

# Section News for August 2003

## Atlantic Division

### Southern New Jersey

SECTION MANAGER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST JEAN PRIESTLEY KA2YKN Last month we talked about supporting the antenna bill and not supporting bills that would hurt our hobby. This month we have another threat to Amateur Radio. Now we have the PBL problem that could destroy Amateur radio, as we know it today. BPL is a devastating threat to Amateur Radio spectrum, especially HF. ([www.arrl.org/bpl](http://www.arrl.org/bpl)). The very HF bands that were used 9/11/2001 would be severely comprised or just overwhelmed by noise. Putting it another way, if PBL had been in use on 9/11, our ability to operate and save lives would have been impossible. The beginning of us having our own spectrum space is predicated on giving our skills and hours of service in times of national emergencies in exchange for that spectrum space. But if BPL is allowed, we will not be able to keep that promise made many years ago. We need to learn more about it in order to fight against it. As I said last month, we have a lot of causes to fight and others to support. This is just one more to fight. During the blackout, the power companies could not keep the grid up. How can they assure us that they could control the noise levels? The ARRL stated the BPL proponents have failed, as of Aug. 22, 2003, to substantiate their claims that the technology will not cause widespread interference. ARRL also stated that their own field tests lead to the conclusion that BPL will create widespread harmful inference which was manifest and widespread and would be so even to an untrained observer. Recently SCARA ran a special event for the Miss America Pageant operating under the call of K2PR. Amateurs have also been providing health and welfare communications for the parade for many years. Operators come from as far as North Jersey. There was also an opportunity to send traffic messages to friends and loved ones. While Amateurs showed their communication skilled, the contestants showed their shoes. As the deadline approached for this column, Amateurs and riders were gearing up for The Annual MS-150 ride, a 2-day event, which will be held Sept 20, and 21. For the second year a federal Homeland Security grant will be available. This money will assist more hams to take the Level 1 Emergency Communications Course training to become better qualified to join ARES teams. Just as last year, we strongly encourage Senior citizens to share life-experiences and join emergency communications teams. In year 2 CNCS wants to know how certified hams have become actively involved in their communities in drills, in practices and actual disasters. Remember to document all emergency activity to ensure that we meet our year 2 grant guidelines and requirements. Grant funding for year 3 will depend upon how well we do this year. We sincerely appreciate your excellent efforts in helping reach a successful year one and look forward to a successful year two. Remember to sign up as each course opens up for registration. SNJ Traffic report for August ...K2UL/STM QNI reports..NJM 57 N2GJ NJPN 240 W2CC NJSN 177 K2PB NJN(E) 189 AG2R NJN(L) 152 AG2R (above are dual nets of both SNJ and NNJ. Liaisons with 2RN) JSARS 345 KC2JBZ

SJTN 89 KB2RTZ SJVN 235 WB2UVB SJVN Training Net 3, 1 session WB2UVB Individual Station Activity Reports (SAR) WA2YL 194 AA2SV 61 K2UL 57 KC2IYC 54 WA2CUW 48 WB2UVB 41 N2VQA 38 KB2RTZ 28 W2QOB 27 KC2JBZ 25 WJ2F 21 AB2LF 10 WA2NDA 3 W2AZ 2 N2YIR 2 N2ZMI 1 PSHR reports...WA2YL 330 WB2UVB 120 K2UL 110 KB2RTZ 107 N2HQL 100 KC2IYC 90 WA2CUW 90 KA2YKN 87 N2VQA 87 AA2SV 80 W2QOB 77 WJ2F 71 N2YIR 67 KC2JBZ 63 AB2LF 60 WA2NDA 43 As Amateur Radio Operators, we have seen many major changes and we have overcome many threats. We lost some of our 220 bands and have gained in other areas. But this will be the fight of our life. If we lose this fight, we will take a major blow. We need to do everything we can to fight and to win the right to keep our bands clean.

## **Western Pennsylvania**

First off let me start by thanking John Rodgers N3MSE for all his time work from being ASM - SM. I have enjoyed working with you over the past years and wish you all the best in the future! There have been some minor re-alignment changes at the section staff level. Newest posts are as follows Bob Livrone N3WAV has accepted the position of primary Assistant Section Manager. Bob will replace myself in that position. Next is Larry Bertoncello KA3HUK has accepted the position of Section Emergency Coordinator that I held as well. Replacing Bob Livrone in the position of Section Traffic Manager Christin Albert N3YTD. Please join me in welcoming these people to their new positions. Other minor title changes for remaining section staff but for the most part no other changes at this time. One of my goals is for more updated information to be posted here on the ARRL hosted Wpa Section web page and also on the "NEW" [www.wpasec.com](http://www.wpasec.com) website. The latter is just in the beginning stages so please give it some time to come up to speed. Both will contain current news with the new website containing more in depth items. Along the same lines as most have realized the list serve from bfdin.com have had problems due to the hosting site that they are located at. One of the nice things about the new website is it will contain its own list serve for section emails. This is currently a priority on the new web site and will be completed first. Announcements will follow. A big THANKS to the B.C.A.R.A. for hosting the Section Conference once again at their hamfest. Weather was ideal for a Hamfest. Enjoyed meeting and chatting with many at this and all the hamfest's that I attend. Upcoming events: Wacom Hamfest October 5th 8:00 am – 1:00 pm Washington County Fairgrounds Myself along with other section staff will be manning the table. So stop on by and say hi! Don't forget on October 11th and 12th is the Pennsylvania QSO Party 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> Till next time 73 Rich N3SRJ

## **Central Division**

### **Illinois**

This month from the SEC: A simulated Emergency Test may be held in your area. This annual

ARRL SET will be conducted by your local served agencies and may require amateur help support. Brush up on those NTS message handling skills, and attend NTS nets for any local traffic for your area, too.---A local ARES group recently received the American Red Cross "Good Neighbor Award" from Pam Schaefer, Red Cross director. This award was accepted and shown at the Western Illinois ARC in Quincy at their September meeting in the Blessing Hospital complex. This Red Cross recognition was on behalf of all ARES members who responded to the May 10, 2003 tornado in Western Illinois. Mike Nowack, NA9Q, former EC of Adams County, led the many area amateurs and club members responding to this need in ARES, after ironically just resigning as EC due to his recurring business travel out of the area. Harry Mills, AB9KF, OES, has been appointed EC of Adams County area to carry on, and Mike, NA9Q, continues as WIARC President and an OES in ARES. Pat Ryan, KC6VVT, Illinois Section EC was the invited speaker at this WIARC monthly meeting.---The 2003 Emergency Management Conference was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield on September 2-4. John V. Meyers II, VP and ARRL certified Emcomm Level III operator, presented recurring seminars titled "Implementing Ham Radio Operations in Your Jurisdiction" at this conference. WB9EBM showed the "Amateur Radio Today" video narrated by Walter Cronkite, talked on RACES and ARES, gave handouts on FEMA Guidance for RACES and the 47 CFR Part 97 Federal Regulations concerning amateur radio to the many professional Emergency Managers, ESDA and supporting organizations attending from throughout Illinois. This informative session included a packer radio representation by Dick Drew, K0HMO, of CAARERT, who was assisted by Harold Dunn, K9CNP, STM and Sangamon County EC. Pat Ryan, KC6VVT, SEC, attended this and many other other IEMA conference sessions and represented the ARRL Illinois Section there.---The American Red Cross of the Heartland in Bloomington, IL. was the host of the 2003 annual Illinois Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters. Major Patrick Mc Pherson, WW9E, of the Salvation Army replaced retiring Skip Bachelor, ARC, as chairman of the IL VOAD organization at a meeting attended by KC6VVT and Dave Lattan, WD9EBQ, District EC for VOAD, among the many other organizations that are members of that group, including FEMA and IEMA. For more information on this subject go to the Illinois Section web page.---This month's section news emphasizes EmComm and Disaster Preparedness and Response in memory of the 9/11 WTC in New York, Pentagon in Washington DC, and the PA air crash disasters resulting from these terrorist attacks. In the last Section News I reported that Raymond Gomes was a silent key. I unfortunately had his call wrong, it should have been K9KKX. This month I am reporting the passing of Joe Roling, N9HEZ, of Rockford. Joe was a long time member of the Rockford Amateur Radio Association and was currently serving on that club's Board of Directors. Upcoming events in Illinois in September: 19-21, Illinois State Convention-Peoria Superfest; 19-20, W9DXCC Convention in Rolling Meadows; 20-21 Radio Expo in Grays Lake. Please note the date change of Radio Expo. August traffic: WD9F-49, PSHR 110; NC9T-18; W9FIF-7; W9HLX-61; KA9HRO-17, PSHR 100; WB9TVD-35; WA9SLT-31; WA9APQ-2; ISN report for August QNI 179, QTC 87, Sessions 31. W9VEY report for August, 2003: 4 Pieces of traffic, 198 check-ins.

## Indiana

Indiana Section News for August 2003 Condolances to the Family and Friends of these amateurs who bacame a Silent Key during August: Raymond Yeranko W9JOQ, Fort Wayne; Clyde Brookshire W9FDC, Marion; and Strom Fredrick W3XQ(ex-K9BSI), St. Petersburg, FL. They will be missed. ARRL Headquarters now has an Assistant News Editor for QST and the ARRL's website. He is Dave Hassler K7CCC. Dave reports to the Section Managers that he has heard from a few field organization volunteers that they don't want their activities made public because they don't want to appear to be bragging or "tooting their own horn," or any other non-humble way to say something. Humility is fine, but it must be tempered with the knowledge that many of our members have the idea that ARRL does nothing for them but collect their dues and send them QST. All of this could hardly be farther from the truth! If you have stories of service to tell, they need to be presented in QST and on the Web Site. Remember, we tell the stories not for self-adgrandizement, but to show how ARRL is working for the good of its members and the Amateur Radio Service as a whole. So, with that, Dave is asking for word of anything out there that you personally, or someone in your section, is doing directly for a member, or the membership in general, other than hamfest booth reports(Which he will HAPPILY take for the Web version of his column BTW). This column is all about reminding members, and others who read the magazine, that the volunteers in the field organization are doing things in the membership's best interests and that "we're on the job." Some recent examples of items include: helping out at a Big Project pilot school; getting materials to a remote club; SGLs informing state officials on ham radio; or an OO team solving a particularly tough interference problem. If you've developed a unique way of getting bulletins out to members, or an affiliated club group going out to visit an elderly ham is newsworthy. Or maybe something else, big or small? If it's something the League is doing on behalf of its membership, then it's fair game and Dave is looking to hear from you. Dave's direct E-mail is k7ccc@arrl.org. Along those lines, Dave Pifer N9YNF, our Section Emergency Coordinator, is ALWAYS looking for Public Service Activity Reports from ECs, AECs, and DEC's about any sort of activity by ARES groups. Yes, I know!....Let's not be humble. Remember, the job is not really done until the paperwork is done....If your ARES group performs a public service event of some kind, there needs to be a report of the activity filed to Dave either by USPS, or electronically. Electronic versions fo the PSAR form, FSD-157, are available at the ARRL's website. Dave's E-mail address is: n9ynf@arrl.net August ARES activity was light. Events included "The "Girls Inc. Moonlight chase" in Jefferson County. Madison County helped along the White River as volunteers, and members of the White River Watchers held a mini-cleanup along the river. LaPorte County helped with a Triathlon and Bike-a-thon. Dubois County had a "multi-County" bike trip. Porter County had an Air Fair, and several counties in NE Indiana stood by just in case the big blackout spread our way. Thanks to all who reported Amateur Radio activity during August. August Section Net Activity NET FREQ DAILY TIMES(UTC) QNI QTC QTR SESS ITN 3910KHz 1330/2130/2300 2665 222 1857 86 QIN 3656KHz 1430/0000 234 130 1100 62 ICN 3705KHz 2315 19 6 108 9 ARES 3910KHz 4th Sun/Mo@1300 15 0 18 1 HOOSIER VHF NETS 8 Reporting 402 19 649 30 August ORS Traffic Reports: KJ9J 200, K9GBR 153, K9PUI 150, WA9JWL 132, KO9D 119, KB9TUI 41, KC9UU 13, AB9AA 12, WB9OFG 11, W9EHY 9, WB9NCE 7, W3GQJ 3, W9XD 2.

## Wisconsin

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG. BWN 3985 0500-0715 W9IXG. BEN 3985 1200 KE9VU. WSNB 3985 1730-1800 N9ZET. WNN 3723 1800 KB9ROB. WSSN 3645 1830 WA9ZTY. WIN-E 3662 1900 WB9ICH. WIN-L 3662 2200 W9UW. CTN 3994 Mondays @ 2000 KC9IS (All times are Central) \*\* With regret, I inform you of the passing of Jim Molledahl, W9BI, 84. Also, Terry Haima, KB9VIO, 32. Terry was the Fond du Lac County ARES AEC for SKYWARN. John Gibson, K9PGE, 80, is a Silent Key. \*\* On August 9, 2003 the W9EAU Special Event Station operated from the W0AIH antenna farm. Over 300 contacts were made. TV13, NBC affiliate in Eau Claire WI, video taped the event and interviewed Bob Fallis, W9BAR, retired Chief Engineer for WEAU TV13. The following club members participated in the event; W0AIH, W9BAR, W9RMA, W9AVM, W9SWL, WD9HFT, AB9GK, KC9CDX, W5JLM and KG9RA. \*\* I would like to thank those of you who have taken the time to contact the FCC regarding the Broadband over Power Line (BPL) issue. While the gate is officially closed for additional comments, I've been informed that the FCC is still accepting comments. So, if you haven't already sent in your comments, you may file reply comments using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/> which also permits users to view all comments on file. To file a reply comment, click on "Submit a Filing" under "ECFS Main Links." In the "Proceeding" field, type "03-104" and complete the required fields. You may type your remarks into a form or attach a file. If you wish, please contact your Congressman, too! And, if you haven't already viewed the ARRL field test video, I suggest going to this site and downloading it: <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/#video> It is an impressive field demonstration of just how bad it can be for Amateurs if BPL becomes a reality. \*\* The ARRL is looking for information to include in the ARRL-In-Action column. The ARRL-in-Action column focuses on what ARRL Field volunteers are directly doing for the membership. Some recent examples of items include: helping out at a Big Project pilot school, getting materials to a remote club. Maybe you've developed a unique way of getting bulletins out to members; does an affiliated club have a group going out to visit an elderly ham? Or, something else? If you have some material, pass it on to me! \*\* Twelve operators from Tri-County ARC supported the 2003 Tour de Fort bicycle ride with 543 riders this year. Good ARES training! \*\* The 2003 WARAC Scholarship winner is Nicholas J. Luther, K9NL. He receives the \$1500 award as announced by the Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR). Nicholas is studying electrical engineering at MSOE. Congratulations! \*\* August STM Report: FAQ #15 – What happens to the nets when the conditions are lousy? Bad conditions give us an excellent proving ground to test our skills and equipment. The use of relays, precise sending, accurate receiving, and savvy net controls will help us fight even the worst aurora, the noisiest atmospheric conditions, and even the extra-long skip if we can get help from our neighbors. If conditions are bad, and you don't hear a net on frequency, don't hesitate to ask. Perhaps we're just missing a net control. That volunteer could be you! - K9LGU/STM \*\* I've enjoyed speaking to clubs about the new ARRL "Big Project" <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/tbp/> A joint venture between the ARRL, a local school, and an Amateur Club. This is a fantastic opportunity to introduce Wireless Technology to schools and

shape the future of youngsters. If your club is interested in pursuing a worthwhile project, this is definitely one to consider. Please contact me for more information! 73, Don, W9IXG (608)274-1886 w9ixg@arrl.org

## **Dakota Division**

### **North Dakota**

NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Kent Olson, KAØLDG -Another busy summer has come and gone. I hope you got your antenna work done, and if not, you still have a few weeks left. Thanks to all who participated in Skywarn this summer. The season was pretty good as far as severe weather was concerned. Thanks also go out to those who made the many public service events go well. The Pembina County Amateur Radio Club, Inc. held a test session this and now have 4 new general class and one tech passed the CW test for a tech plus. Congratulations to all and keep up the good work. If you received a questionnaire regarding the future of CW, please respond promptly, as the League will be analyzing members responses and possibly making a recommendation to the FCC in the future. 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, 5/41/0; WX Net 22/497/7; Data Net 32/511/16.

### **South Dakota**

Lake Area: September 25 Meeting of the Lake Area Radio Klub at 7:30 PM at the Watertown Salvation Army, 621 4th Street SE Saturday, September 27, 2003 Amateur Radio Testing Session, held at Watertown Municipal Library. Begins at 1:00 PM. Contact Hugo (KBØQXU) for more information. Saturday, October 18, 2003 Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) Every Saturday (Except Holidays) Ainterested persons are invited to Hy-Vee on HWY 212 at 9:30am for a casual gathering Thursdays @ 7:00pm Morse Code Practice Classes at the Watertown Salvation Army, 621 4th Street SW. Contact John (NØMEA) for more information Pierre: The club has purchased QSL cards in quantity for it members to use. They're only 10 cents each and you're able to print your callsign on the front to make them your own. If you'd like to purchase some, they're available at the monthly meeting held the second Thursday of every month. On September 13 and 14, the Hellgate Amateur Radio Club will be operating W7PX from the Lolo Pass Visitors Center, commemorating the 198th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's passing this site. We welcome all hams in our celebration of this event. Prairie Dogs (Yankton/Vermillion): The SARA Club in Sioux City Iowa is hosting a picnic this fall at Riverside Park in Sioux City. The SARA Club is providing the meat and some beverages for the event. Please bring a side dish or a desert for the pot luck part. The gathering will be on September 14, TH at 12:00 noon with eating at 12:30. Ann NØTCX has been looking for ideas for a club banner for use at club public events. If you have input for her bring it to a meeting. Or contact her at [ann@acsnet.com](mailto:ann@acsnet.com) SEARC VE Testing will be held Sep 16 please contact WJOS for further details. Also contact Jim, WJOS if you need ARECC testing which will be available

at the sessions. SEARC will be holding their auction on Oct 28th - sellers arrive at 6pm - sale will begin at 7pm. Emergency Management Building. Please contact Will, KE0Z for further details (more information posted later) Deuel County Next meeting will be on Sept 12th at 7:30pm. Located in the basement of the Court House in Clear Lake. Testing before the meeting on Sept 12th at 6:30pm. Hot Springs: Hot Springs ARC an ARRL Special Service Club has been approved to provide WAS and 5-Band WAS card checking in their area. Congratulations! Further information please contact Marlene, KC0KBW Black Hills: The Black Hills area hams held their annual picnic this past weekend. A well attended event with lots of great food. Look forward to it next year. Jack Brand-K0STF, the Vice President of the BHARC had a PBS TV crew visited his amateur station and filmed him while he demonstrated ham radio for them. They told him that it would be aired on PBS TV at 7 PM, October 2nd. 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. September 27, Mount Rushmore Century Ride. October 12, 25th Annual Mount Rushmore International Marathon.

## **Delta Division**

### **Arkansas**

ASEC N5XFW has been working with the Health Department setting up ham equipment at hospitals. He helped obtain grants to put two dual band radios, TNC, software, and antennas in all hospitals in SW Arkansas. Other parts of the state have also gotten grants for ham equipment. J.M. reports that the grants were much easier to get because the packet network was already in place, thanks to lots of hard work by TC Kevin Manzer, AC5DK, and others. W5AUU, at ADEM, participated in a communications test of the Central United States Earthquake Consortium. KB5WBH, State RACES Officer, has been working hard to upgrade W5AUU. A new computer allows operation on packet, APRS and PSK31 at the same time. Mike has done a lot of traveling to Conway from his home in eastern Arkansas and his efforts are appreciated. I've enjoyed visiting with many of you at the recent Wynne and Bentonville hamfests. We were pleased to have Delta Division Vice-Director WD4Q at the hamfest in Wynne. I had to miss the Mena hamfest due to Section Manager training at ARRL Hq. I hope to see everyone at the remaining 2003 hamfests. Several operating events are coming up. The Arkansas QSO Party is September 26-27 and the Louisiana Purchase special event is October 6-15. The Simulated Emergency Test is October 4. The Worked-All-Arkansas Net will have its first session on Saturday, November 1, on 3.9875 Mhz right after the Razorback Net. This net is to assist operators in working all 75 Arkansas counties, and achieving the Worked All Arkansas Award sponsored by the ARKAN club ([www.arkan.us](http://www.arkan.us)) K5DB is the net manager. Details at [www.arkansashams.org](http://www.arkansashams.org) NR5Q gave a program for the Ozark Wireless Society about building regenerative receivers. W5NX, presented a program about DX chasing for the ARKAN club. The Faulkner County ARC provided communications support for the County Fair Parade. There is a new EchoLink station in the Clarksville area. The callsign is KC5LVW and it is on 147.57.

Sebastian County EC KC5YAF reports that the Sheriff's office has a new Incident Command Vehicle and the very first radio installed was a dual-band ham rig! 23 Arkansas clubs have submitted Field Day logs. Class 2A was the most popular class with 8 entries, but there were 3 Class F entries (EOC operation). Your Section Manager, W5RZ, is proud to announce that after 40 years of chasing DX, he finally made the DXCC Honor Roll. The Murfreesboro newspaper published a nice article about the efforts of WO5A, Pike County EC, to establish an ARES group. The article featured the SET, EOC support, and Skywarn activities. The CAREN Club provided communications support for the MS-150 bicycle tour. The 146.94 repeater in Little Rock and the 146.82 repeater in Russellville were linked to cover the entire route. We are saddened by the passing of these amateur radio operators and family members: Helen Smith, WA5WAR (wife of W5KL), Patricia Coats, KC5FXZ (wife of W5PRC) and Carl McSpadden, son of Jack McSpadden, WA5ROP. Public Service Honor Roll: KB5ILY 159, W5RXU 87, W5ARS 86. August traffic: W5RIP 82, AD5AM 44, K5BOC 35, K7ZQR 29, WB5HIL 19, N5MDO 10, KA5MGL 8, KB5ILY 9, N4OWB 2. August 2003 Net Reports: Arkansas Phone Net: QNI: 435, Traffic 19. Manager: W5SXV. Mockingbird Net: QNI 313, Traffic 7. Manager: WB5YLI. Razorback Net: QNI 1566, Traffic 116. Manager: K5BOC.

## Louisiana

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – AUGUST 2003 I am sorry to report that KF5HN is now a Silent Key. Buddy was an active traffic handler and long time member of the Twin City Ham Club (TCHC). He was well known by many of us and will be missed very much. We have a number of hamfests coming up soon. The Central LA Amateur Radio Club (CLARC) Hamfest in Alexandria is October 18. Then on November 7 and 8 we have the Baton Rouge ARC (BRARC) Hamfest in Baker. On November 15 our 2003 State Convention will be hosted by the TCHC in Monroe and will include Margie Bourgoin KB1DCO from ARRL Headquarters as a special guest speaker. Margie's activities at HQ include affiliated clubs, schools, and volunteer instructors. Please show your support of our clubs by attending as many of our section's hamfests as possible! Ray W5EW (LA Affiliated Club Coordinator) and I want to thank the club officers and members of the Delta DX Association, the Piney Hills ARA, and the BRARC for inviting us to their August meetings. We enjoyed these opportunities very much and hope to visit more clubs in the near future. Please remember the upcoming Simulated Emergency Test (SET) on Saturday, October 4. ARES members are particularly urged to contact their local Emergency Coordinators to determine how they can participate in this annual exercise of emergency preparedness. This year we are conducting a joint SET with our neighbors in the MS and STX Sections. ARES leaders (ECs and DEC's) should submit their SET reports to WA5LQZ as soon as possible so that Alan can forward them to ARRL HQ well before the deadline. The League's Field Organization depends upon hams willing to devote a significant part of their activities to public service. We are indeed fortunate to have many such volunteers in the LA Section. Your efforts are appreciated very much! Traffic totals: K5MC 166, AE5V 126, K5IQZ 114, W4DLZ 80, N5KWB 76, NF5B 65, W5NK 47, K5DPG 21, W5PY 18, AC5VN 11. Public Service Honor Roll: AC5VN 131, W5PY 128, NF5B 110, K5MC 110,



K5DPG 101, N5KWB 100, K5IQZ 100, W4DLZ 90, W5NK 80, KD5ITA 74, K5ER 72, KB5UHH 27. Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 31/410/102. Louisiana CW Net: 30/189/73. Louisiana ARES Net: 5/96/0. Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Ouachita Parish ARES Net: 4/74/5. Northeast LA ARES Net: 4/46/0. 73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Manager Email: k5mc@arrl.org LA Section Website: [www.cox-internet.com/k5dpg](http://www.cox-internet.com/k5dpg)

## **Hudson Division**

### **Northern New Jersey**

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

[www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj](http://www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj) I am typing this column the evening of September 11th and still vividly remember that day 2 years ago. Many NNJ hams ended up contributing greatly to the volunteer recovery efforts that lasted for weeks. It was their training in communications and desire to give something back to our society which made government agencies recognize that amateurs are still a viable national resource. We proved that again during the blackout of August 14th. SEC Steve Ostrove K2SO and I extend our thanks to many NNJ hams who, once again, responded to an emergency situation in a competent manner and showed local agencies that we are ready when needed. These scenarios, on our part, still continue in the amount of hams who have taken the ARRL Emergency Communications courses as well as having joined local ARES/RACES groups. But, we still need to keep our presence known. Field Day has been one way but, taking part in local activities throughout the year is another means of letting town governing bodies know we are there ready to help. An example are the year-round community activities by clubs like New Providence ARC, Ocean-Monmouth ARC, the 10-70 Repeater Association and the Chatham RACES group. Welcome to the Cedar Crest Village ARC as a new Affiliated Club. It is a group of senior citizens led by W2ZF who have found ham radio. Who says you have to start at a young age! The Garden State ARA will be moving back to the MARS station building at Fort Monmouth. Passes will be needed to get on base so contact WN2DX if you would like to visit as a club guest. The Morris Radio club will conduct its annual licensing class beginning in October. Contact W2MW for information. Seven sessions are scheduled as well as an exam night. The annual Hudson Division Awards dinner will be held on November 8th. Two NNJ hams will be receiving awards at the event. Congratulations to Jim Joyce, K2ZO as recipient of the Grand Ole Ham Award and Bruce Lodi, N2XP for the Technical Achievement Award. More information is on the Hudson Division web page. Also, congratulations to Ed, N2ED for winning the World Single Operator/Assisted Plaque in the ARRL DX CW Contest. Ed also set a new world record in the event. He is an active member of the County Line ARA as well as a member of the Team Antigua Contest Group as is W2UDT. (Ask Ed sometime how I conned him into operating 40M SSB from V26B during the CQ WW DX Contest. I said "just find a clear spot") Through the work of our OOC, K2ZD we now have a Bergen County Local Interference Committee headed by W2RN. It is modeled after the

successful Monmouth County group headed by N2CKH. Unfortunately, interference both unintentional and malicious is still a problem in the section and affects us all. The LICs will do the necessary groundwork and then determine if situations need to be forwarded to the FCC for action. The State PRB-1 Committee will be starting up its efforts again now that the vacation season is over to gain more support for our Antenna Support Structure Bill. Over the summer several amateurs have met with Legislators and clubs took advantage of Field Day visits by town officials to "talk up" A3065. With the entire Legislative up for election this year we need to make sure the letter writing campaign continues. As a reminder, sample letters and our target Legislators are on the Hudson Division web page. If you have not done so, PLEASE use the sample letter forms to write to your Assemblyman or Senator. Monthly updates will be on the NNJ Section Web page. Our web master, N2WZB would like to post club events and meeting times. Please make use of our web page and the great links Mark has set up. Finally, congratulations to Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF who will become our next Hudson Division Vice Director. Joyce is very active in the 10-70 Repeater Association and will definitely bring new ideas to the ARRL governing body. Please support our section nets both HF and VHF. 73, Bill Hudzik, W2UDT

## Midwest Division

### Kansas

Kansas Section News Summary-August 2003 SM, Ron Cowan, KB0DTI  
—SEC/ASM/OCC:Robert Summers,K0BXF ASM:Orlan Cook,W0OYH PIC:Scott Slocum,KC0DYA SGL:Steve Hamilton,KB0JYL Helen Grauer-NØBCI Passed away August 24th. Helen was Wife of past Mid-West Director Paul Grauer-WØFIR/SK. The couple were a dominant part Amateur Radio in the Midwest. Our state convention was once again very successful. The thanks goes to the Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club for putting together a wonderful show. Over 70 people attended the ARRL and Kansas Section Meetings. In the Section meeting I announced that Bob Summers-KØBXF will be assuming the duties of Section Emergency Coordinator. Joseph-WDØDMV will be our ARES consultant working with Bob and will remain our Kansas RACES Officer. I was chosen to receive the Kansas Amateur of the Year award. It was a complete surprise. I feel honored to be part of the group. Approximately 450 people attended this years convention. Hamfests: Holton Sunday Sep 21 4H Bldg Hwy 75 & 16, 9A-1P KØYWL for info. Valley Center Sep 27 Valley Ctr. High School 8-1 KØRH for info. McPherson ARC operated a Special Event station at Coronado Heights. NØOBM sent in some photos. The Hanover Pony Express Special Event was also held this month. KØNK, NØNB and others set up the "Telegraph Station" on the museum grounds and had a ball. Simulated Emergency Test is the weekend of October 4-5. Make plans now for your groups participation. Our Kansas SSB and Phone nets will operate normaly plus there will be sessions at 1PM both days so that all of Kansas can be connected together. July  
Nets/Sessions/QNI/QTC/Mgr: KSBN/31/1058 /76 /N0KFS KPN/21/238/31/N0KFS  
KMWN/31//617/532/WB0YWZ KWN/31/702 /532/WB0YWZ CSTN/27/2122/96/AB5PA

QKS/61/312/184/KOPY SEC: 23 sessions QNI 174 QTC messages 1, Ks participants KB0AMY N0BTH WD0DMV KC0GDV WA0SRR K0UO. Joseph WD0DMV SEC. TEN: 62 sessions, QTC 416, KS 89% with WA0LYK KOPY AB0WR W0WWR NB0Z. Dave W0SS/Mgr. Traffic: AB0WR 800 WA0LYK 324 NB0Z 58 KI0BK 37 KB0DTI 36 K0RY 29 W0OYH 27 N0ENO 21 AB0UY 18 N0ZIZ 11 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

SEPTEMBER 2003 SECTION NEWS CONVENTIONS AND HAMFESTS The MO Section have no scheduled Hamfests in September, but early in October the Twin Lakes ARC will host the WARSAW HAMFEST. The event will be held in the Warsaw Community Building one block west of downtown Warsaw on October 4, 2003. Setup will begin at 6:00 a.m. A table will cost \$5.00 each. Tickets are \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00. For more information call Gene Payne, at 660-438-8650 e-mail to [gpo@dam.net](mailto:gpo@dam.net) This just in.....Gail Iannone, ARRL Convention Program Manager has announced that with the approval of Midwest Division Director Wade Walstrom, W0EJ, the ARRL Executive Committee has agreed to the holding of the ARRL Midwest Division Convention on April 30-May 1, 2004 in Lebanon, MO under the sponsorship of the Leganon Amateur Radio Club. AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS KEITH HAYE, WE0G, ACC The Macon County ARC and Repeater Council have purchased new equipment for their 2-meter repeater and have received a donation of a 200 watt 440 machine. Ed Brockelmeyer, K0EB, President of the Council is working with the MO Repeater Council to get the 440 repeater coordinated and looking for the best site to install the unit. Ray, K0WC, chairman of the St.Charles ARC Hamfest did a great job as leader of this year's event. There were lots of vendors, flea marketeers, prizes and even an ARRL Forum. Rick, W0PC, the outstanding Amateur License teachers is leading a 10 week course starting in September that includes the 5 wpm code. The annual picnic hosted by the Callaway ARL and the Audrain ARC will be held on Saturday September 20, 2003 in Veterans Park at the Ingle shelter in Fulton. The Mississippi Valley DX and Contest Club has an interesting program presented by Joe, K0BX on his ROTOR E-Z which allows a stand alone computer to control a Ham IV rotor. The unit fits inside the rotor box and replaces the power supply board. Ken Baremore, W0KRB, is serving as the Communications Coordinator for this year's MS-150 Bike Tour. Ken is asking for volunteers in the Joplin, MO to the Pittsburg, KS area to contact him. MISSOURI QSO PARTY 2003BOEING EMPLOYEES AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY This year's Missouri QSO Party was a great success with more entries than in 2002. Top Scores for Missouri Fixed Stations are AB0QN with a score of 36,864 and K0JPL with a score of 22,880. The top mobiles in Missouri were N9JF with a score of 14,210 and WB8EJN with a score of 1,936. There were 19 winning logs from testers from other states and countries. The Eric Zust, W0TT and the rest of the BEARS did a great job with the MO QSO Party and I know from experience that they also have a great sense of humor. SECTION ARES REPORT DON MOORE, KM0R SEC Missouri Section August 2003 SUMMARY: Total number of ARES operations this month: 82

Total Man hours: 634 The Missouri Emergency packet network is taking shape. Roger Volk, KØGOB has take on the job of project coordinator for the Missouri Emergency Packet Network and is making great progress! Roger can be contacted via email at k0gob@arrl.net

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TRAFFIC REPORTS FOR AUGUST 2003 DALE HUFFINGTON, AEØS, STM MON - CW  
Sessions 53 QNI 80 QTC 45 NM K9ZTV MO Phone Sessions 31 QNI 620 QTC 64 NM  
KØDAT MESN Sessions 6 QNI 194 QTC 5 NM NØXG 10th Reg. Sessions 62 QNI MO 45%  
QTC 519 NM WØSS

## **New England Division**

### **Connecticut**

Winsted Safety Day Event.- Calling all Skywarn Spotters in the State of Connecticut! The Winsted Volunteer Fire Dept along with other safety organizations is sponsoring a one day event called Safety Day on Sunday September 07, 2003 from 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. at the park on Rowley Street in Winsted. This one day event started last year with the intent of presenting all kinds of safety related issues to the public. Some of the other participants will be the local police and fire departments, State Police, health departments, child safety organizations and others. Some of the planned exhibits are the fire department smoke house, roll over simulator, child car seat demonstration, bicycle safety, Lifestar landing, K-9 demonstration. The C.Q. Radio Club and WOW Radio Club will be supporting Area 5 members of A.R.E.S. and Skywarn Spotters from Litchfield County who will be participating in this event with a demonstration of E-Com and Skywarn. In addition, we are being supported by the Red Cross who is sending one of their Disaster Response Vehicles and will hand out disaster preparedness materials, and the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Albany New York who have provided us with severe weather preparedness materials and may send a Meteorologist to talk about severe weather and the Skywarn program. We will be setting up three tables to demonstrate our function in emergency communications. Table 1 will have a HF 100 Watt SSB and 440/145MHZ FM Go Bag. Table 2 will have VHF A.P.R.S. and Digital mode. Table 3 will have handout material on Amateur Radio, Skywarn, and A.R.E.S. Our set up time will be 7:00 A.M. Talk in will be long range: 145.370 pl 77, 447.225 pl 77. In Town: 147.330 pl 141.3. For directions, please email K1EIC k1eic@arrl.org. The ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference will be held in Hartford this year on September 19-21 at the Windsor Marriott Hotel. In addition to the various forums, there will be an ARRL table and a W1AW/1 special-event station making digital contacts in various modes on 20 meters. This is a great opportunity for you to learn something about the newer digital modes. There will be beginner-level classes held on Saturday the 20th so check out <http://www.tapr.org/tapr/dcc/> for more information and consider making plans to attend. Remember, this conference is not often in Connecticut. Lee K1LEE gives us the following report on the Goshen Fair: We had a good time at the Fair! Two nice days, one rainy day, lots of people coming by, lots of information given out about ham radio, lots of CW certificates given out and kids walking away with dits and dahs in their heads. 20 m was open every day to somewhere, so we made some good

contacts and added some pins to the world map. I'm always afraid that when I list people who were involved in a Club event, I'll leave somebody out, but here goes: Many thanks to: Walt KU1Q, Hennie KA1JVN, Sid K1SS, Roy N1IKM, Ed N2JBA, Gunnar KA1BYU, Mark WA1CRS, Dave Hyatt KA1DAV, Jay KB1HNE and his truck, Bill N1GIS and his truck, and Frank N1ZCV, PA announcer at the Fair who gave us a couple of good plugs. Sounds like a terrific PR event-thanks to the Berkshire ARC! And don't forget the CARA Ham Fest September 14 at Edmondton Town Hall Newtown.

## **Eastern Massachusetts**

As of this writing, Hurricane Isabel made landfall today near Cape Hatteras, NC. She appears to pose little threat to our area with the possible exception of some coastal areas that are vulnerable to flooding. EMa ARES and SKYWARN began making preparations as early as last week. KD1CY, W1MPN and other leaders posted regular updates and ensured that plans would be activated if needed. Thanks to all the ARES/SKYWARN members who stood by, ready, willing and able! The Southeastern MA ARA had another great flea Sept. 14. Member Tim Smith, N1TI writes, "despite the bad forecast the weather turned out to be perfect. We were a little down on the number of tailgaters but the general attendance was good. The tailgaters that did make it reported good sales and most stayed until after the grand prize drawings at noon. A special thanks to many of the Falmouth ARA members that attended and tailgated as well as man others in the area. Kudos to those SEMARA members who worked to organize, set up and run the event." Speaking of flea markets, don't forget the bi-annual Hosstraders Hamfest on October 3-4, 2003 at the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds, off I-89, Exit 7, in Hopkinton NH. Check the official Hosstraders site at <http://www.qsl.net/k1rqg/> for more information. Ed Weiss, W1NXC received the prestigious Herb S. Brier Instructor of the Year Award Sept. 11 at the Framingham ARA's "Night Out" dinner at the Pacific Buffet in Framingham. Presenting the award and gift certificate were ARRL New England Division Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI and Eastern Massachusetts Section Manager Phil Temples, K9HI. Many of the club members in attendance stood up and gave testimony to Ed's ceaseless and unwavering commitment to volunteer teaching of Amateur Radio material spanning many years. Congrats, Ed! Amateur radio operations are planned as part of the bi-annual "Turnaround Cruise" October 11. The event will see two famous ships--the USS Constitution and the USS Cassin Young--traversing Boston Harbor exchanging cannon salutes with the fort on Castle Island. From there, the ships will meet up with the guided missile destroyer USS Chaffee, and then head back to the Old Boston Navy Yard Pier. According to Bob Callahan, W1QWT of the USS Cassin Young Radio Club, a ham station will be set up in a kiosk on the pier, staffed by members of the USS Cassin Young RC and the USS Salem RC. "We will have a PA system connected to the radios so that visitors on the pier can hear what is going on." Callahan added, "We will be on 40, 20, and 2 meters. There will also be a receiver tuned to the Boston Pilot Coast Guard frequency." The call sign of the Old Boston Navy Yard pier station will be N1B. Due to number National Park Service restrictions, the number of amateurs participating is restricted. --Thanks, W1QWT. Members of the Whitman ARC staged an impressive presentation at the Whitman Public

Library this month, promoting Amateur Radio awareness in that community. --Thanks, Whitman ARC "Spectrum", September 2003. What do EMa amateurs think about Broadband over Power Lines (BPL)? Please take a moment to answer our straw poll at <http://ema.arrl.org>. Let us know what you think! 73, Phil K9HI

## Rhode Island

Greetings fellow RI Amateurs: In last month's activity report, I pleaded for help and received it. Pete Lawson, W1LAB, stepped forward and offered his services as Section Government Liaison or SGL. Thank you, Pete! Pete is extremely well qualified and we are most fortunate to benefit from his knowledge and experience. The ink was hardly dry on his new certificate when he was already meeting with state leadership. Thank you, Pete on behalf of all of RI's Amateurs. We're still looking for a qualified and motivated SEC to lead RI ARES activities. Summer is over and club elections are approaching. Are you running for some office? Are you a member of some club? In unity, there's strength. Consider sharing your knowledge and skill with other hams. You both will benefit from the experience. Fidelity ARC has a new cast of officers with Dave Nelson, WV1H at the helm. Best wishes, Dave. Other elections will be reported in this monthly summary as I receive election results. Do you have antenna work to be done before winter? I surely have plenty. Like me, you better get moving and get your fall maintenance work completed pretty soon or you'll be out there doing it with freezing fingers. I know what you're thinking. Only an antenna installed in a blizzard will work. This year, I'm going to prove that axiom wrong. The famous '76 Flea Market and Auction will be held on Saturday, Sept 20th in the Forestdale VFW Post's back lot. If you've never gone to this fund raising activity, take my advice and go. It's a terrific social event. WA1RI makes terrific pancakes as well as hot dogs, hamburgers. All proceeds benefit the '76 family of repeaters. Your ARRL section will donate close to \$600 worth of new ARRL publications to the auction this fall. Come and bid on a new book for your shack and bring home a bargain. 100% of what you pay for the books and maps will go to the repeater association. Talk-in is on 146.76 starting about 7:30 AM. On August 16, 2003 at 10:32am, The Beavertail Amateur Club Station K1BTL transmitted using the abandoned RDF tower behind the Beavertail Light. This tower had not been used for over 20 years. Larry Beavers (W1GTA), a WBZ radio engineer, used Morse code to contact a Canadian station in Quebec, Canada (VO2AJR). The operator was a young lady named Henriot Maltais. Many other Amateur Radio stations were contacted, including many lighthouses as far away as California. The operation had to be cut short because of the threat of lightning. Many thanks to the people of the lighthouse museum for their help. Without them, this operation would never have happened. BVARC 50th Anniversary Banquet is scheduled for Oct 18th at Vermette's Restaurant in Woonsocket. K1SG, a major 6 meter DXer will have a multi-media presentation to show us why 6 meters is considered the "magic band". Your Director and Vice Director will also be there. Come and meet them and have a great evening with friends and some terrific food to boot. Invitations have been sent to all RI clubs as well as Sturdy Hospital Club in Attleboro and Framingham ARC. All are welcome. Contact WB1P for tickets at 401-333-4787. BVARC's call sign, W1DDD, will be activated for the month of

November and a beautiful golden certificate will be offered to stations who work it and other BVARC members. Details concerning W1DDD and the operating award will be included in next month's report. This golden anniversary certificate will surely look good on your shack wall. All three levels of on-line Emergency Communications courses from ARRL are now 100% reimbursable, thanks to a grant from United Technologies Corp. Check the current details of the full on-line study program at <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html#ec001>. Please contact me at [w1yrc@arrl.org](mailto:w1yrc@arrl.org) if you have questions. In closing for this month, let me request regular reports from all the clubs and members of what you're doing. If I don't receive your information, I can't report it to the ARRL members. Thanks and 73, Bob Beaudet W1YRC, Section Manager

## Vermont

I am pleased to announce the Central Vermont Amateur Radio Club Hamfest on Saturday, September 20, 2003 at the Waterbury Armory. This is at exit 10 off of I-89. It starts at 8 AM and ends at 2 PM. There will be the traditional flea market with lots of goodies, as well as good things to eat (well sort of). It is also packed full of forums. Starting at 8 AM, Lee Marchessault will talk about tower safety and lightning. This is a very informative talk about the dangers of electricity in general and how it pertains to us as amateurs. Lee has several models and examples of the dangers of electricity. With the possibility of a Tropical Storm on the way, this will be a very important talk, as we may have some downed power lines. At 9AM, there is the SKWARN Forum with Steve Hogan N1OLC. This is of particular interest for those of you that want to be more involved with weather spotting and how you can help the National Weather Service. Steve works at the NWS at the Burlington International Airport, and he is always looking for local VT reports to enhance his weather predictions. The Airplane Modelers Open Forum follows this at 10 AM. Did you know that you could fly a model airplane on six meters? At Noon, you can get the latest happenings about the world of Ham Radio with Tom Frenaye K1KI and Paul Gayet AA1SU. Tom is the New England Division Director. Some of the things we may talk may talk about are the results of WRC-03, the recent flurry of petitions to the FCC for change in licensing requirements, the BPL issue (you'll enjoy the October QST editorial), or whatever is on people's minds! At 1 PM, there will ARRL VEC Exams for those of you looking to upgrade. Be sure to bring your friends and family members that have been thinking about getting their ticket. The exam fee is \$12. Hamsfests in general have been suffering from poor attendance in recent years, and this is a shame. I encourage all of you to take some time out and make a visit to this Hamfest. Even if you don't buy anything, the social aspect is very important to us as amateur radio operators. So, I hope to see you all there. In other news, I am pleased to announce that I have appointed Bruce G. Bennett KB1HWB as Net Manager. Bruce is the Net Control Manager for the Kingdom Weather Net on the Jay Peak repeater and is eager to learn more about his new position, and Traffic. Here is the Traffic Report for the month of August. Submitted by Bert Morton W1DFU NAME/SESSIONS/QNI/QTC/MINUTES/MGR VT YL NET 5/46/0/142 KA1LDS VPEN 5/31/0/255 KC1YW GMN 27/457/21/1226 N1HXC VTNH 31/120/90/407 WA1JVV CVTN No report AA1PR KWN 21/108/0/483 KB1HWB (Kingdom

Weather Net)

## Northwestern Division

### Alaska

Plan to attend the Arctic Amateur Radio Club Hamfest Sept 12-13, 2003, in Fairbanks (at the Old Alaska land park.) Check the [www.kl7kc.net](http://www.kl7kc.net) for details. Also plan to attend The Anchorage Amateur Radio Club State Hamfest on Sept 14, 2003 in Anchorage at the Northway Mall. Ed Hare, W1RFI, from ARRL LAB will be at both Hamfest. RM 10787 to change licensing and get rid of CW equipment is still in the comment stage tell about Sept 15, said Jim Wiley KL7CC. Alaska has lost two GREAT Amateur's: KL7AM, Robert Hisamoto, from Fairbanks became a SK on August 11 2003. John Bierman, KL7GNP, 20 year QSL bureau manager also became a SK in August. We all will miss both of them and we wish the best for their families. Snipers Net July Sessions 31 checkins 1004 traffic 22 NM KL7GG Alaska Pacific Net July sessions 23 checkins 1476 traffic 25 NM AL7LX ARES Net June Voice 25 Packet 5 NM KL7QW ARES Net July Voice 27 Packet 3 NM KL7QW ACWN June Sessions 5 checkins 3 traffic 9 NM KL7QW ACWN July Sessions 18 Checkins 3 Traffic 24 NM AL7N Big City Simplex July 5 sessions 135 checkins NM KL7CY Interior Net sessions 4 checkins 52 NM NL7HW Special NTS station July 19 during the Golden Days Parade in Fairbanks 5 operators 8 pieces of traffic including one for the MARS system for delivery to Bagdad. SAR AL7N June Rec/5 Del/1 Orig/4 Sent/8 total 18 PSHR AL7N June 1/5 2/18 3/20 total 43 SAR AL7N July Rec/7 Del/1 Orig/5 Sent/11 total 20 PSHR AL7N July 1/18 2/24 3/20 total 62 SAR AD4BL July Rec 12 Sent 2 total 14 PSHR AD4BL July 1/4 2/14 3/30 4/20 total 68

### Idaho

Net Reports: NET SESSION QNI QTC MANAGER FARM 31 2463 53 W7WJH NWTN 31 1276 78 KC7RNT IDACD 21 324 12 WB7VYH IMN 31 591 95 W6ZOH Station Traffic Reports: STATION ORIG RCVD SENT DLVD TOTAL W7GHT 2 142 107 2 253 KB7GZU 26 28 54 WB7VYH 18 17 35 W6ZOH 13 14 31 Public Service Honor Role (PSHR) STATION 1 2 3 4 5 6 TOTAL W7GHT 40 40 20 110 WB7VYH 28 35 10 73

### Montana

BPL is a threat to our use of HF radio all over the Country. Should it become part of the landscape, we will see increased noise and interference rendering our HF and low VHF bands useless. Sure, we'll still have the allocations, but the noise level will preclude use of those bands. And, keep in mind that interference complaints could become a real problem. Imagine the phonecall you may receive from some neighbor because Johnny can't connect to the Internet when you're on the radio? Sound like fun? Unregulated "Part 15" devices are already creating



havoc in our 2.4 ghz band and are out of control. High power amplifiers and illegal interference are already a problem in our Satellite downlink slots on that band. Think these Wireless providers care much about who they interfere with? Think again. Want to help in the BPL fight? Support the League's anti-BPL campaign with dollars and letters to your elected representatives. BPL will change our hobby forever and once established will present a nightmare that may or may not be dealt with by FCC. Sheer weight of numbers may preclude solution once this mode of communications has become established. Do your part, do it now. 73  
Doug, K7YD SM, MT

## **Oregon**

Oregon SM: Randy Stimson KZ7T-ASM: WA7VTD. SEC: KK7TT. SCC: W7WZ. ACC: K7SQ. STM: W7IZ. OOC: AB7OC. PIC: W6ABM. This will be mostly about hams working fires. Three fires the BB fire the Klamath Falls fire and the Cascade Locks fire. I haven't had any information on the Cascade Locks fire and will report on it next month. The hams worked the Klamath Falls fire for 9 hours. They were WA7BGB Keith, KB7EKB Ivy, KJ7YB Cliff, KK7VO Elizabeth, KK7XO Al, WA7OYC Ed, W6KSK Ken, N7IXR Erin, N7LLT Keith, N7DDI Dick and KC7BVR Bob. Now for the BB Fire. It has burned 90,000 acres and is still burning but 80% contained. 22 hams have put in 554 hours as of the 9/13/03 report. They are KK7TT Wayne, KC7RHY John, K7BHB Bruce, N7TYO Dave, KD7JZY Joe, K7SGC Scott, W7GER Drew, W7RAI Rick, N7JVJ Joan, N7RHY Bill, KC7UJD Cindy, KB7LNR Jerry, N7JEF Jeff, N7HL Hal, K7STV Steve, KD7IND Trent, W7PDQ Dave, KW7DSP Steve, KD7BCV Chris, N7LQD Fred, N7BUD Bud and N7ZIM Gary. I have finished Cycle Oregon 16 for this year and it went very well. We had no Code3 runs. I can't remember that happening before. We did have cold and wet weather for most of the week but that doesn't stop these cyclists. I had a family emergency and had to leave Wednesday but I left it in good hands with Jim KB7ADH and Will N7THL, the alternate net controls. Finally Wayne Jack KK7TT is having a retreat for the DEC's and EC's on September 20,21 and looking forward to attending. The retreat is in Sisters just next to the BB fire. If it flairs up guess who will be working on communications. Tfc W7IZ 035, N7YSS 208, K7SO158, N7CM 70, KC7SRL 50. PSHR N7YSS 110, N7DRP 100, N7CM 95, KC7SGM 90, KL7OR 80, KK7TN 73, N4EJF 44.

## **Western Washington**

August has been a fairly low activity month, for most teams. However, SET seems to be on everybody's mind - and much planning is taking place in preparation for October 4 and 5. SEC K7CEX has been working with some repeater owners in acquiring and installing Weather Radio equipment, for receiving EAS and AMBER alerts. Chehalis Valley ARS is having a Swap Meet on September 27, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM @ Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, in Chehalis, WA. Talk in on 147.06 repeater - tone is: 110.9 and on Simplex 146.46. License Exams @ 11:00 AM. Door prizes and more. For more information see:  
[www.cvars.org/swapmeet.htm](http://www.cvars.org/swapmeet.htm) NET REPORTS NOONTIME NET (NTN) 3970/7268.5 kHz.

Daily at 1200 QNI 9721 QTC 249 SESSIONS 62 MGR W7TVA LN TO RN7 WASH  
AMATEUR RADIO TFC SYSTEM (WARTS) 3970 kHz. Daily at 1800 QNI 3457 QTC 168  
SESSIONS 31 MGR W7GB LN TO RN7 NORTHWEST SSB NET (NWSSB) 3945 kHz.  
Daily at 1830 QNI 671 QTC 37 SESSIONS 31 MGR K7XAZ LN TO WARTS WASH  
SECTION NET (WSN) 3658 kHz. Daily at 0730 3658 kHz. Daily at 1845 3658/7038/1818  
kHz. Daily at 2145 QNI 938 QTC 192 SESSIONS 93 MGR W7QM LN TO RN7 WEST  
COAST NET (WCN) 3702 kHz. Daily at 1900 QNI 151 QTC 29 SESSIONS 31 MGR W7QM  
LN TO WSN CLARK CTY ARES & INFO NET (CCAIN) 147.24+ MHz. Tone - None Tues.  
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## Pacific Division

### East Bay

Hello East Bay Section Amateurs, ===== The Section  
News will be updated regularly on the ARRL East Bay Section page:

<http://www.arrl.org/sections/EB.html> If you have a Public Service Event or a radio club activity  
that you would like to see included in the EB Section News, please contact me via e-mail.

===== Pacific Div and East Bay Section E-Mail Bulletins

===== Please encourage your ham friends and club  
members to go to the ARRL Web Site Members-Only section and sign up to receive these  
"Division / Section notices". It's a great way to keep up to date on events and news for their  
Section and Division. ===== Welcome to the following  
new licensees: Richard, KG6SGT; Eian, KG6SFE; Dom, KG6SGS; Rae, KG6SDC; Vincent,  
KG6SGV; Justin, KG6SGU. ===== EBARC

===== Pacific Division Vice Director Andy Oppel,  
N6AJO was the guest speaker at the Sept. club meeting. He spoke about "The Future of  
Amateur Radio" ===== Congratulations to LARK  
members. Diane, KE6HDR, upgraded to general class. Jim, AA6F was awarded the J.K.  
Murphy award for his many years of service to LARK.

===== Livermore Swap Meet

===== Swap Meet is held the 1st Sunday of each  
month at Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd, Livermore. For more information, see  
the website: <http://www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html> or contact Robert Syms, KO6ZL at

925.560.5646 or e-mailrsyms@pacbell.net. =====  
PACIFICON 2003 ===== MDARC presents  
PACIFICON 03 Amateur Radio Convention to be held October 17, 18, & 19. At the San  
Ramon Marriott Hotel. San Ramon Ca. For more information go to : [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org)  
===== Aug. Traffic (National Traffic System): Joe  
Lee, W6DOB-Orig/0, Rec'd 297, Sent/ 302, Del/42, Total /641 Steve Hawes, WB6UZX-  
Orig/5, Rec'd /70, Sent/20, Del/36, Total /131 Gary Gross, KE6QR- Orig /0, Rec'd /3, Sent  
/3, Del/3, Total/9 Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR): WB6UZX. 1/33 2/40 3/10 4/15 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 Your check-ins are always  
welcome. 73, Ti-Michelle Connelly, NJ6T SM/EB

## Nevada

Greetings to everyone in the Nevada Section! The month of August was a typically full and active summer month for all of us, with more thunderstorms providing excitement for just about everyone. Assistant Section Manager Gary Hartman KK7LV continues to do an outstanding job representing the ARRL in Southern Nevada. In August alone he managed to attend six separate club and section meetings, complete the ARRL ARECC Level II course and put together the Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club newsletter. The man is simply amazing! The Frontier Amateur Radio Society (FARS) and the Nellis Radio Amateur Clubs (NRAC) continue their building and revitalizing efforts under the leadership of Al Olcott K7ICW and John Bigley N7UR . Speaking of NRAC, they are in a footrace with the Nevada Amateur Radio Repeater, Inc. (NARRI) group to see which one will be the next ARRL affiliated club! ARES HF Net Manager Joe Giraudo N7JEH has moved the popular Saturday morning net back to 3965 kHz. The 0830 local time net had been experimenting with a summer move to 7280 kHz because of propagation difficulties on 75 meters, but 40 meters proved to be even less reliable for the section-wide net. August 23rd saw the section's first cabinet meeting in recent memory, drawing ARRL leadership appointees to Carson City from as far away as Elko and Las Vegas. Eight of the current nine volunteers I rely on so heavily to help me lead the ARRL field organization were able to sit down around the same table and discuss current section activities and priorities. The meeting was held concurrent with the 2nd Annual ARRL Forum hosted by the Carson Valley Radio Club (CVRC) . The Forum offered the amateur community a unique opportunity to not only interact with the section leadership, but also with Pacific Division Director Bob Vallio W6RGG who drove up especially for the Forum. My thanks and deep appreciation to all the cabinet members who were able to attend: Joe Giraudo N7JEH (ASM), Gary Hartman KK7LV (ASM), Kent Johnson W7AOR (TC), Melissa Flanagan KK7AA (ACC), Matt Parker N7TOD (STM), Don Carlson KQ6FM (PIC), Dick Creley KJ7UK (SEC) and Paul Cavnar NN7B (BM). Everyone agreed this meeting should also be an annual event. Congratulations go to Doug Abramson KA7FOO for his recent appointment as ARES Emergency Coordinator for Washoe County. Doug takes over from Matt Parker N7TOD who is concentrating on his new

responsibilities as Section Traffic Manager. Congratulations also go out to three more new ARES Emergency Coordinators: Harry Bryant KB7HVM for Lyon County, Randy Davenport KA4NMA for Storey County and Sam Boyer N7VCL for Mineral County. District Emergency Coordinator Paul Cavnar NN7B is building a very solid team in Northern Nevada. District Emergency Coordinator Glenn Hale KB7REO reports the Las Vegas Repeater Association (LVRA) has completed their link between Clark County and Lincoln County. The Red Mountain repeater is now linked full time to Highland Peak. This link will help tie these two neighboring counties together on VHF. Clark County Emergency Coordinator Charlie Kunz AA5QJ reports that the first shipment of equipment has been received for the Emergency Communications Center at the Clark County Government Center from a Homeland Security grant. Don't forget 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 K7VC

## **Sacramento Valley**

SECTION NEWS AUGUST 2003 GREETINGS FROM ROSEVILLE; So far, as Labor Day ends, we have not had any large fire emergencies this summer, but it is still about 2 months before we get any rain. So stay alert for any ARES call out. Dave, K6SOJ, is preparing a section emergency plan, to be filed with the ARRL and the section. Dave has put in a lot of work on the emergency system for the section and I am sure the members, as well as myself, thank him for his efforts. NORTH VALLEY HAMFEST: The hamfest in Anderson was a great success and the two clubs, Amateur Radio Club of Anderson and Shasta Cascade Amateur Radio Society, should be commended for their efforts. They hope to do it again next year. I will be speaking at the ARCA meeting on September 11, in Anderson. RIVER CITY ARCS: A swap meet will be held on Saturday Sept. 27, 7am, at Sutter Middle School, Alhambra Blvd. and I St., in Sacramento. A joint Picnic with the North Hills RC, will be held on Saturday September 13, 11am, at Gibson Ranch Park (fee for the park). Bring your favorite dish for the Pot Luck. TAHOE ARA: They will host their annual Bar-B-Q on Saturday September 13, on the beach at Zephyr Cove, NV. This is also a Pot Luck. EMCOMM: Registration for the ARRL Emergency Communication courses have had openings for several days after registration opens, so it is much easier to sign up for the courses. Registration for -001 opens first Monday of month, -002 on the 2nd Monday . So sign up! AMADOR COUNTY ARC: Ron Brown, WA6WIY, has resigned as President and Bobby Brown, WZ6Y has taken over the club reins. Bobby, previously, has been President for several years. Dennis, N6KD, spoke to the club on ECHOLINK and whether the club would be interested in connecting to it. K6KO and K6TA presented their program on P40TA and the trip to Aruba. The club's annual Swap Meet is October 11, in the Wal Mart Parking lot, in Martell. CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY: This competition for all hams to contact California hams will be held Saturday/Sunday, October 4/5. This is a fun contest as all the world is trying to contact CA and it's 58 Counties. Most of the 20

Counties in the SV section are fairly rare for the County Hunters. More information on the NCCC web pages. [www.cqp.org](http://www.cqp.org). MOTHER LODE DXCC: The MLDXCC is asking for more clubs to participate in the annual Northern Calif. Contest Club's California QSO Party (CQP). They have won the club competition for several years, and would like to see more clubs enter. New member is Jack Morgan, KF6T, who is a well known contester. Jack has won or been near the top of many contests, both CW and Phone. PACIFICON 2003: The Pacific Division Convention, hosted by MDARC, will be held October 17-19 at a new location. It will be held in San Ramon, CA, at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel. The Mt. Diablo club does a wonderful job with these conventions. There will be a Swap Meet. For more information go to [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org). WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTIONS: Several clubs have white elephant sales in the month of October. Here is a chance to get rid of some of those boat anchors that have been taking up room in the shack – or to bid on some one else's junk, all for a good cause. Start collecting the stuff now. EL DORADO COUNTY ARC: President Frank, W6DHN, and XYL returned from a 3000 mile trip in their motor home. They decided that summer is not the best time to visit high desert country, especially when the motor home breaks down! The EDCARC's ARES group is building up gradually and getting good training. Frank is also the Emergency Coordinator for El Dorado. SECTION NETS: I hope you will check into on or both of the section nets, on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm on 146.085 MHz. pl-127.3 and 7:30 pm on 3987 KHz. I hope I remember, as I missed a couple times. 73, Jettie

## **San Francisco**

At this time please pause and remember the 9-11 victims and all who lost their lives on that date. I am pleased to announce that the San Francisco Section Convention for 2004 will again be hosted by the Humboldt Amateur Radio Club in Ferndale. The dates are July 9, 10, and 11, 2004. More will follow prior to the convention. I am also pleased that I received my first Public Service Honor Roll report in three and a half years as section manager. Thanks Bob K6PMO and keep up the good work. The last few months have been quiet in the section with normal activities of parades, bike rides, etc, happening. On September 3 a major dry lightning storm moved thru most of the section. Several hundred fires started (mostly small) and hams from Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte were ready to respond if needed. Some activity by ARES was reported in the northern end of the section. Warm weather will still be with us for a few weeks but it is also time to start thinking about winter operations. This time would also be an excellent time to enroll and take the Emergency Management Courses Level I, II, and III. These courses are offered on-line thru the League, and are acknowledged to be valuable and important by many agencies. (PS--There are other on-line courses for furthering ones knowledge). Ham radio volunteers are wanted to participate in an Oakland bikeathon fundraiser that is requesting communications/SAG tracking support on Sunday, October 19. Please contact Mike Pompa KB6MP: [mikep@pdarrl.org](mailto:mikep@pdarrl.org) 510-531-8209. Mike, KB6MP, is setting up 3-hour work shifts, so consider doing an early shift before Pacificon or hand your Pacificon stub to a friend staying for the ARRL forum/prize giveaway and volunteer for a late shift. Either way will help a good cause. (Multiple shift signups are welcome, of course). There are also non-ham

volunteer opportunities for bored Pacificon spouses.;-) <http://www.oaklandyellowjackets.org/>  
[http://www.breastcancerfund.org/events\\_bike03.htm](http://www.breastcancerfund.org/events_bike03.htm) \_\_\_\_\_ This is  
my last newsletter as the Section Managers's position will become KH6GJVs (Bill) on the first  
of October. He was the only person to apply for the position when advertised for in QST by  
ARRL Headquarters. I will help Bill as much as I can and I hope you will also. He has many  
new and different ideas for the section and will be a good manager. Thank you all that have  
made my tenure enjoyable and I hope to see you in the future at swapmeets and club meetings.  
73 Len

## **San Joaquin Valley**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION. Report for the month of August 2003: SM Charles  
McConnell, W6DPD- ASM K6YK, ACC W6DPD, SEC K6IN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU,  
PIC Vacant, TC W6TE. Greeting from the San Joaquin Valley Section. If your club would like  
news of their activities and events listed here, please send the information to your SM,  
w6dpd@arrl.org. Emergency Coordinators are needed in Mono and Calaveras Counties.  
Contact K6IN (k6sec@mercednet.com) or W6DPD (w6dpd@arrl.org) if you can help. The  
Turlock ARC's 75th Anniversary celebration is Sept. 20, 2003 with a special event station,  
W6BXN, from 8 AM to 8PM at the Turlock War Memorial on Canal Drive in Turlock. Talk-in  
will be on W6BXN/R, 147.03+, pl 100 HZ. Check [www.w6bxn.org](http://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](http://www.cqp.org) for information. EmComm South is being  
planned for Oct. 11 at CART, 2555 Clovis Ave. in Clovis. The annual Turlock Auction will be  
October 11 at the Turlock Youth Center. Doors open at 8 AM, and the auction starts at 10 AM.  
Talk-in will be on W6BXN/R, 147.03+, pl 100 HZ. Check [www.w6bxn.org](http://www.w6bxn.org) for information.  
Pacificon 2003 will be October 17-19, 2003, at the Marriott in San Ramon CA. Check  
[www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for program information and registration forms. 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 KF6RO,  
W6BUA, W6IYY, and WA6HHR. KG6PQY, AA6R, KJ6OH, and KD6UQZ completed the  
ARECC Level 1 class. W6HYY completed Level 2. NN6E attended the Tripod Rocketry  
Assn's National Launch. AD6X qualified for VUCC on 6 meters. Traffic for August was zero.  
PSHR K6RAU 49.

## **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.

<http://www.ncarrl.org> Hurricane Isabel looks like it may have some impact on North Carolina starting around September 18th. Information about Hurricane Isabel preparations will be sent out in a separate message. It is with great sadness that I report Wayne Ross, WD4JPQ of Winterville became a Silent Key on September 5th. Wayne was the District EC for Area 2 and has been an outstanding contributor to ARES for quite a few years. He will be greatly missed. The Simulated Emergency Test is coming up soon. The purpose of the SET is to evaluate strengths and weaknesses in our equipment, techniques and served agency relationships, and to encourage broader participation in ARES and NTS activities, especially by newcomers. In some ways I like the SET even more than Field Day because I believe it is a more realistic simulation of activation scenarios. The statewide SET will take place on Saturday, October 25, 2003. In addition, many local and area SETs will be taking place in October and November. Most are organized on a county basis, but some combined SETs such as Area 12 in the Piedmont and Four County ARES in Eastern NC are able to expand the concept to include some regional communications. Contact your county EC to find out when and how to participate. This is a great learning opportunity, and we can't wait until the real thing happens before we start figuring out what to do. North Carolina always does very well in the SET statistics because we have good participation and we report our results. I hope you will be involved. It's always better to have more tools in the toolbox. This is especially true for disaster communications, where things may not work like you would expect them to. If you have capability for modes that you have not used, make some effort to learn how to use them. If you don't have capability for non-voice modes, consider adding them to your station. Even though voice modes will remain primary for as long as I can see it, other modes are useful during disasters too. Sometimes non-voice modes get through better. Also, some sensitive information simply should not be transmitted using voice modes that can be easily intercepted by the general public. CW and digital modes can do the job well here, but only if you have practiced them. On the other hand, take a balanced approach - use technology if available, but be flexible. Computers are great assistants, but they are not very rugged, and you may not always be able to spare the amp-hours needed to keep them going. If you use them to assist you with net operations, make sure you can do things the old-fashioned way also. I work as a computer networking consultant, so I know from my own experiences that a lot of things have to go right for computers to work properly. Pencil and paper needs only a few seconds of deployment time, with no batteries required. October hamfest: Maysville Sunday October 12. I plan to be there, and hope to see you there also. August Traffic: W4EAT 2251 (BPL), K4IWW 299, K4RLD 151, WA4OBR 86, KE4JHJ 81, KG4OQA 66, K7UGT 51, N4AF 50, W3HL 41, AD4XV 40, W4LN 34, KE4AHC 33, WD4LSS 27, N4TAB 26, N4FHM 25, W4CC 21, WA4SRD 18, WA2EDN 17, KG4ISO 16, W4EHF 15, N4NTO 14, W4IRE 12, KB8VCZ 9, KG4ISP 3. August Public Service Honor Roll: K4RLD 140, N4TAB 126, W4EAT 120, K4IWW 120, KG4OQA 120, KE4JHJ 110, W4CC 101, WD4LSS 87, W4LN 84.

**South Carolina**

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators! This is Dr. Jim with the September 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/](http://www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/). This site will contain my full Section Managers Report, and not an abbreviated version.\*\*\*On August 19, the Aiken County Council issued a resolution to express their appreciation to the Aiken County ARES/RACES members who helped maintain EMS communications on June 16 after a lightning storm disabled the EMS radio system. Congratulations! The resolution is on the ARRL-SC website. Please check for the link on the home page!\*\*\*I have received word from John W5UGD that the Pickens High School may soon have an amateur radio club starting. John and Chris KG4UOY, student at Pickens, have made arrangements with the principal, and have a faculty advisor. The Foothills club has offered to mentor the club. In my area, a technician/general class has been started at Aiken Preparatory School in preparation for a club starting at their facility. Joe Semer AF4JX, is heading up that effort, aided by volunteers from the area offering to teach individual classes.\*\*\*In the ARRL Roanoke Division, of which South Carolina is one of four sections, our Director Dennis Bodson W4PWF and our Vice Director Les Shattuck K4NK have been declared re-elected for another term, as both ran unopposed. Pat Hensley N4ROS challenged the Vice Director spot, but her petition was deemed invalid by the ARRL election committee since it did not contain the required ten ARRL member signatures.\*\*\*I had the honor of being asked to go to ARRL HQ in Newington, CT in early September to attend a Section Manager Conference. I was one of 15 SM's who attended, and had a chance to interact with HQ personnel. Steve Ewald, WV1X and Chuck Skolaut K0BOG ran the conference, and several other HQ staffers presented programs as well. While the programs were very informational, I think the informal interaction that I had with the other SM's was extremely helpful. The interaction answered a number of questions I had, and gave me some new ideas. On the other hand, I realize that we are very lucky in South Carolina for a number of reasons. One is the excellent relation we have with emergency officials. Another is the lack of significant repeater conflicts. Despite our varying challenges, though, the SM's were all very upbeat and positive. We were pleased to have two Vice Directors attend the conference also.\*\*\*Well, September is here, and the first annual SC QSO party, sponsored by the Sumter ARC, will be held on September 20th and 21st. Full details are on the [www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/](http://www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/) website, and in Contest Corral in the September issue of QST. PLEASE participate, even if for only an hour or two. We want our first QSO party effort to be a success! Remember that mobile/portable stations receive multipliers for each county they activate, to emphasize emergency preparedness. At the Shelby Hamfest, Les K4NK told me that one of his club members has vowed to operate from EVERY County in South Carolina! Brother, I thought I was type "A"! I will definitely operate the contest, and hope to hear everyone participating!\*\*\*There will be digital seminars covering PSK31, APRS, Echolink, and IRLP at two locations on September 27th, from 9 am to 4 pm. One will be at the Charleston EOC, and the other will be in Florence at KD4HTW's workplace (The location in Florence is on Hwy 52, 2 miles from I-95 toward Darlington at the SC Forestry Commission Office next to Florence Darlington Technical College. Talk-in on 146.85mhz).\*\*\* Please attend the Rock Hill Hamfest on October 4th at York Technical College (NEW LOCATION)! Information is available on the [www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/](http://www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/) website. Well, that's the news for the September report! See you next month! Reports Submitted by Adam AF4QZ,



## **STM: AUGUST 2003 STATION ACTIVITY REPORTS:**

CALL(RCVD/SENT/DLVD/ORIG/TOTAL): KA4UIV 82/72/4/0/158; WA4MIY 37/16/3/1/57; KG4VDR 9/16/18/0/43; WA4UGD 24/0/5/0/29; KA4LRM 7/3/1/0/11 AUGUST 2003 PSHR REPORTS: CALL(1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 / TOTAL): KA4UIV 40/40/20/0/0/0/100; WA4MIY 40/40/10/0/0/0 /90; KA4LRM 40/11/20/0/0/ 0/71

## **Rocky Mountain Division**

### **New Mexico**

Section News For The Month Of August, 2003 New Mexico Bill Weatherford, KM5FT ASM: K5BIS, N5ART, W5PDY; SEC: W5YEJ; STM: N7IOM. NM's; WA5UNO & W5UWY; TC: W8GY; ACC: N5ART. The Duke City Hamfest and the Alamogordo Hamfest both drew good crowds and a number of hams went home from each with new toys. Congratulations and thanks to all involved in putting them on. It's a lot of hard work and we really appreciate it. Don't forget the Deming Hamfest (Tailgate) on September 27 and the Socorro Hamfest on October 25. Got a number of excellent newsletters including the Albuquerque ARC, 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 traffic nets in the section include the NM Breakfast Club at 6:30 AM local, and the NM Roadrunner Traffic Net at 0100Z, both on 3939. Check them out. The ARES HF net meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, also on 3939, at 0130Z, and the ARES VHF Net meets on the linked .90, .94, .96, and .64 Upper Rio repeaters at 7:00 PM local each Thursday. Contact your local ARES rep for info on how to get involved with ARES. Don't know who that is? Contact me and I'll find out for you. Net Reports for August are: NM Breakfast Club, 1024/183; NM Roadrunner Traffic Net, 1173/88; SCAT Net, 339/13; Caravan Club Net, 54/4; Yucca Net, 591/40; Valencia County ARA, 42/14; Four Corners Net, 317/20; Rusty's Raiders Net, 678/126; Gila ARS 38/6; and the Deming ARC Net, 93/14. We are sorry to report the passing of W5FS, KA5ADB, KC5BOZ, and KE5ZT. Each was unique and all will be missed. 73, de KM5FT

## **Southeastern Division**

### **Georgia**

SM: Susan Swiderski, AF4FO; ASM/South GA: Marshall Thigpen, W4IS; ASM/Legal: Jim Altman, W4UCK; ASM/Webmaster and SEC: Mike Boatright, KO4WX; STM: Jim Hanna, AF4NS; BM: Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL; OOC: Mike Swiderski, K4HBI; TC: Fred Runkle, K4KAZ; PIC: Kevin Martin, W4SJR; SGL: Bill Cherepy, WB4WTN; ACC: Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC Greetings. We've spent the past three weekends at hamfests (Shelby, Prater's Mill, and Dallas) and the storm clouds stayed away for all three of them! It was refreshing to walk around

and visit without hearing the ARES pagers counting off every fifteen minutes or so. Talking about ARES, don't forget, now! The SET (Simulated Emergency Test) is scheduled for October 4th, and this is the scoop on the information released thus far on it by STEVE REYNOLDS, W4CNG: The drill will be starting somewhere between 8AM and 10AM, on either 3.975 MHz (before 9AM) or on 7.275 MHz (after 9AM) and is expected to last from 3 to 5 hours. Please, only ONE person from each county should check into this HF net. That person can get the instructions for relay back to the rest of the county's ARES members. Traffic handling will be emphasized in this drill, along with dispatch and retrieval of information. Additional information will be given on the statewide ARES net on Sunday, September 28. (3975 at 6PM) Also coming up in October- on the 12th, the Augusta hamfest, and on the 18th, the Al Brock Memorial hamfest (in Rome). PLUS, on the 18th, JOTA, Jamboree on the Air, the terrific operating event designed to get Scouts on the ham bands talking to other Scouts. There will be a Boy Scout Camporee at Reinhardt College in Waleska that weekend, and Scoutmaster MIKE LANEY, AG4MY, is in desperate need of some ham volunteers to help make this a truly radio-active event for the 300+ boys who are expected to participate. Volunteers are needed to help teach a radio merit badge class, as well as to set up amateur radio demo and JOTA stations. If you can help, please get in touch with Mike at [ag4my@arrl.net](mailto:ag4my@arrl.net). The boys are counting on you. And now, with a drum roll and a gentle clinking of champagne glasses, I'd like to offer congratulations to SAM SMITH, KD4SHK, our Coweta county EC, and his brand new bride, NICOLE, KG4WUW. May their wires never get crossed, and may their propagation always be blessed. Many years of joy to the happy couple. Congratulations, also, to SID HUTCHINSON, WB4GGS, traffic handler extraordinaire, who earned the coveted Brass Pounder Award for the month of August, with an amazing QTC of 534: 255 received, 278 sent, and 1 delivered. That's a LOT of dits and dahs! That's it for now, but you'll be hearing from me again very soon, so I can tell you about a unique opportunity that will be provided to GA ARRL members, thanks to the help and expertise of ROBERT TYLER, KF4VBR. Hope you'll be as pleased with it as I am. Until then, this is AF4FO, signing clear. Take care of yourselves, And each other. 73, Susan. QTC: WB4GGS-534; W4WXA-293; K4FUM-175; AF4NS-112; K4BEH-62; WB4BIK-42; K1FP-40; K4ZC-32; K4BG-30; K4WKT-26; W9NXC-24; KG4FXG-15

## **Puerto Rico**

ARRL - P.R. Section News Date: 08/01/2003 PUERTO RICO: SM, Víctor Madera, KP4PQ – El mes de septiembre ha mantenido a todos los radioaficionados alerta en cuanto a la repercusión de las decisiones tomadas en el WRC-03. Se celebró la actividad del Lighthouse Weekend-2003 en varios faros de la isla. RODE tuvo una bonita actividad en el Faro de Fajardo, la FRA en el de Aguadilla y el PRARL en el renovado Faro de Punta Guilarte en Arroyo. Ya se están haciendo los preparativos para la actividad del JOTA. Se nos ha informado que más de 200 Scouts se reunirán en Los Tubos donde el PRARL celebrará con ellos el JOTA. Todavía no hemos visto comentarios a la FCC sobre la eliminación del requisito de CW. Exhortamos a los compañeros de Puerto Rico a enviar los suyos. Que se nos haya informado el PRARL envió la posición de esa entidad y la FRA esta en camino a preparar y enviar la suya.

Las clase para Technician terminaron y se está organizando un grupo para CW. Estamos reclutando candidatos voluntarios para ARES. Los interesados deben comunicarse con el Section Manager. La temporada de huracanes ya paso de su punto máximo sin percances para el caribe. Debemos mantenernos atentos a estos fenómenos durante la segunda mitad de la temporada. S están organizando talleres técnicos sobre distintos temas. Pronto los clubes anunciarán fechas y lugares para ellos. Invitamos a todos a participar. 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 Due to the Melbourne Hamfest and work commitments I will not update the section news page until about the 21st. I will send a brief e-mail to advise you of the update. Clayton Bennett, KA4NHW who has been on the Melbourne Hamfest committee, is serving in the military in the Middle East. Stop at the ARRL table at the hamfest and sign a card for Clayton. Skywarn folks have been active in Brevard, Miami-Dade, Martin, and Indian River during August. As I type this summary it looks like September will be very busy for Skywarn and ARES. Reminder: the following appointees should be sending monthly reports: ECs, DECs, OESs, PIOs, TSs, OOs. I am looking for PIOs. If you can write a press release and you are interested in promoting amateur radio this appointment may interest you. I also need PIOs who are bilingual (French, Spanish and Creole) for this appointment. ARES: ECs submitted reports for July: N4LEM, KG5QD, KE4DUJ, K4JC, KC4UCN, AA4BN, AD4RZ, KT4XK. Around the Section: Okeechobee -- Dennis Decker, NWS Melborne gave Skywarn training. There was a demonstration of Amateur Radio on May 30th and 31st in a local park. Martin – ARES held a drill on 8/14 simulating a power outage on the same day as the northeast event. Stations had to convert to battery or emergency power and 9 of 10 net check-ins were able to participate with non-commercial power. Miami-Dade -- 3rd Generation Gauzens licensee --Stephanie, W4DTJ (her granddad's call). Brevard – IRARC speaker, Chief Hospital Corpsman Edsel Wright gave information about radiation, so members can make informed decisions if faced with nuclear disaster events and gave suggestions as to how to prepare for such a disaster. Palm Bay Safety Day held at the new EOC with an ATV demo. Nets were established for launches on August 20 and 28. Launch viewers were wowed by NASA's launch audio and video from the BEARS COMM ONE vehicle on display. In spite of the late night launches, over 70 visitors stopped by at each launch. Lee -- Lehigh PSK31 Club is a new club in the Fort Myers area. Silent Key: Larry Fall AD4PW of Okeechobee. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family. AUGUST SAR TOTALS: KA4FZI 459, WA9VND 355, KG4EQY 149, KD4GR 131, K4FQU 70, AA4BN 58, KG4MLC 53, KN4JN 49, WA4EIC 48, WB4PAM 46, KT4XK 43, KG4MLD 42, K4PG 39, AF4NR 30, K4VMC 28, KG4CHW 20, KF4OMB 18, KG4QIP 14, W4WYR 11, K4OVC 8,

KØTIW 7, KBØDKD 4, W3JI 2. AUGUST PSHR TOTALS: KA4FZI 120, K4FQU 118, KD4GR 110, KG4CHW 100, WA4EIC 100, WA9VND 100, AA4BN 92, WB4PAM 90, KG4MLD 80, KG4MLC 77

## West Gulf Division

### Oklahoma

This month's visit to League HQ for SM training was a wonderful opportunity to meet, mix and put forth effort to be of help to the OK Section. The staff was most interested and excited to know of our activities in OK. Significant time was spent with staff from these departments: field organization, official observer, W1AW, circulation/sales, on-line courses, VEC, qsl bureau, and awards. The networking and friendships developed will be (already has been) of benefit to OK Section members. Quality connect time was held with: Mike-K1TWF and Joyce-KA2ANF Vice Directors of New England and Hudson Divisions, respectively, and Bob-W1YRC Rhode Island SM. Yes, broadband by power line (BPL) is still a deadly threat to Amateur Radio! The League and the Section continue to work hard to overcome the challenge. In conversations with Ed Hare-W1RFI, ARRL Lab Manager he wishes to thank the OK Section for their support. Support in letter writing and financial ways are crucial to the battle to communicate the peril to Amateur Radio brought forth by BPL. September QST has more information and you can contact Eddie Manley-KD5JGB, Assistant Section Manager at [jema1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jema1@sbcglobal.net) Hare's video while operating BPL-mobile will soon be available in CD form for use in the OK Section and can viewed at: [www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/pic/#video](http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/pic/#video) Congratulations to the following clubs for being ARRL Special Service Clubs: Edmond Amateur Radio Society, Kay County Amateur Radio Club, OKC Autopatch Association, Tulsa Amateur Radio Club and the Tulsa Repeater Organization The OKC Autopatch Association continues to be quite active. At their August meeting, Jone Scott was given recognition by the Section for her superb support of Amateur Radio. She prepares the well done monthly Salvation Army newsletter, which is a composite of Amateur Radio happenings. Have an interest in writing or subscribing? Contact Jone at [jone\\_scott@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:jone_scott@uss.salvationarmy.org) or (405) 840 0735. The Tulsa ARC held an impressive League night at their August meeting. It was standing room only for a round-robin discussion on Amateur Radio congressional issues, State legislation, BPL, and plans for a classroom version of the ARRL Emergency Communication classes. This club is hosting a Level I class in November. Pat-NJ5M, Assistant Section Manager and League approved instructor and mentor was present for the meeting and is available to answer questions about the November class ([nj5m@arrl.net](mailto:nj5m@arrl.net)). Thanks to Coy Day-N5OK, Division Director, for his participation and words of wisdom at the meeting. In August the Tulsa Repeater Organization (TRO) toured the FOX 23 news and weather studio under the direction of Chief Meteorologist Jon Slater. Reports are that the visit was enjoyable and productive to the club's public service effort. TRO will be working the Tulsa State Fair Parade on September 27. Contact Ben-WB5VST at [bnjoplin@aep.com](mailto:bnjoplin@aep.com) for more information. Upcoming Events: OK DX Association Banquet October 4 in Midwest City Contact Mark Duensing, KD5DLL

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