4JHJ 87, AD4XV 56, W4FAL 47, KG4OQA 43, KE4AHC 36, N4TAB 33, W4EHF 23, N4FHM 22, W4LN 20, W4CC 14, N4NTO 14, W4IRE 10, KB8VCZ 5, WA2EDN 4. July PSHR: N4TAB 133, W4EAT 120, K4IWW 120, K4RLD 110, KE4JHJ 110, WD4LSS 106, KG4OQA 100, W4CC 94, W4FAL 85, AA4YW 80.

South Carolina

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators! This is Dr. Jim with the August South Carolina Section Manager's Report! First, I would like to remind everyone of the South Carolina Section Website at www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/. This site will contain my full Section Managers Report, and not an abbreviated version. As I begin this report on August 16th, I am happy to say that the ARRL-SC section was mentioned twice in the September 2003 issue of QST. On page 13, the Field Day adventure that Charlie AE4UX, SEC and I had, traveling 500 miles and visiting 6 Field Day sites, was highlighted in the column "Section Managers Get Around on Field Day!" In Contest Corral on page 105, our upcoming first annual South Carolina QSO party on September 20th to 21st was announced. More on this later! On July 20th-22nd, our own Dave Crockett WB4DFW, ASM-1 gave a presentation on Amateur radio to the 4-H Club Congress held at Clemson University, attended by approximately 70 teens. It was interesting that one of the major concerns of the attendees was Emergency Preparedness, as determined by polls several months prior to the conference. Dave centered his talk on Emergency Communications via Amateur Radio, and used the ARRL Disaster Preparedness video in his presentation. He thanks Fred Tuck KD4OAQ for his invaluable assistance on site and Sue N4ENX, OOC for her help with on-the-air demonstrations to the participants. The ARRL-SC section donated five "Now You're Talking" manuals to Dave's presentation! Thanks to all! The first annual South Carolina QSO party will be held on September 20th through the 21st. I encourage everyone to read "Contest Corral" in their September QST, or visit the www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/ website for the details. Remember, mobile and portable stations receive a multiplier for the number of different SC counties they activate! Thanks to the Sumter ARC, and their president, Jim KB3PU for their sponsorship of the South Carolina QSO party! To Everyone, PLEASE PARTICIPATE, Even if for a few hours! Congratulations go to Mike Duff KG4SLH, PIO/Florence ARC on completing a basic Public Information course offered by the SC Emergency Management Division. Marc Tarplee N4UFP, TC reports that he has assembled an NVIS (Near Vertical Incidence Skywave) station for 60

meters, and currently is testing propagation from his QTH. He also reports that the planned Digital Seminars (covering PSK31, APRS, ECHOLINK/IRLP) will be held September 27th from 9am-4pm in several locations: Charleston EOC, Sumter Technical College, Florence (meeting room at KD4HTW's workplace), and York Technical College in Rock Hill. For further information, contact Marc at n4ufp@arrl.net. Each seminar will be divided up into two-hour sessions, and attendees will be able to decide which seminar they would like to attend. On Tuesday August 19th, the Aiken County Council will formally recognize the amateur radio operators that assisted the Sheriff's Office Communications following a lightning storm on June 16th that rendered most of the EMS communication systems unusable. I would like to formally express my appreciation to two clubs, the Grand Strand ARC and the York County ARS for renewing their affiliation with the ARRL! Thanks also to ALL the ARRL affiliated clubs in the ARRL-SC section! With strong club support and member support of the ARRL, we will aid our growth of our national organization. Reports Submitted by Adam AF4QZ, STM: JULY 2003 PSHR REPORTS: (CALL 1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 / TOTAL): AF4QZ 40 / 40 / 20 / 0 / 0 / 0 / 100; KA4UIV 40 / 40 / 20 / 0 / 0 / 0 / 100; KA4LRM 40 / 19 / 20 / 15 / 0 / 0 / 79 JULY 2003 STATION ACTIVITY REPORTS: (CALL RCVD/SENT/DLVD/ORIG/TOTAL): KA4UIV 82/72/4/0/158; AF4QZ 79/45/30/0/154; WA4MIY 50/29/16/0/98; KG4VDR 13/13/16/11/53; WA4UGD 26/0/2/0/28; KA4LRM 11/5/3/0/19 To all above, THANK YOU for your service to Amateur Radio! See you next month! '73 de Dr. JIM N2ZZ,ARRL Section Manager,South Carolina Section

Rocky Mountain Division

New Mexico

Section News For The Month Of July, 2003 New Mexico Bill Weatherford, KM5FT ASM; K5BIS & N5ART, SEC; W5YEJ, STM; N7IOM. NM's; WA5UNO & W5UWY, TC; W8GY, ACC; N5ART. Flagstaff was well attended and a number of new toys brought home. Don't forget the NM State Convention in ABQ on August 22 & 23 at UNM Continuing Education Center (www.qsl.net/dchf). The Alamogordo Hamfest is August 30, Otero County Fairgrounds, and Deming Hamfest (Tailgate), September 27. Many excellent newsletters including 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 @ 0100Z year round, both on 3939. HF ARES net meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, also on 3939 @ 0130Z. The ARES VHF Net meets on the .90, .94, .96, .64 URFMSI linked repeaters @ 7:00 PM local each Thursday. Net Reports for July are: NM Breakfast Club, 1029/174; NM Roadrunner Tfx Net, 1138/83; SCAT Net, 425/12; Caravan Club Net, 46/6; Yucca Net, 523/32; Valencia County Net, 72/19, Four Corners Net, 335/4; Rusty's Raiders Net, 633/139; Gila ARS 36/7, and the Deming ARC Net, 93/13. We mourn the loss of W5VCR, KD5EFR, KC5QHZ, N5LIU, AL1T (ex-K5RZW), KF9HQ, W5OHA, and WB5ZIP and send condolences to family and friends. 73 de KM5FT

Southeastern Division

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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.gaares.org Congratulations to members of the Valdosta ARC and the South GA ARC for a job well done with their first annual hamfest, the Super Tailgate, they called it, held on August 9th. Would you believe over 300 attendees? Great job, folks! And kudos to the south Georgia hams and Floridian hams who turned out in such fantastic numbers to support the venture. With lots of room to grow, I predict great things for this one. If you haven't already done it, please take the time to file a comment with the FCC on the BPL issue. This technology has the potential to cause devastating interference on our ham bands, making communications extremely difficult, at best; almost impossible, at worst. The window for filing those comments has been extended to August 20th, so you still have time to say your piece before that window slams shut forever. <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html> The ECFS Express link lists a number of issues open for comment, including BPL. If you feel like you need more information before filing a comment, check the www.arrl.org webpage. You'll find lots of good information on BPL there. But please.. file a comment. This upcoming weekend is the International Lighthouse/Lightship event on the air, so if you missed out on contacting us at Tybee Island earlier this month, you'll have another opportunity to make a K4T contact this Saturday. Also, lighthouse keepers Jeff Cole, N4XGI, and Bob West, N4XGJ, will be activating their famous St. Simon's Island lighthouse for the event, as well. For operating times and frequencies, check <http://lighthouses.net.au/illw/> This Saturday will also be the Ellijay tailgating hamfest, held behind the 911 building , south of town on old Hwy 5. It'll open at 7, so be there early! NO admission, NO food, NO testing. Just FUN! Congratulations to these newly elected officers for the Atlanta ARC: President-Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC; VP-Marcel Pitzini, W5BJV; Secretary-Sandy Slider, N4QXI; and Treasurer-Charles Golson, W4CHG. Hope you guys have a successful and enjoyable term. Congratulations, also, to Martha Carr, KG4WVM, Steve Shannonhouse, KG4UFY, and Sam Smith, N4MAP, who all brought home metals in the recent ARDFing Championships, held in Ohio. Stay tuned for details in the next newsletter. Sadly, I have some SKs to report: George Eickler, WB4NXG; Tom "Tomcat" Shirley, K4HVV; and "Miss Billie" Mills, KD4CPB. Sincere condolences to the many family members and friends they've left behind. Well, that's the short of it. You'll have to wait until the newsletter for the long of it. Until next time, this is AF4FO, signing clear. Take care of yourselves. And each

other. 73, Susan QTC July: WB4GGS-354; W4WXA-323; AF4NS-162; K4FUM-158; K4BEH-50; K4BG-40; WB4BIK-39; K4ZC-32; K4WKT-31; K1FP-24; KG4FXG-20; W9NXC-9 No trees were killed in the sending of this message. However, a large number of electrons were terribly inconvenienced....

Puerto Rico

ARRL - P.R. Section News Date: 08/01/2003 PUERTO RICO: SM, Víctor Madera, KP4PQ – El mes de agosto será de gran actividad. El “Lighthouse Weekend” se celebrará desde Aguadilla (FRA), Fajardo (RODE) y Arroyo (PRARL). Durante la actividad de Arroyo se entregará la mesa original que utilizó Samuel Morse en sus experimentos telegráficos en Arroyo. Gracias a la labor de KP4UN se identificó y se restauró la mesa que por largos años estuvo en un almacén olvidada. La FRA celebrará su Asamblea Anual el domingo, 19 de octubre. El lugar no se ha identificado aún. Comenzaron las clases preparatorias para “Technician” en la UPR de san Juan. Ya hay planes p[ara comenzar en Humacao próximamente. La controversia por el CW como requisito en los exámenes sigue a paso firme. A todo esto se añade una propuesta del NCVEC a la FCC para que se eliminen las bandas de CW y se apruebe una nueva licencia de entrada con un examen simple de 20 preguntas. Se perfila un cambio drástico en el sistema NTS y se comenta la posibilidad de desarrollar una red de emergencia dentro del sistema ARES para reemplazarlo. Este mes 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. El primer paso será organizar la red de HF. 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 Hamfest season has begun in Southern Florida. On 8/16 the Fort Pierce ARC Hamfest was held in cool air-conditioning. Good food and camaraderie and forums mixed with good prizes and energetic club members made for a great morning. It was great to meet many SFL members there. Go to www.arrl.org/sections/sfl.html for photos and more news from around the section. The next Hamfest is 9/13 and 14 in Melbourne. I hope to see you there. 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. This is severe WX season and the peak of hurricane season is September. Keep an eye on the tropics and the local skies. Stay safe and don't try to be heroic when assisting with Skywarn nets. ARES: The following ECs submitted reports for August: N4LEM, KT4XK, K4JC, KC4UCN, KA4HLO, AD4RZ, KE4DUJ. ECs, and OESs

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. “We have purged our membership records by calling the members. We have found some have moved from the area, some were no longer available. We have lost 14 members,” says Addison KC4UCN, Lee County EC. All ECs should check their records – valuable time is lost trying to call up folks for duty when they have left the area or can’t participate for health reasons. All ARES members, please contact your EC to verify current contact and availability information. The following TSs have reported for July: K2UGH , W4KPG , N4BG , KF4KDO , KR4GQ , W4REN, K4AW. Around the Section: Brevard - County regulations now exempt ALL federally licensed amateur antennas and antenna supports from ALL fees and permit processes. The only concession: amateurs agreed to adhere to accessory building setbacks when erecting antennas or antenna supports. This setback requirement would not include guywires. Thanks to all who worked long hours to make this happen. Indian River ARC has renewed their Special service Club designation. Broward- 10 ARES members completed the Level 1 Emergency Communications Hybrid Class. Palm Beach- The PBC EOC UHF repeater (444.275 PL103.5) was replaced with a new 50-watt repeater and commercial grade controller. Its also sportin’ the ARES call sign of W4PBC too! Hendry- Father Sam Thomas, K2 ALE has been installed as the new president of the Clewiston Rotary Club. Miami-Dade – On 8/10 the ARPSC group worked in the hot, steamy, buggy sun to pull weeds, fill holes, and perform other maintenance at the Valujet Flight 592 Memorial site. Their work keeps this memorial as beautiful as possible as a tribute to those who lost their lives. SAR for July: KA4FZI 714 (BPL), WA9VND 418, KG4EQY 199, KD4GR 133, KC4ZHF 113, KE4UOF 74, KN4JN 69, K4FQU 66, WA4EIC 56, WB4PAM 47, K4PG 44, KT4XK 39, KG4MLD 38, AA4BN 33, K4VMC (club)33, KG4MLC 32, KG4CHW 21, KF4OMB 20, AF4NR 19, KG4QIP 17, K4OVC 10, W4WYR 10, W3JI 7, W6VIF 4, KØTIW 2. Congratulations to Miss Phil, KA4FZI on earning BPL designation. PSHR for July: KA4FZI 120, K4FQU 110, KD4GR 110, WA4EIC 100, WA9VND 100, KC4ZHF 100, KG4CHW 90, WB4PAM 81, KN4JN 80, KE4UOF 80, AA4BN 77, KG4MLD 71. Bulletins for July: Stations reporting 3, orig. 1, recd 41, sent 36, Total 78

Southwestern Division

Arizona

Fort Tuthill, the ARRL Arizona State Hamfest, is over for year 2003 and it was a great success. As normal it rained on both Friday and Saturday afternoon causing a minor inconvenience to the outside vendors and buyers but only a few people complained with the most of us just moving into the barn to stay dry and look and buy all the new products. Rick Paquette, W7RAP, and crew administered over 50 VE exams during the Saturday morning period, which added a few more people to our ranks. Dan Miller, K3UFG, from ARRL headquarters, gave a great talk on the Communications-Electronics course offered by ARRL and endorsed by the FEMA and the Office of Homeland Security. If you have not completed this Communications-Electronic level one course please check the ARRL website for the next opening. It cost \$45.00 and you get your

money back after you have completed the course. This is a good deal. At the Repeater owners meeting we had a change of command, Lance Halley, KW7LH, took over the job as Chairman, due to the resignation of Ralph Turk, W7HSG. Please give Lance your support for this thankless job and Ralph, W7HSG, deserves our thanks for many years of service to ARCA and the state for his leadership on Frequency Coordination. The next big event is the ARRL Southwest Division convention, September 5-7, at the Long Beach downtown Hilton. These conventions are good because we can go to the many seminars to learn how others have make a difference in Amateur Radio and how they have solved the antenna, radio, and noise problems that we always seem to have. If you have not made your reservations, please do so now. Check the Website at www.hamcon.org for all the necessary information. I plan to arrive late Thursday and be there until Sunday afternoon, so if you want to talk, complain, or even say a good word, I will be available during the convention. After this will be the Kingman Hamfest at the Mohave Community college in Kingman on 20 September 2003 then the OPRC Hamfest at the Tucson Electric Park on 18 October 2003. Field Day is over for this year but it is also time to start planning for next year. I did receive a late field day message from Dave Well, WB7ONJ, of the Easter Arizona Amateur Radio Society, so I know that we had excellent participation in all of Arizona in spite of the heat and the cool country (mountains) being closes due to fires. Thanks to all of you who took the time for this important event. I will be out of the country (Mexico) on business during 10-17 August and again 30 August to 5 September. If you need any ARRL support during this time period, please contact Bernis Sasek, W7KQ, at 520-297-5885. 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

August Section Report www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=OK BPL-Goodness what a burning and scary issue this is! The web site to enter your thoughts to the FCC is: <http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/ecfs/Upload/> The latest numbers indicates that 3108 electronic filings have been submitted to the FCC on this issue. Only 76 have been submitted from OK. Are you one of the 76? Please submit yours and get your friends to do likewise. Do not have to be a ham. Only 1 day left to file your opinion. Will soon have more to say about Congressional and State Amateur Radio legislation. This is a good time to make contact with both levels of legislators as neither is in session. How about a Congressman or State Legislator visiting your club? Club visits have been very informative this month. The Choctaw ARC continues in their monthly Tech nights as a recent discussion and demonstration was held on crossband repeater use and software support on APRS. It appears the Choctaw ARC will soon get deserved credit in QST for their GPS shelter location project with the city of Choctaw. Thanks to Don-N5ENQ and Dean Feken, KL7MA-West Gulf Assistant Director, for riding shotgun. The Lawton Ft-Sill

ARC had a nice turnout for their August meeting and got to see the IRAQ presentation by Alton Gardiner, Disaster Coordinator of the Salvation Army. Enjoyed seeing so many of the LFSARC members including Bob Sims, W5KCB, Assistant SM. The Tri-State ARG August meeting held in Woodward featured a presentation by club member Rob Keith-W5ROB on his military time in IRAQ. Rob's presentation was both insightful and humorous. Thanks for the effort Rob. Club members were brought up to date on progress with the(CERT) Community Emergency Response Team <http://www.citizencorps.gov/> Numerous club members have completed the four day training and are proved up CERT members. With whistles blowing, flashlights illuminated, hard hats worn and in green vests attire an attention getting impromptu CERT demonstration was held. Many groups in the Section are participating in the CERT training as a way to be of greater public service. Thanks to Gerald, W5AOK for the invitation and to John Turner, Section EC and Assistant SM for being a part of the journey. Recently, the OKC Autopatch Association conducted a large scale Amateur Radio communication and event staging for the Ronald McDonald Triathlon. Great event and exposure for Amateur Radio. Thanks Mark NM5W. Do you know of the OK Disaster Medical Assistant Team? (<http://www.ok1dmat.org/>) This is a group, containing several Amateur Radio Operators, who provide and support the nation's emergency medical response system. This group is affiliated with the National Disaster Medical System. They have responded to various hurricanes, tropical storms and blizzards throughout the U.S. and its possessions as well as OK events. At a recent meeting, Section members, Paul, N5HIC and Dave, NB5N were observed to be active members. Route 66? You bet! From September 6-15 the annual Route 66 Special Event will be underway including an active station (N6J) in OK. www.qsl.net/w6jbt/Route%2066%202003/Index.htm The Oklahoma City Autopatch Association is the sponsoring club. Jim, N5OHL@ARRL.NET is the coordinator for the club's effort. Upcoming trips to the Ada ARC, Kay County ARC, Tulsa ARC, Vinita and W1AW.Hpe to see you soon. 73, John

West Texas

West Section News August 2003 Time is running out if you still plan to file comments with the FCC concerning the BPL threat. The deadline for Reply Comments is August 20, 2003. As of Monday, over 3500 comments had been filed, most from amateur radio operators fearing that BPL will mean the end of amateur radio at the hf and lower vhf band level. It was especially gratifying to see that several ARRL members from West Texas took time to file with the FCC. You can electronically file your comments at the following link http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload_v2.cgi Just follow the instructions found on the webpage. The docket # for the first box is 03-104 I would like to welcome three new appointees to the West Texas Section Field Service. Bob Ward, WA5ROE, from Alpine has accepted the challenge of becoming our West Texas Section Emergency Coordinator. Bob has served the western portion of our section for several years as District Emergency Coordinator and as Net Control of the Big Bend Emergency Net. Bob, with the assistance of Dave, N5DO, Brewster County EC and other WTX EC's is developing a WTX Section Emergency Plan. Bob will be your primary contact person for ARES matters. Sara Gail Cranford, N5ZMP, of Midland is our new Affiliated Club Coordinator. She will be working with our clubs on keeping their records

updated and other club matters. This month she assisted the El Paso ARC in renewing their Special Service status. If you need more information on ARRL Club Affiliation or if your club is interested in becoming a Special Service Club, contact Sara Gail. The third appointment for this month is Richard McGee, N5DLX, of Ft. Stockton. Richard is the new EC for Pecos County succeeding Albert Bean, WB5FWR. Albert is having health problems and was unable to continue as EC. August and these 100+ degree days will soon be gone and we can start thinking about the fall hamfest season. First stop is Lubbock where the LACC is holding a swapmeet/tailgate session and BBQ at their clubhouse on Sept. 6, 2003 at 1110 98th Street in Lubbock. Contact Eddie, KC5OBX, or Joey, KC5MVZ, for more information. On the following weekend, the PBARC will be having a swapmeet/tailgate event at the Lee Youth Center at 3500 Neeley in Midland. The date is Saturday Sept.13, 2003. More information at <http://www.pbarc.org/tgsw.html> The Panhandle ARC is participating again this year in the "Route 66" activities from Sept6-13. Their special call will be N6I. More info at <http://almostangels.org/w5wx/> Mark Dec.6, 2003 on your calendar for SKYWARN Recognition Day. Several WTX groups usually participate. Late Field Day report from the Plainview ARC. They operated 1D from a motor home and had lots of fun. NQ0B, Laverne Wilson, is their new president. Their annual picnic is Tuesday, Sept 2 at 7PM in the 7th Street Park in Plainview. Silent Keys this month include Bill Johnson, W5QQ, of Shallowater, Bill Mewhorter, N5QB, of Midland, and Judy Scheiderer, WB5HGL, of El Paso. Judy was the wife of Jack, W5JHS. Congratulations to WA5ROE, N5DO and KD5NSD for completing the EC-001 emergency communications training.