

Section News for September 2003

Atlantic Division

Northern New York

We at NNYARA look forward to a very successful NNY Hamfest/Convention here in Lake Placid, NY on Oct 11th the beautiful colors of fall are all in vogue. The people of North Elba are wonderful to allow us to use these "I love NY Horseshow Grounds". This is the 3rd Annual Hamfest/Convention and we look forward to seeing you at this great event! WA2NAN- Kerry Bickford put together a very successful and meaningful SET (Simulated Emergency Test) scenario this past weekend on Oct. 5th 1-3pm. Many Counties: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis, Schoharie and St. Lawrence were involved in the Amateur Radio Emergency Services preparedness communication event. I heard many positive comments on the level of professionalism of handling emergency traffic and passing it to the Public Health Agency. I want to thank all of the amateurs involved and would like to challenge others to get involved with your local CLUBS, ARES, RACES and RED CROSS communications groups to so that in the event of an Emergency we can show the same kind of reaction over the airwaves as we did this past weekend. There is no question that Amateur Radio is a resource and that is why we have Local Clubs, ARES, RACES and Red Cross communications groups to make it a valuable resource and help to people in their time of need. Please get involve with at least one this year if your not already! Don't forget to check into our local nets here in NNY when your going through the area. You can find them in the ARRL – Nets Directory still the best buy for only \$5. Hope you can join us this coming weekend in Lake Placid. We have a wonderful recognition Banquet Dinner at the Lake Placid Hilton scheduled for 6:30pm and \$22 that includes the gratuity. Please join us as we give tribute to the great association of Clubs and communications groups in NNY which make up the NNYARA.

Southern New Jersey

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY OCTOBER 2003 JEAN PRIESTLEY - KA2YKN A VE test session sponsored by SCARA and SPARC radio clubs, will be held Thurs Dec. 4 at the Tony Canale Fire Train Center, 5033 English Creek Ave, Egg Harbor Township. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Testing starts 7:PM and the fee is \$12. A photo I.D. is required. Anyone testing to upgrade must bring the original license and photocopy of it. Pre-registration is mandatory. Contact: Bill Price, AA2BP, (609) 926-7744 or Larry Schall, KB2MN (609) 927-0982. There will be a tailgate hamfest on Sunday Nov. 30, 2003 presented by JSARS. Featured will be KJI Electronics. It will open 8AM and break down at 12Pm and will be held at the Knights of Columbus Council Home at corners of Tennyson and Whittier Aves in Toms River, NJ. Talk-in on the W2DOR repeater 146.910 PL Tone is 127.3. Food and refreshments will be available. Buyers admitted FREE. Sellers will pay \$10.00 per space. Come early because there are only 60 spaces available. Chairperson is Keith KC2JBZ at kc2jbz@hotmail.com There will be a VE session on site. Contact persons are Ed – WA2NDA at 609-971-2792 email at wa2nda@aol.com and Don – K2HCW at 732-237-9448. Contact them to reserve a space or mail a check to JSARS at PO Box 295 Toms River, NJ 08754. Among visitors to the Amateur Radio special event station K2BR during the Miss America pageant week Sept 15th to Sept 20 was Miss Florida, Ericka Dunlap, the newly crowned Miss America 2004. This was the 32nd year that SCARA sponsored the event. They logged about 500 contacts by 17 operators. While Hurricane Isabel raged, they tried to keep one radio on the Hurricane Watch Net. K2BR also set up a message center and took radiograms from contestants and many others. These messages were put into the National Traffic System locally and Section nets. SCARA members also provided communications for the Boardwalk Parade on Friday, Sept 19. Jan Scheuerman, WA2YL, Section Traffic Manager for Southern Florida, said she and another Florida operator, John Burik, K3QC were delighted when their state's contestant was crowned. Despite heavy wind and rain on Thursday, the parade went off without a hitch on Friday. Many thanks

are due the folks from NNJ Section who jumped in when they were needed. In spite of many obstacles by Isabel, photo ops abounded, and they had a great opportunity to speak about ham radio when people inquired about what they were hearing concerning the hurricane. A lot of credit goes to N2CYL, N2HXL, K2ODG, W2OB, N2ANG, KB2MN, WM2Q, N2WRD, WB2LDF, KB2RTZ, WA2YL, K3QC, WB2KNS, NJ5R, KY2MMM, KC2FWH, K2MRM, W2KP, K2ODG, N2AKC, N2EHM, N2YIR, KC2ESD and K3IHA. Well done. Southern New Jersey Sept 2003 report. QNI report NJM 57 N2GJ NJPN 212 W2CC NJSN 176 K2PB NJN(E) 176 AG2R NJN(L) 134 AG2R (above nets dual with NNJ) JSARS 346 KC2JBZ SJTN 62 KB2RTZ SJVN 240 WB2UVB SJVN Training net –WB2UVB. SAR reports WA2YL 185 K2UL 166 KC2IYC 69 WA2CUW 62 AA2SV 58 WB2UVB 58 K2BR 38 N2VQA 35 KC2JBZ 35 W2QOB 22 KB2RTZ 21 N2AYK 6 AB2LF 6 N2YIR 3 WA2NDA 2 N2ZMI 1 PSHR WA2YL 460 KB2RTZ 351 WB2UVB 190 N2YIR 143 N2HQL 110 K2UL 110 KC2IYC 90 WA2CUW 90 AB2LF 88 AA2SV 80 KC2JBZ 74 W2QOB 73 N2VQA 70 KA2YKN 70 WA2NDA 37 Winter is lurking around the corner and parents are looking for indoor activities. The Battleship New Jersey's Encampment Department can provide a wonderful and educational experience. They can be reached at 856-877-6262. The program can accommodate groups of all sizes up to 300. Get a group of kids together and be sure to ask for the Amateur Radio Room tour during the encampment. If your son or daughter or any of their friends on the encampment are already hams, make sure they bring a copy of their license. If you plan to operate be sure you arrange ahead so a control operator can be present. We want your trip to be a very positive experience. Also be sure to ask about the Fire Power Tour. Reservations must be made in advance. See areas of the ship not on the regular tour. COME SEE THE BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY AND HAVE FUN.

Western Pennsylvania

It's been a busy month thus far transferring from summer to fall (Was that a summer?) With our share of rain events this summer its safe to say that hardly a day went by without some sort of weather related incident happening. Now with hurricane Isabel behind us as well maybe we can take a minute to catch our breath! Being involved in and listing to various activities whether it is in ARES or some other Public Service event we can all be proud of the fact that we were there to help! I'd like to thank all those tireless operators from county to county for a Job Well Done! On the News front here more re-alignment and appointments have taken place with the shifting of personnel. Join me in welcoming the following: Christin Albert, N3YTD as our new Section Traffic manager, Keith "Pete" Highlands N3RLJ as our new Affiliated Club Coordinator, Frank Rossi N3FLR as DEC S-1 district and Don Cripe KE3MM as DEC N-1 District. Welcome to all. Also along the same lines you will notice with a lot of our existing staff members some title changes have been made to better reflect the changing times in amateur radio and for you to better recognize their expertise. Also a reminder to all clubs, public service, ARES groups etc. .Myself along with any of your section staff members are available for your meetings. We are "YOUR" resource and are here for that reason. Whether it be a question of how our "Official Observer" system works or how does that PSK-31 work we are here to help and are available to your group. Please feel free to email myself n3srj@arrl.org or Bob n3wav@arrl.net to schedule us for an upcoming meeting. Larry KA3HUK SEC has planned an SET planning meeting for October 18 @ 10:00 am at the Butler County EOC. All EC's and DEC's are urged to attend. For more information contact Larry ka3huk@nauticom.net This years SET is planned for November 1st. More details about the SET will be made available after the meeting. Now available for the Western Pa section is a brand new website www.wpasec.com is up and running. Although far from finished a lot of information can be had there. Space is available to all section clubs/groups/ARES for the posting of your newsletter if you so wish it. All you need to do is email it to me and I'll post it for you. Also links to section groups websites is available as well. Have your Webmaster email it and me will be posted. Along with the new website is the addition of our new section email listserve. As some of you may or may not be aware the old system (bfdin.com) suffered some major problems from no fault of their own. The ISP service that was hosting the domain was having major issues with email and other items. Listserve email was becoming sporadic at best so it was decided to create the new ones in addition to the new website. Most original

subscribers have been transferred to the new system. If you are not receiving mails and or would like to subscribe please go to the new website and choose from the list of available email accounts. Send an email to: subscribe@wpasec.com and list which listserve you want to receive and it will be taken care of from there. From this posting of Section News on I will try to get it up on the ARRL website before the first weekend of each month. This has been requested to help the sections newsletter editors get this to the presses before they print. This is also posted to wpasec.com as well along with other late breaking news and or Section Alerts when needed. Till next month: 73 Rich N3SRJ

Central Division

Illinois

This is the time of year when clubs need to check their ARRL affiliation status and to update their information. To report any changes in your club data visit "The Affiliated Club Annual Report Form" page on the ARRL web site and follow the instructions under "How to submit an update for your club records." Your data will be updated as soon as ARRL receives it and it will usually appear on the ARRL web site within 24 hours. Don't let your club affiliation lapse! The Kishwaukee Amateur Radio Club held its election of officers on Wednesday October 8th for the year 2004. The new officers will take over at the November meeting. They are President Tom Lower, KC9DDA, VP Don Gray, N9RFR, Treasurer Eric Behr, KC9DUX, and Secretary, John Landeck, K9VIS. The Peoria Area Radio Amateurs awarded their 2003 Silent Key Memorial Scholarship to Mark Miller, KC9ELM, on Sunday September 21 at the Peoria Superfest. Mark is currently at the University of Illinois where he intends to pursue a career in medicine. The scholarship committee selected an award of \$1000 for this years winner. The St. Clair Amateur Radio Club was well represented in support of the recent major accident response exercise at Scott AFB and MidAmerica Airport. Special thanks to all the members who activated amateur radio communications at local civilian hospitals, and to 2-meter net participants. The Rockford ARA elected new officers at their October 10th meeting. These new officers will assume office in January 2004. They are President, Gene Harlan, WB9MMM, VP-Scott Allshouse, KB9YRW, Secretary Wendy Owano, KC9BCF, and Treasurer-Carl Cacciatore, W9TQ. Board members are Nicholas Lager, KB9SKW, Gary Hilker, K9LJN, Larry Snyder, K0HNM, and Dan Hunt KC9ATR. News letter is editor John Auerswald, KA9SOG. Don't forget that Jamboree on the Air is October 18-19. JOTA begins Saturday, October 18 at 0001 local time and ends Sunday October 19 at 2359 local time. Details also appear on page 46 of the September issue of QST. Also on Sunday October 19 the 2003 Illinois QSO Party takes place. This contest encourages activity from every county in Illinois. Mobile and portable operations have become very popular to activate "rare" counties. More information is available from the RAMS web page <http://my.core.com/~jematz/rams.html> The American Red Cross solicited the assistance of the Peoria Area amateur radio operators for a simulated drill on September 18th. The drill started at 8 AM with John Coker, N9FAM, Ron Morgan, KB9NW, Doug Meiner, KB9TOA and John Torset, KB9TLF assisting the ARC on site at area hospital emergency rooms passing patient names to a central Chapter House. Two operators, Bob Fahey, N9CN, and Allison Gillespie, N9ZBE, manned the ARC communications center on site. This exercise involved several area agencies and tested their ability to pass victim information from a simulated explosion at a near-by shopping center. This test showed several weaknesses with radio communications from a well shielded building. Special thanks to Phil Rice, WX9U, for field work and radio tests. The new officers of the McHenry County Wireless are President-Eric Rademacher, KC9AVP, VP Wendell Smith, N9REP, Sec. Kevin Sarwick, K9HS, and Treas. John Dewey, KA9CAR. The elections were held in September and the new officers take over in October 2003. Traffic reports for September 2003--NC9T-22, W9FIF-9, W9HLX-56, WB9TVD-35; WD9F- 28, PSHR-80; KA9HRO-72; ISN REPORT-QNI-175, qtc-36 IN 30 SESSIONS.

Indiana

Indiana Section News for September 2003 Condolances to the Family and Friends of these amateurs who became a Silent Key during August/September: Mark Matney KA9YIC, Fairmount, August 14; Gene Jim Garrett WD9EQF, Hometown, Sept.18; and Edwin Beach W9CTK, Fort Wayne, September 27. They will be missed. I just received word that the ARRL will offer a free Amateur Radio Emergency Communications seminar on Friday, November 14, in conjunction with the Fort Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo in Fort Wayne.* This program is designed to explain in greater detail the duties of all Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course participants and how their volunteer efforts are essential to the ARES Field Organization. Senior Citizens are strongly encouraged to participate. This seminar will explain the importance of every team player with emphasis on using lessons learned to effectively move Amateur Radio emergency communications to the next level, according to ARRL EmComm Course Manager Dan Miller K3UFG. All ARES volunteers, ARECC course participants, and Field Organization leadership will be invited. Course participants at every ARECC level - Mentors, Certification Instructors, Certification Examiners, and current students - will be encouraged to come and share with everyone their experiences with the ARECC Program. Field Organization Leadership - SMs, SECs, DEC's and ECs - will also be invited to join in the brainstorming with ideas for motivating volunteers and coordinating activities. We will focus on coordination between ARECC volunteers and students, and their integration into the Field Organization, helping us to provide community impact stressed by the Corporation for National and Community Service for year 2. Attendees will receive handouts and be eligible for a prize drawing at the end of the seminar. The seminar will be held at the TURNSTONE CENTER, 3320 N. Clinton Street in Fort Wayne from 1 to 5 PM on Friday, November 14, and is open to all interested hams. Seating may be limited. Contact Dan Miller, K3UFG (k3ufg@arrl.org, 860-594-6346, FAX 860-594-0259) at ARRL Hq if you plan to attend. Seminar attendance does not include admission to the hamfest/convention. For more information on the ARRL Fort Wayne Hamfest/Indiana Section ARRL Convention, visit the hamfest web site at <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com> *This seminar will not include the Level I course itself. Just a REMINDER to all affiliated clubs: For a club to remain actively listed with ARRL, League HQ needs to receive an update form from your club at least once a year, or as often as changes necessitate. To report changes in club data, you can go on-line at: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/forms/fsd2/> and follow the instructions under the header "how to submit an update for your club records" If your club is an SSC, please be sure that is also updated. The SSC renewal form is located at: www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/fsd7/renewal.html September Section Net Activity NET FREQ DAILY TIMES (UTC) QNI QTC QTR SESS ITN 3910 KHZ 1330/2130/2300 2655 169 1434 81 QIN 3656 KHZ 1430/0000 212 98 909 58 ICN 3705 KHZ 2315 28 9 208 16 ARES 3910 KHZ 4th SUN/MO @1300 5 0 8 1 HOOSIER VHF NETS 9 REPORTING 452 17 967 43 HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS (2) 19 0 ?? 60 September ORS Traffic Reports: KJ9J 152. K9PUI 105, WA9JWL 100, KO9D 73, K9GBR 40, WB9OFG 12, AB9AA 9, KC9UU 9, W9EHY 8, W3GQJ 6, WB9NCE 3, WA9EOC 2.

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 Joe Priebe, Sr., W9YZS, age 79. Joe was a member of RMRA. Also, Charles Luyster, K9NH, age 70. Chuck was a member of the the Fox Valley Amateur Radio Club and the Green Lake Amateur Radio Club. He was a member of Winnebago County ARES-RACES. K6SAY, Herbert Fullenwider, 86, is a Silent Key. ** We welcome back Frank Woehrle, K9DNF, ex-KC9EML of Marshfield after a 39 year absence (personal solar cycle dip) from ham radio! ** The Wisconsin Valley Radio Association now has a newsletter called "The Carrier". It includes a regular YL corner and other unique columns. Well done, Myron, KB9STB! The WVRA will be moving their repeaters to the WFXS Fox 55 transmitter site. Look for their big signal on 146.640, 444.100, 224.640 and 144.390 APRS. And, don't miss their auction on November 4 at 7 p.m. at the Marshfield Clinic. <http://www.wvraclub.org> ** The Rock River Radio Club license classes ran both a Technician class and General class on the same evenings! Between class sessions, Pat, WB9JIC, ran code

practice while the students took a breather! Whew! Perhaps, a model for future classes. ** The 46th annual Boy Scouts of America Jamboree on the Air will take place on October 18-19. This event includes both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. We have ask hams to "register" their JOTA event at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/youthskeds/>. This procedure is helpful during the last minute scout calls looking for a Ham who is participating in JOTA. ** I suggest everyone checkout, regularly, the new Central Division web site: <http://www.central.arrl.org/> Thanks to Dick Isely, W9GIG, for an informative site! ** Our thanks to Ed, AA9W, and the Ozaukee Radio Club for their assistance in helping W9DGI and myself take down the beams and tower for Sus, KB9OC. ** Jim, KA4UPW, from the ORC, kindly restored a classic Philco radio for the local Senior Center. I'm sure the residents will appreciate Jim's efforts! ** Gregg, W9DHI, and Stan, WB9RQR, are leading an ORC class on kit building. The Ten-Tec Superhet SWL receiver is an excellent first choice. I encourage other clubs to get members to build equipment. Remember those happy days? Fun, you bet!! ** From our STM, Denny, K9LGU: Station Activity Reports are a summary of formal messages handled within a month and sent in this format. The preamble: Message Number, Station of origin, check, place of origin, date. And the text: "ORSdT 0/23/35/4/62." It means the number of messages originated, received, sent, delivered, and the total. Messages which are originated or delivered involve a third party. How is out-of-state traffic routed? During the day, out-of-state traffic on the BEN is sent to the Daytime Ninth Region Net – D9RN at 12:30. Traffic comes into Wisconsin through late D9RN at 4:00 p.m. to the Wisconsin SideBand Net. Out-of-state traffic on the WSBN will be given to a WIN rep who will pass it at 7:00 p.m. to a station going to 9RN at 7:45 p.m. Traffic for Wisconsin will be picked up on the late session of 9RN and brought to Late WIN and then to the other section nets. – K9LGU/STM ** It was a pleasure talking to the members at MRAC, WVRA, and FLARC and I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming hamfests on November 1 and 2. Check out the hamfest calendar details at the Wisconsin site: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI> 73, Don, W9IXG

Dakota Division

North Dakota

NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Kent Olson, KAØLDG-Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Bismarck ham Kurt Carufel, KBØKDG, who recently passed away. He was an active member of the ham radio fraternity and will surely be missed. The hams in Grand Forks have been busy with the MS Walk, The American Diabetes Walk, and a Tech. class. They are also planning on participating in the Simulated Emergency Test (SET) scheduled for October 18th that the League sponsors each year. Your club should give it a try and make it a yearly activity, as it will help you out when the next emergency situation occurs in your area. See the ARRL web site for more info. The hams in Fargo have held yet another successful Tech course as well. Great job to all! 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, 4/34/0; WX Net 25/585/8; Data Net 30/667/3.

South Dakota

Aberdeen: SKYWARN RECOGNITION DAY – Special event station will operate again this year from the National Weather Service Office in Aberdeen Dec 5-6 using callsign WØY HAUNTED FORREST – October 24-25. Need helpers. JOTA – October 18-19. Plan to perate from Brown County EOC for scouts Lake Area: Saturday, October 18, 2003 Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) Pierre: Reports radar working well. Radar sweep is available during or before severe weather on cable channel 58 using an antenna. Linking project: It was mentioned Mobridge is very intertested but may run short of funds. Pierre could be a control station that would allow better link. Prairie Dogs (Yankton/Vermillion): A 100FT tower needs to be put up at the Murdo site soon. Brian NØLCL was busy going through Humbolt. And other parts of the link system. A report on the 146.850 and 147.375 link was given. All seems to be working well. Thanks to Barry K8SD and Al WBØYRQ for your

work on this. A suggestion to have a state link repeater banquet was talked about. Having it here in Yankton and inviting all State Hams to attend. The idea would be to raise money for the continued support and upkeep of the State Link would be the object of holding this Big Link Banquet. SEARC: The Sioux Empire Club Auction will be held at the Minnehaha County Emergency Management Building on Tuesday October 28th. Inspection will begin at 6:30 PM with the sale starting at 7:00. Deuel County: Next meeting will be on Nov 14th at 7:30pm. Located in the basement of the Court House in Clear Lake. Auction coming up Nov 22th in Clear Lake at the Golf Course Club House. We will be starting at 9am. Hope to see you there. Net on 28.400 SSB and 29.600 FM on Thursdays at about 830pm. 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 annual picnic pictures are posted at <http://www.neonflamingo.net/hampics> A well attended event with lots of great food. Look forward to it next year. 13 Hams from the Black Hills area supported the Mount Rushmore International Marathon, an even with over 400 runners. NET SESSIONS QNI QTC MANAGER SD QRP NET 3 17 1 NT0Q NJQ NET 30 712 105 WN0Y NEO NET 30 2090 129 WA0ZWZ ABRN 2MTR NET 4 37 1 WN0Y SD NOVICE 5 69 2 N0MEA NE SD 2MTR NET 5 56 2 N0MEA AM WX NET 22 676 95 KC0AF SUN AM EMERGENCY 4 47 1 WA0CUL

Delta Division

Arkansas

The ARES/RACES net has changed frequencies for the Sunday morning session. The net meets each Monday at 7:00 p.m. local on 3987.5 Khz and Sunday at 7:00 a.m. local on 7.230 Mhz. The very first Worked-All-Arkansas net will be held November 1. This net will be on 3987.5 Khz at 7:00 p.m. or after the Razorback Net and will meet every Saturday during the winter months. See www.arkansashams.org for more details on this and other activities. We will miss Art, KK5QS, who recently became a Silent Key. State RACES Officer KB5WBH reported 92 messages were handled on an active statewide net via HF voice, packet, and APRS during the SET. PIC WB5VUH put out an SET press release emphasizing the public service capabilities of hams. K5ABH wrote up the Baxter County effort and his story appeared on page 1 of the local newspaper. Congratulations to Baxter County EC K5JFG on passing the ARECC Level 3 course. ASEC N5XFW reports that installation has begun on the packet system for SW Arkansas hospitals. More grant money may be available soon to provide packet nodes in areas not currently served. The All-Arkansas Hamfest in Little Rock was a success. Delta Division Director K5UR, SM W5RZ, STM WB5HIL, ASEC N5XFW, and TC AC5DK spoke at the well-attended ARRL Forum. The Mountain Home Swapfest will be October 25th, 8:00 a.m., Village Mall, Hwy 62/412. Free admission, free tables (bring your own chairs). Talk-in 147.045. K7ZQR is running a project to welcome new hams and encourage them to join in local activities. The Arkansas QSO Party saw good participation – thanks to all who got on the air to give out Arkansas contacts. The Benton Amateur Radio Society had a very active special event station for the 200th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase. Welcome new PIO N5YLW, and new TS's WB5UGJ and WA5LUY. K5FXB is a new Assistant EC in Washington County, with special duties related to the U of A and its club station, W5YM. TC AC5DK presented a program on BPL at the Ozark ARC meeting. W5NX talked about HF DX for the ARKAN club. The Saline County Radio Club is planning a Christmas meal for over 100 older adults on fixed incomes. N2WV gave a program on training new hams for the Diamond Club in Morrilton. KV5D and K5UZ gave a program on practical antennas and feedlines for the Batesville club. The Pine Bluff ARC has a new vehicle donated for use as a RACES vehicle. Public Service Honor Roll: W5ARS 106, KB5ILY 168. September traffic: K5BOC 41, K7ZQR 30, W9YCE 28, AB5AU 20, KB5ILY 18, WB5HIL 18, AD5AM 10, N5MDO 9, WA5KQU 9, KA5MGL 8, AB5ZU 6, KA5RRU 3. September 2003 Net Reports: Arkansas Phone Net: QNI 475, Traffic 17, Manager W5SXV. Mockingbird Net: QNI 404, Traffic 8, Manager: WB5YLI. Razorback Net: QNI 1707, Traffic 102, Manager: K5BOC.

Louisiana

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – SEPTEMBER 2003 The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) continues to move forward in our section. Gary K5GLS has been appointed District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) for Northwest LA. Jerry KD5IUZ is now the EC for Red River Parish. In addition, William AB5G is a new Official Emergency Station. All leadership and station appointees in the Field Organization need to be sure to maintain their League membership to retain their appointments. I've recently discovered that several of our appointees have allowed their memberships to expire. If an appointee doesn't renew his membership within a reasonable grace period of several months, I will have to cancel his appointment. Kudos are extended to our section's clubs that have donated to the ARRL's Broadband over Power Line (BPL) campaign. It appears that the FCC, unfortunately, is now touting this technology even more, despite the many hundreds of comments filed by amateurs and other spectrum users about the serious interference that BPL will generate. With the intense lobbying efforts of electric power companies and BPL vendors, I am very afraid of what the FCC may do with this issue. By uniting with all licensed users of the impacted radio spectrum, and by taking this issue to Congress if necessary, we may be able to finally put a stop to this misguided technology. The HF contest season is now upon us! Although 10 meters (and probably 15 as well) will be poorer as compared to the past few years, the low bands (160/80/40) should be noticeably better with the sunspot cycle going back down. As an aid to improve one's operating skills, contests are hard to beat. This is particularly true of the upcoming November Sweepstakes (SS) in which the exchange (a modified radiogram preamble!) is rather lengthy as compared to most other contests. Although the exchange will definitely keep you on your toes, SS is a domestic contest like Field Day and you will be able to work plenty of stations with a very modest setup. If you enjoy operating FD, I bet you will also enjoy either the CW or phone SS (or both!). Traffic totals: AE5V 204, K5MC 180, W4DLZ 120, K5IQZ 111, W5NK 47, NF5B 38, W5PY 33, K5DPG 20, N5KWB 16, AC5VN 12. Public Service Honor Roll: W5PY 138, AC5VN 132, K5DPG 120, K5MC 110, K5IQZ 100, K5ER 100, W4DLZ 90, NF5B 88, W5NK 80, N5KWB 76, KD5ITA 71, KB5UHH 29. Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 30/396/86. Louisiana CW Net: 30/167/50. Louisiana ARES Net: 4/66/0. Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Ouachita Parish ARES Net: 5/93/3. Northeast LA ARES Net: 5/62/0. Union Parish ARES Net: 5/54/0. 73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Manager Email: k5mc@arrl.org LA Section Website: www.cox-internet.com/k5dpg or www.louisiana-ares.org

Mississippi

Mississippi Section Report for September 2003 SM: Malcolm Keown, W5XX. Section Web Site: www.arrlmiss.org. Web Master: K5IBM at billscott@storereport.net. DEC: KD5CKP, KD5FUO, KA5ICO, AB5WF, N5ZNT. EC: NN5AF, W0CIR, KD5CKP, WB5CON, K5DMC, AD5DO, K5DSG, KD5FUO, KD5GWM, KA5ICO, KB5JN, WD5IMP, AD5IS, N5JGK, KD5JXL, KD5KXJ, W5LMW, AC5MR, KA5PMK, AC5SU, WA5TMC, KC5TYL, W4WLF, KU5W, KM5WX, AC5Y, KC5YUX, AG5Z, KB5ZEA, N5ZNT, KB0ZTX. By any measure this year's Louisiana-Mississippi-South Texas SET was a success. Although most of the statistics are not yet available, as of this writing it is known that the Louisiana and Mississippi State EOC=s were on the air plus 30 county/parish EOCs; 5 Red Cross Chapters; and NWS Houston, Lake Charles, Shreveport, Jackson and Memphis. In Mississippi at least 10 ARES Groups conducted local emergency scenarios on 2 Meters paralleling the movement of Hurricane Frank through the Mid-South. Some 60 pieces of test emergency and priority traffic were passed on the West Gulf ARES Tactical Net (7285) during the 3 hour SET and 58 health/welfare messages on the Daytime RN5 NTS Net operating on 7280. At the height of the SET activity, formal traffic was being passed on four 40 Meter frequencies simultaneously! This was a good demonstration of how ARES and NTS can work together in an emergency situation. Congratulations to all participants on a job well-done! The Jackson ARC again provided communications support for the Mississippi Walk for Diabetes. Over 750 individuals came out to walk even though there was some rain during the event. Hams were posted at rest stops and critical turns around the 3 mile course. Information was relayed to the command post at the start/finish area concerning the progress of the walk and restocking of supplies at the

rest stops. Fortunately there were no accidents. Those helping were KD5FUY, KB5QQF, KD5JPB, KD5ZBL, KC5WYY, KD5QQG, K5VU, KB7IWX, KD5RIM, and AB5WF. The Tupelo ARC conducted a ham radio demo at the Guntown Middle School for the gifted and talented students. As it turned out the entire middle school came to the demo in groups of 10 to 20. Thanks to KC5IJP, KD5YBC, and KD5JXL, who spent their day at the school and answered a ton a questions. Congratulations to KD5QQF, who completed ECC-001, and W4WLF, who completed ECC-002. Welcome to new Mississippi Hams: Raynor, KD5YXN - Gulfport, Bryan, KD5YXS - Ocean Springs, Amanda, KD5YXT - Pascagoula, Jennifer, KD5YVX - Ponotoc, Joseph, KD5YVY - New Albany, Thomas, KD5YYB - Corinth, Emily, KD5YYC - Amory, and Steven, KD5Zaq - Gulfport. Regret to report the passing of W5JMV of Hernando. PIO Report: W5KWB; OO Report: K5XQ; DEC/EC Report: NN5AF, KD5CKP, WB5CON, KD5FUO, KD5GWM, KA5ICO, W5LMW, WA5TMC, KC5TYL, N5ZNT. Net Reports: sessions/QNI/QTC. MSPN 30/3044/66 MTN 30/105/8 Magnolia Net 30/1295/8 PBRA 30/896/2 Jackson Co Em Net 30/264/8 MSSN 23/49/3 West Coast MS ARES 9/64/2 MAEN 5/80/0 Lowndes Co ARC QSO Net 5/59/0 South MS Skywarn 5/63/0 JARC EN 5/81/0 NE MS ARES 5/94/0 SW MS ARES 4/64/0 MLEN 4/45/0 HAEN 4/81/1 MBHN 4/33/0 Itawamba Co ARES 4/28/0 PSHR: WB5ZED 140, W5XX 120, AD5IS 100, KJ5YY 77 Traffic: WB5ZED 2088 (BPL), KJ5YY 19, W5KWB 7, W5XX 6, W5LEW 1. Compilation of traffic statistics provided by KJ5YY, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager.

Great Lakes Division

Michigan

10-14-03 We all agree that amateur radio these days does not receive its fair share of recognition. Because of our many multi-acronym names, internal buzz words and phrases, ham radio is often hidden from the public's eye and sometimes even seen as a "team player" in conjunction with a served agency such as EMD or the Red Cross. Well, we all know we deserve to be specifically recognized for our efforts and it is often a little painful when this does not happen, be it due to oversight or intentions. Most of us find it difficult to toot our own horns. It seems to much like bragging. But, brag we must if we are to be heard at all. Does your organization have a Public Information Officer (PIO)? This person is dedicated to insuring that your group receives the publicity it deserves for its local amateur radio activities. The League provides PIOs with a training package and a wealth of valuable tools to work with the local media. This training helps assure that your news release is not a one-time-shot, but has the follow-up necessary to insure that the very next activity and all those that follow receive a good write up. Every organized club and organization should have a PIO appointed. Your Public Information Coordinator Harold Beauchamp KC8QMH or I will be pleased to work with you on the PIO selection process. A complete description of the position is available at [HTTP://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/PIO.html](http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/PIO.html). Today, the PIO is a critical position. We must reinforce our ties to the news media to insure good publicity, a good image, and through this process, strengthen our very future. 73, Dale. September Traffic Totals: KB8ZYY 255, K8KV 176, K8LGJ 132, K8AE 120, W8RTN 106, N8FPN 99, VE3EUI 56, WB8RCR 47, AA8SN 45, WR8F 45, K8ZJU 39, W8RNQ 38, K3UWO 36, K8UPE 31, K8AMR 25, WI8K 24, K8KHZ 22, WB8WJV 22, WA8EFK 21, KA8NCR 18, N8EXV 16, N8UN 15, WB8YPG 12, KI8GR 11, K8YB 6, KA8LAR 3,

Hudson Division

Northern New Jersey

SM Bill Hudzik-W2UDT, ASM-K2WJ, ASM-N2WZB, STM-WB2FTX, ACC-N3RB, SEC-K2SO, OOC-K2ZD, PIO-WB2CRD, TC-NR2H NNJ SECTION WEBPAGE: www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj The results from the NJ QSO Party were received this month and Ed Wlodarski, N2ED came in as top NNJ Single Op. He will be receiving his plaque shortly. Ed is an active member of the County Line ARA (CLARA) and a fellow contester

of V26B Team Antigua. Thanks to the Englewood ARA for sponsoring the NJ QSO Party again. New Jersey hams received good PR during the August 14th Power Blackout. NNJ SEC, Steve Ostrove, K2SO reported that many ARES members turned out to support local efforts. Also, thanks to Gerry, AA2ZJ who was able to notify all the section DEC's to either activate their nets or stand-by until needed. Many of the Red Cross Chapters were ready to respond if needed. Fortunately, the Blackout was over without any major incidents. My thanks to all the NNJ hams who responded to their local communities' needs. Also, the state came through Hurricane Isabel with little damage. Bergen ARA members managed to get their local Red Cross link set up just before Isabel visited New Jersey. Good work guys! As a note, the Bergen ARA is now meeting at the Red Cross building in Ridgewood. Thanks to Fred, KO2FB, our NNJ Red Cross Liaison, for co-ordinating the above work. The Ocean-Monmouth ARA was featured on a Cable News Channel 12 segment from its Project Diana site at Camp Evans in Wall Township. Club members WA2HZT, N2GT, W2OD and K2TVY were interviewed during the segment. They made a DX contact with VK, talked about emergency communications, and even showed a QRP rig made in an Altoids can! What a way to showcase ham radio! Another club, the New Providence ARA, who is part of the ARISS program (Amateur Radio International Space Station) held its first meeting with their local school's PTA group. The club did a simulation of what the actual pass would be like even having a "simulated astronaut" answering questions. The three control ops(KC2KMK, WW2OLF, and KC2LYJ), all High Schools students, did a fine job answering many questions. The National VE Day was on September 27 and it looks like several clubs made an effort schedule exam sessions for that day. Our ranks are growing so, please keep up the work to attract new hams to our service. The Hudson Division Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 8th. We will be honoring three Hudson Division hams for their contributions to the hobby. Details are on our own section web site which is listed at the top of the column as well as the Hudson Division web site. PLEASE make use of our Section web site. Mark, N2WZB, our web master, welcomes club news and events to post. Our own web site is a means of getting your club's activities out to the section members. PLEASE use it. It's there for us. 73, Bil Hudzik, W2UDT

Midwest Division

Kansas

Kansas Section News Summary-September 2003 SM,Ron Cowan,KB0DTI—SEC/ASM/OOC:Robert Summers,K0BXF ASM:Orlan Cook,W0OYH PIC:Scott Slocum,KC0DYA SGL:Steve Hamilton,KB0JYL September was busy in Kansas. Terry-KA0BHO put together another fine MS 150 bike ride in Topeka area. There was also an MS 150 North of Wichita. I visited the State Fair Special Event Station and attended the hamfests at Holton and Valley Center where I had the opportunity to talk with some of the stations holding appointments in our section. Sand Hills ARC Held their cook out and swapfest at Scott City. I know there must have been more picnics after the WX broke. Jamboree On The Air will be held the weekend of October 18-19. Hams open their shacks or go out for a Field Day style set up with the scouts and demonstrate Amateur Radio. I know of these JOTA activities: Leavenworth-Contact KC0JCQ; Shawnee/Johnson Co.-Contact KC0OON. Both of these locations need help with demos and working the radios. Pilot Knob ARC(Leavenworth Co) set up a station for Leavenworth's River Fest. Trojan ARC (Colby) held their Cream Can picnic. The Kansas Fair Board invited Reno County ARC (Hutchinson) to operate a Special Event station from the fair on Patriots Day. It was cold and wet but the group put things together and got on the air. KA5YFC-Jim is NCS for a Slow Scan TV Net in Johnson Co. area, Wednesdays at 8 PM on 145.47 RACES repeater. There will be a drill Nov. 1 st that involves the Kansas City metro area. If your station is in that area and has not heard about the exercise please contact your EC so you can be part of the action. ECs, please send your reports to Bob-K0BXF via radio or email him at: RSUMMBXF@aol.com It's important for us to show that we are active in emergency communications. The Kansas Amateur Repeater Council is updating their info for the next directory. If you have not been contacted about your repeater please contact them. Silent Key: Curtis Strother- W0DNF, Overland Park passed away October 12. David Powers- KA0KCI has accepted the VHF Awards Manager

appointment. Dave is looking forward to helping our V/U community from his central Kansas location of Great Bend. QKS-SS Kansas Slow Speed Net is back in session on M&W at 7:30 PM on 3710 KHz. August Nets/Sessions/QNI/QTC/Mgr: KSBK/31/935 /94 /N0KFS KPN/23/281/31/N0KFS KMWN/31//633/545/WB0YWZ KWN/31/762 /570/WB0YWZ CSTN/26/1991/91/AB5PA QKS/62/363/174/K0PY SEC: 39 sessions QNI 359 QTC messages 13, Ks participants: N0BTH K0BXF KC0GDV AA0IQ KB0WEQ . Bob K0BXF SEC. TEN: 62 sessions, QTC 519, KS 87% with WA0LYK K0PY AB0WR W0WWR NB0Z WB0ZNY. Dave W0SS/Mgr. Traffic: AB0WR 512 WA0LYK 79 KB0DTI 35 AB0UY 16 W0OYH 44 N0ZIZ 23 N0ENO 10 K0RY 33 73- Ron To receive Kansas Amateur Radio News E-mail News Letter contact Orlan-W0OYH-Editor See KSN on ARRL Website for detailed PSHR and more Kansas news: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/KS.html>

Missouri

OCTOBER 2003 SECTION NEWS CONVENTIONS AND HAMFESTS On October 18, 2003 the South Side ARC sponsors the Grandview Hamfest. The Hamfest is held in the East Junior High School Building at 12650 Manchester. Take Hwy 71 to and exit Main St./ Highgrove Rd. Go east 1.2 miles to Manchester then north 0.6 miles. For more info, contact Donna Quick kb0yjn@juno.com. or SouthSideARC@hotmail.com. On October 25, 2003 the 12th annual Halloween Hamfest sponsored by the St. Louis Amateur Radio Club will be held in the Kirkwood Community Center 111 S. Geyer Road in Kirkwood, MO. Admission will be \$2.00 in advance or \$3.00 at the door. You can check out the Halloween Hamfest website at www.halloweenhamfest.org for more information or simply call Ken Craig, WA0IYY, at (314) 583-8502 to find out more about fleamarket tables, V.E. exams, and more. Always good food at this Hamfest. I need to warn those that attend the Halloween Hamfest, that the ARRL Tables are always a bit usual. Ozark Regional Hamfest in Springfield, MO, will be held November 8, 2003, in the Community Building that is east of the Oasis Inn in Glenstone. If you exit south off I-44, it is about 2 blocks south on the east side of Glenstone. For a better set of directions, contact Erik Weaver N0EW at his e-mail n0ew@arrl.net AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS KEITH HAYE, WE0G, ACC If you are going to send Affiliated Club information to Keith Haye, WE0G, you need to use his new address 70 NW 601 Centerview, MO 64019. His new e-mail is we0g@iland.net. Bob Roske, N0UF, passed on some information about the Marshall Ensor Memorial Farm-Site and Museum in Olatha, KS. Marshall Ensor, W9BSP and his sister Loretta, U9A later W9UA were historic figures in Amateur Radio and were responsible for the on the air training of an estimated 10,000 new hams. For more information about the Ensor Farmsite and Museum you can e-mail Larry Woodworth W0HXS at larryw0hsx@arrl.net. Jay, K0ETC, Joplin Coordinator for the Rt. 66 On the Air had an interesting experiences. Jay reports that band conditions left a lot to be desired. When twenty meters was open there was an amazing number of DX contests and other special event stations. He also enjoyed a wonderful feeling about the Rt. 66 OTA operation that came from the feedback from all the hams out there that were looking for N6K, Joplin on Rt. 66. The Hannibal ARC is in the process of upgrading its 146.88 2-meter repeater. They have bought a new 35 amp Astron Power Supply. Mark Carpenter, N0ZPF, has donated a Di-Pole antenna and the club is purchasing a new ICS controller with a remote knock down feature. The St Charles ARC members will be helping with the St. Louis Scottish Games on Oct 10th and Oct.11th . The members in charge of the project are Mike WD0GSY, and Larry, K0LAC. They will be handing out Security Badges and yellow vests. Here's a shot in the dark. Jim Keck, W0FRX, of Sedalia is looking for a copy of a 1944 Callbook. If by some chance someone has one of those rare critters you might let Jim or Myself know. The Suburban Radio Club has had a very productive year. They have purchased a new UHF radio to upgrade the 443.075 MHz Repeater. The addition of a crossband / VHF Repeater system they have made their mobile tower trailer capable of supporting HF through UHF. They recently used the new system to support the MS-150 Bike Tour. They have done much more, but space is limited. Don Moore KM0R SEC Monthly Section report for Sept. 2003, go to <http://www.ares-mo.org/currentsec.asp> Dale Huffington, STM Report for September MON - CW Sessions 48 QNI 86 QTC 33 NM K9ZTV MO Phone Sessions 30 QNI 556 QTC 106 NM K0DAT MESN Sessions 4 QNI 128 QTC 0 NM N0XG

Nebraska

It is with a saddened heart to inform you that Tom Moeller, NØEER has become a Silent Key. He was a long time resident of the Lutheran Home in Omaha. Tom was heard on many of the Omaha area repeaters over the years. KØGND, the Section Emergency Coordinator is recovering from heart surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery. Cards and flowers can be sent to: Reynolds Davis, 3901 South 42nd Street, Lincoln, NE 68506. The Nebraska State Convention will be held September 24th & 25th, 2004 in Norfolk. The Elkhorn Valley Amateur Radio Club hopes that by changing the date the "spark" will be put back into the convention. I am finally through with taking care of Moms' house. I closed on the 30th of September. I have contacted my financial advisor and worked with him to invest the proceeds from the sale of her house to pay for her care for the next four years before she can go on Medicare. I have also been pursuing looking for employment for myself and will know in a few days if I will be hired for a job that I interviewed for on the 9th. It does look promising, although I will probably never earn the same as I did with my former employer. My wife and I found out from our daughter, that she is expecting a daughter around the 22nd of December – her birthday. That will be the greatest Christmas present we could ask for. Net Reports Nebraska Storm Net QNI 1130 QTC 47 30 sessions 3982 KHz 0030z Daily* Nebraska Cornhusker Net QNI 280 QTC 8 29 sessions 3980 KHz 1830z Daily * Eastern Nebraska 2 Meter ARES Net 146.76 MHz 0300z Daily Mid Nebraska 2 Meter ARES Net (Grand Island) QNI 312 QTC 8 30 sessions 146.94 0100z Daily* Midlands ARES Net Omaha QNI 142 QTC 2 4 sessions 146.94 0200z Sunday* Nebraska Morning Phone Net QNI 1596 QTC 36 30 sessions 3982 KHz 1330z Daily* Western Nebraska Net QNI 1135 QTC 56 24 sessions 3950 KHz 1300z Mon-Sat* North Platte Progressive ARC Net QNI 41 QTC 2 5 sessions* Nebraska 40 Meter Net QNI 357 QTC 12 29 sessions 7282 KHz 1900z Daily* WØIRZ Memorial Net Saunders County ARES QNI 36 QTC 6 3 sessions 145.310 0100z Wednesday * Dodge County ARES Traffic Totals: KØPTK 90* KEØXQ 40* WAØZCM 6* WAØZCN 5* WØDED 2* KAØO 2* WYØF 13* WØEXK 2* KØRRL 2* KAØDOC 4* KAØO 2* KØYRL 3* KØSCG 4* WØUS 5* WØUJI 2* KCØDVG 6* Public Service Honor Roll: KCØHOX 72* KAØDBK 189* KEØXQ 60* KAØO 58* KBØYTM 40* * Indicates report received for September 2003

New England Division

Connecticut

SM: K1EIC; assistants: NK1J, KZ1Z, K1STM, KY1F; bulletins KD1YV; Amateur Auxiliary OOC W1GC; public information W1FXQ; emergency communications W1AGP; traffic manager K1HEJ; technical coordinator N1KHB. Lots to report this month. Don't forget the eleventh annual Nutmeg Ham Fest this Sunday at Mountain Side Wallingford. Learn about The Logbook of the World from Dan, N1ND and hear about how to operate moonbounce from Dr. allen Katz K2UYH! Come join us at The ARRL forum at 9:30 Sunday! VE tests will be given at 10:00 a.m., contact Joel, N1JEO. Congrats to the Meriden ARC and hamfest chair Bill W1KKF for a very fine forum list. Check out *all the details at <http://www.qsl.net/nutmeghamfest/>. Remember that this effort is a lot of work so please do come out and support it. The annual Simulated Emergency test is the weekend of October 17-18. This year, several New England Sections will also be participating with us. There has been a great deal of planning so as to make this test a meaningful experience. So contact your EC's and offer to help out when called. NTS ops should monitor their local nets for instructions and possible test activation. As many of you may know, Joe, W1FAI has moved out of Section; see the article on the CT Section Web Page. Hank, KA1WTS has been appointed DEC for Area 4 and already they have an Area 4 Web Site and a reflector with the help of W1EDJ and K1IKE. Check out <http://www.qsl.net/ct-ares-area4/>. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ConnARES-Area4/> to sign up for the reflector. Remember that the Section ARES reflector can be subscribed to by sending an email to discussion-subscribe@connares.org. A huge thanks to everyone involved. Recently, Art, K1WMQ was appointed DEC for Area 2 because David, N1YVV had to

resign to fulfill other personal commitments. Art, K1WMQ is the new DEC. He is retired from SNET after 34 years of service. Interestingly, during the last four years at SNET, he provided network support on the firewall machines preventing unauthorized access to their networks and data. Licensed since 1962 as a novice, Art holds an Extra Class license and enjoyed the excitement of contesting. And now he is spending lots of time with the ARES program. Art just appointed Harold, WJ1B as EC for Cheshire. Many thanks to Art and Hank for agreeing to serve as leaders in this important aspect of amateur Radio in CT. Joe, N1KHB is once again running the Shoreline ARC VE test session at the Guilford PD Community room, 400 Church St. (Rt. 77) Guilford, (exit 58 off 95) on Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. This is a full service test session. Call 203-457-9770, email N1KHB@aol.com or visit <http://qsy.to/n1knb> for a map and other details. Glenn, N1HAW, Sky Warn Coordinator New Haven County is announcing a basic Spotter Training course and a Weapons of Mass Destruction Course at East Haven High School on Saturday, October 25. If interested in either course, email Glenn n1haw@arrl.net or Jim N1GPB, n1gpb@arrl.net. Talk-in on the 147.505 repeater, 1 Meg split, PL 77.

Eastern Massachusetts

The Nashoba Valley recently started a 10-week Tech class through the Town of Pepperell's Department of Recreation. The course is open to all. The Sturdy Memorial Hospital ARC is holding its "Ham Radio Expo" in conjunction with the Boy Scouts' annual "Jamboree On The Air" event on Saturday, October 18th at the Hospital's Rice Webb Auditorium in Attleboro. Several stations will be operational, allowing Scouts to "Get on the Air for JOTA"! Hams organized by Jeff Arnold, N1FWV are providing communications for the annual "Head of the Charles Regatta" in Cambridge October 17-19. The Amateur Radio effort features a new twist this year: the addition of APRS tracking units aboard the rescue launches that will display their precise locations at all times. Some great publicity about APRS and the ham efforts was garnered by PIO KA1MOM with a recent article in the "Allston-Brighton Tab." The Eastern Massachusetts ARRL Staff met on October 9 in Burlington for a semi-annual cabinet meeting. Attending the meeting: K1LJN, WA1IDA, N1IV, N1LKJ, N1DHW, K3HI, WA1ECF, N1IST, and EMA Section Manager K9HI. Guests included New England Vice Director K1TWF and Rhode Island Section Manager W1YRC. Amateur Radio was very much in evidence at the USS Constitution bi-annual "Turnaround" event at the Old Boston Navy Yard in Charlestown on October 11. The Amateur Radio activities, spearheaded by Bob Callahan, W1QWT, featured two special event stations, Amateur Radio stations aboard the three ships, as well as an operator situated at Castle Island. The USS Salem museum ship in Quincy was also active during the event. On the Old Boston Navy Yard pier, station N1B was set up in the visitor's kiosk in front of the USS Cassin Young. HF and VHF stations were operated on 17, 20 and 2 meters. N1B also acted as a net control station on .52 simplex, fielding "sitrep" (situation reports) from N1S, WW2DD and KS4E aboard the USS Constitution, USS Cassin Young, and USS Chaffee, respectively. Ironically, the Chaffee is the newest addition to the Navy's fleet; the USS Constitution is, of course, the Navy's oldest commissioned warship. For more, see . A Boston-area amateur is involved with a grass-roots effort to promote ham radio and electronics among Dorchester youths. "Area residents, teachers from the Boston public school system, staff from the Boston Police Department and other hams would like to start a radio and electronics group at the Area B-3 police station," explains David Morris, KB1EGW. Morris says he's presented a proposal for the program to the station captain. "We will explore many areas of electronics and public safety applications," Morris said. "Our intent is to start small. We are looking for a few individuals -- primarily youths, ages 13 and up -- who would commit to attending the program on a weekly basis with their parent's consent." The group will meet on Saturday afternoons. The radio course will be based on the ARRL's "Big Project". [A planning session was held on October 14 at the Dorchester police station. Among those in attendance was ARRL Headquarters staffer WA8SME, Amateur Radio Education & Technology Coordinator.] Kevin Sullivan, KA1UNP of Carver writes: "Would members of the ham community be willing to volunteer to assemble kits for those of us who are unable because of age-related disabilities, etc. . . . many of us are now unable to work on sets anymore, [and we] don't have the money to pay for it." Kevin goes on to suggest that a certificate be issued to those who volunteer to perform this service. [Readers: are you, or someone in your club able to help?] Does the general public have

misperceptions about ham radio? Please answer our straw poll at <http://ema.arrl.org>. Let us know what you think! 73, K9HI

Rhode Island

Greetings Fellow RI Amateurs: Fidelity ARC and ARASNE held elections in September. New leaders at Fidelity are: President WV1H, Dave Nelson, Vice Pres N1VSX, Brian Boragine, Secretary K1KT, Ken Tata, Treasurer W1TKO, Tom Ollson. ARASNE's new officers are: President N2RDF Doug Troughton, Vice Pres W1CH Lou Mester, Secretary W1WV Denis Cote, and Treasurer KM1X Bob Allen. Thanks to all for stepping up and helping your club. Special congratulations to Pawtuxet Valley ARC for becoming RI's one and only Special Service Club. Good work, everyone for earning this recognition. You've set a good mark for us all. The Club Library Donation program is going very well. I've begun deliveries to some very happy public and school librarians. Our RI program is looked at by other sections as a model to follow. Under the plan, each RI Affiliated Club is donating a "Bookshelf of Books" valued at about \$300 to a library of its choosing. Let's hope our budget will permit continuation of the program. BVARC is celebrating its 50th Anniversary on October 18th with a gala banquet at Vermette's in Woonsocket. Contact Bob Jones, WB1P for tickets PRIOR TO the event. Bob's phone number is 333-4787. ARRL Director K1KI and Vice Director K1TWF will attend. A collection of club pictures dating back to the 50's will be shown before dinner. You'll be able to see your SM as a teen ager. The guest speaker, K1SG, will present a multimedia show about the Magic Band, 6 meters. Steve is an accomplished 50 MHz DXer and will show what we've missed by staying on 20 meters. All clubs in the area have been invited. Previous BVARC members are coming from as far as No. Carolina. BE THERE! The Eastern MA ARRL leadership invited your Section Manager to attend its fall Cabinet meeting. Thank you Phil for your courtesy. The SATERN leadership conducted a joint exercise on Saturday September 13, 2003. The Southern New England Division of the Salvation Army, RI SATERN and MA SATERN participated in the multilevel Bradley International Airport FCC mandated Tri-Annual Re-Certification Drill and the Brainard Field Tri-State (NY, NJ, CT) simulated "Surge Capacity Problem". The emphasis of all of these exercises was on emergency communications by all participants, while also testing the Southern New England Division Salvation Army Canteen Service's ability to respond to a multiple location, large scale disaster and Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) communications ability in a multifaceted emergency or disaster. Communications were maintained between the dispatched Canteen Units, the Salvation Army Director of Emergency/Disaster Services, Salvation Army EOCs located in CT, RI and MA using the Salvation Army commercial VHF/UHF repeater systems, along with Amateur VHF/UHF and HF radio. The MA SATERN Emergency Communications Van was utilized at the Salvation Army EOC/Staging Area, operating on emergency power (generator). The van is fully equipped to capably handle all of the Salvation Army commercial VHF/UHF communications, as well as Amateur HF, VHF/UHF communications. Amateur radio HF on a prearranged SATERN go to 40M frequency using NVIS antennas was used to successfully communicate with the Salvation Army Emergency/Disaster Centers in MA and RI as would normally be done during an actual event. The Salvation Army Canteen Service and RI / MA SATERN Emergency Communications was thoroughly tested and found to be robust and highly capable. This exercise also demonstrated that the pooling of resources (Mutual Aid) by CT Amateur Radio Clubs, RI SATERN and MA SATERN produced the desired emergency communications coverage required to fulfill the mission and forged relationships for any real or exercise events in the future. Please go to <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=RI> for a full UNABRIDGED report of this exercise. SATERN members participating: Brian Boragine/N1VSX, RI, Vinnie Alianiello/W1VJA, RI, Geof Milner/W1ZAP, RI, Brian Lamarsh/N1IHF, RI, Paul Vanasse/W1PEV, RI, Denis Feerick/N2NCL, RI, Rick Meuse/N1HID, MA, Bud MacCallum/N1ADF, MA, Frank Murphy/N1DHW, MA, Ron Drake/W1TEM, RI, Mert Whatley/KA1OTP, RI. All but Geof Milner/W1ZAP are ARES members. Thanks to all for their input. See you next month. 73, Bob Beaudet W1YRC

Vermont

October Greetings to you my friends. This coming Saturday, October 25, 2003, Vermont and New Hampshire will be participating in the Section Emergency Test (SET). There are three purposes to the SET. One of them is to help radio amateurs gain experience in communications using standard procedures and a variety of modes under simulated-emergency conditions. That sounds like a mouthful, I know. But here is the problem. If we were to have an actual statewide emergency, where would you go to set up your emergency Ham Radio Station, and whom would you report to? The SET is a practice session to help answer those and other questions. The scenario on October 25th will be a major weather event that will be called Tropical Storm Paul (my idea). It will involve members of ARES, RACES, the American Red Cross, as well as other served agencies. We need you to help us out this coming weekend. We will need hams on the air from their homes, their cars, and from simulated shelter areas. Please contact Carl Phillips KC1WH our Section Emergency Coordinator for your position in this important exercise. The time commitment won't be long. It will run from 9 AM to Noon. Carl can be reached at KC1WH@arrl.net or (802) 878-8232. For more details see page 47 of the September QST. You can also go to this link: www.arrl.org/FandES/field/setguide.html. Cut & paste it into your web browser. More information is also available on the ARRL Vermont web site, which you already know how to find. In other news, I am pleased to announce that Carl has appointed Bill Walker W1WAW of St Albans to Assistant Emergency Coordinator (AEC). Bill will work closely with the EC of St Albans John Baraby N1RUH. Carl has also appointed Clair Dunn W1CQD to EC for Fletcher. Green Mountain Wireless Society now has IRLP on their repeater on Rutland on 449.175 MHz (-) (100 Hz tone). Their node number is 4993. More information about IRLP can be found at www.irlp.net. During the day, the repeater is normally connected to the Denver Reflector #9876. GMWS will also provide Ham Radio coverage for the CROP Walk on October 19. Providing free communications coverage for charity events always put us in a good light with the local community. There are some folks exploring the idea of starting a new radio club in Windham County. There will be a general informational meeting to further explore this idea Tuesday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Townshend town hall. Please contact KA1ZQX, Tim Bell at (802) 365-7046 after 6pm and before 9pm, ka1zqx@arrl.net or N1JSG, Richard Pierce at n1jsg@vermontel.net. Last weekend, SOVARC participated in a local SET exercise to get ready for the upcoming Section wide joint exercise. My hats off to Randy Horn N1SP, for taking the initiative to do this. Randy is the DEC of Bennington County. SEPTEMBER TRAFFIC REPORT Submitted by Bert Morton W1FDU Section Traffic Manager NAME/SESSIONS/QNI/QTC/MINUTES/MGR VT YL 4/42/0/126 KA1LDS VPEN No Report KC1YW GMN 26/570/19/1612 N1HXC VTNH 30/120/78/332 WA1JVV KWN 19/102/0/431 (Kingdom Weather Net) KA1HWP Bennington County ARES 5/32/2/147 N1SP

Northwestern Division

Eastern Washington

Silent Key Sad to report that Ronald (Ron) Kimm, W7OPR, of Spokane, became a Silent Key on Oct. 1, 2003. Ron was an active ham and was well known on the 147.24 / 146.82 Tri-State repeater group. He was an officer in the Tri-State ARO and currently held the positions of Director, Membership Chairman, and Net Manager. He was retired from the lighting industry, and also loved pipe organ music. Respectfully submitted by Kyle KA7CSP

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ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1st, Mark Tharp KB7HDX, of Yakima, will become the new Section Manager for the EWA Section. Please give Mark your support as I know he will do a great job as your new SM. Having held this position for nearly 11 years (10 years, 11 months, and 1 week) I decided not to continue as your SM. I have recently received many well-wishes and accolades from many of you. I thank you, and I appreciate your kindness. On October 22, 1992 I was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Tom Plaisance, KC7PH, of Yakima, who became the first EWA Section Manager when the WA Section split into 2 sections in February of 1989, thus creating the EWA and WWA Sections. Now the section leadership returns to Yakima. Over these

past eleven years we've had a good leadership team in the section and I appreciate very much the excellent work all of you section appointees have done. Thank you for what you have accomplished. Also on October 1st, a new Section Traffic Manager, Don Felgenhauer, K7BFL, of Spokane, will take over as STM from Don Calbick, W7GB, of Moses Lake, who has been the STM for 22 years. Thanks to W7GB for your many years of service, and for getting your monthly reports to me like clockwork! K7BFL will be a fine and experienced successor to W7GB. I would ask that you continue to support the ARRL and it's work. Since ours is the only federally regulated hobby there always will be entities that may threaten our existence or "throw monkey wrenches" at us. The ARRL is our only lobbying organization to protect the continuance of the Amateur Radio Service. Your league membership is important. 73 and 88 to you all. We'll "see you on the air". It's been a good ride. Kyle Pugh, KA7CSP, EWA SM

Idaho

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Montana

Winter's coming!!!! How about some emergency power, perhaps a backup antenna? A look at some of the info available from the battery manufacturers may be helpful. Lots of alternatives out there in some of the printed material available for "off-grid" homes and those using battery backups. Some new technology is coming on line in batteries and panels that will increase the system efficiency and reduce costs. Give it some thought! Additional station antennas are helpful for variations in radiation patterns and can be critical during times of heavy icing or snow with the regular antenna may go down. Perhaps a standby vertical or sloper would be worth considering. 73 Doug, K7YD

Oregon

Oregon SM: Randy Stimson KZ7T-ASM: WA7VTD. SEC: KK7TT. SCC: W7WZ. ACC: K7SQ. STM: W7IZ. OOC: AB7OC. PIC: W6ABM.= The Portland Marathon is over and it was a great success. There were 8000+ runners. There ham radio operators placed strategically along the course. The hams are using APRS for locating the pick up vehicles that bring in the tired and sick. So when a ham calls for a person to be picked up the control operator can send the vehicle closest to that area. There are 11 aid stations that I keep in contact with at the finish where the medical facilities are located. Many hams that have worked the event for many many years I have been there for over 20 years. Here are the hams that work the event. WA7TVX, KD7BCY, NB7F, KB7OMB, KB7OMA, K7GWP, N7GFK, N7MBL, KE6KKX, W7AFR, K7EMI, K7EAJ, N7CM, NW7L, NL7NI, KD7BTD, N7FGI, N7GFT, KD7SPK, KB7TMH, KA7MGC, KI7GA, KD7YBP, KF6CXD, KD7QGI, KC7YOC, WA7AXO, KC7PDI, N7XB, KC7LOO, W7PR, KD7HDP, KC7PDI, KC7GFX, KC7PXF, K7WWG, KD7BCY, K7ZSK, W7CTW, K7JKY, KD7QJK, K1YKZ and KD7HDP The next thing that has caught my interest is CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). I think that we should be able to find a new group of hams that would be interested in CERT. The reason I say that is the hams that are involved in emergencies are already in ARES and RACES. I think that is enough. In an emergency they wouldn't have the time to do another system justice. Where as the new hams would have the time to get the training and it is different enough that it just might appeal to them. There is training and it is performed by the governmental people such as Emergency Manager. If there was an emergency and no power and both type of phones gone they would be able to help one other and if they needed outside help the ham could get on the net. There are several CERT teams going now and seem to be successful. I will be meeting with Wayne KK7TT my SEC and

will have more on this later.

Western Washington

September has been a busy month, with ARES teams preparing for the October SET; installing new equipment, readying "go packs" and last minute briefings. However, normal operations continue with searches and public service events causing an upswing in hours for September of over 4,000 public service hours in Western Washington. In addition, there are some new leadership appointments: John Acton K7ACT is the new EC for Island County. Richard Rich W6OPX is the new EC for San Juan County. Ed Empey WA7ETH is the new EC for Snohomish County. Mark Whitaker KD7KUN is the new EC for the City of Bellevue. Milton Knight is the new EC for the City of Kirkland. The 46th annual Boy Scouts of America Jamboree on the Air will take place on October 18-19. This event includes both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. We have ask hams to "register" their JOTA event at . This procedure is helpful during the last minute scout calls looking for a Ham who is participating in JOTA. Registration opens Monday, October 13, 12:01 AM Eastern Daylight Time (0401 UTC), for the Level II Emergency Communications on-line course (EC-002). Registration remains open through the October 18-19 weekend or until all seats are filled--whichever occurs first. Class begins Tuesday, October 28. September - Official Observer Report: 124 hours with 3 Good Operator Cards issued; 73 DE John W7BO. STM Reprot DE Pati W7ZIW: QNI Noon Time Net 10318, WARTS 3537, Washington Section Net 899, West Coast Net 146. Individual traffic counts: N7AJ 132, KD7BDU 1383, W7DPW 30, N7EIE 74, W7LG 54, W7QM 512, KJ7SI 26, W7TVA 580, N7YSS 136, N7NVP 10, W7ZIW 104.

Pacific Division

East Bay

Trilogy ARC is the Sections newest Affiliated Club. The Club is located in Rio Vista and meets on the second Tuesday of the month. I have appointed Darwin Thompson K6USW to become ASM for Contra Costa County. Dar has been and will continue to fill the TCC job and has been very active in that capacity. From the ROVARC: The ROV (Liberty Ship) will host the Antiques Roadshow on Oct 10th; there will be a pancake breakfast on Oct 12th. Club meets in the Officers Mess on the 1st Saturday of the month at 1000 hours. LARK reports that Pacific Director Bob Vallio was guest speaker at the August Meeting. Planed Klub activities include picnic and a campout in October; VVRC reports that there Aug 30th test session produced 2 new Extra and General Class Licensees and 5 Technician Class Licensees, congratulations all. NBARA reports that Ian Thurston WA6ODQ was voted in as a new member; MDARC announced the following appointments: Carl, AI6V, and Sue Cook volunteered to be Secretary, Harold Johnsen, AE6FC, took over the job of treasurer, and Dana Jones, K6BRR, has volunteered to be Emergency Coordinator. Jerry Gardner is now the Carrier editor, and Marvin Miller, WA6GBW, is the new webmaster. ACSCT said good bye to Larry Eker, WA0YQM. Larry moved back to Kansas, he had served in a number of positions in the organization over the last 15 years and will be sorely missed. SK report: Earl Marsh, WB6BNR and Stan Frisbey, WB6IAE September Traffic (National Traffic System): Joe Lee, W6DOB-Org/0, Rec/284, Sent/351, Del/20, Total/675 Chuck Bridges, AK6DC-Org/0, Rec/290, Sent/245, Del/48 Total 583 Steve Hawes, WB6UZX - Org/3 Rec/52 Sent/16 Del/28 Total 99 Brass Pounders League (BPL): W6DOB, AK6DC PSHR Steve Hawes, WB6UZX :1/30 2/40 3/10 4/10 Total 90 73 de Ti-Michelle Connelly, NJ6T. SM/EB

Nevada

Greetings to everyone in the Nevada Section! The month of September was typical in many ways as families prepared to send their children back to school and nature prepared to transition from summer to fall. Some of the

higher elevations are already ablaze with color. Assistant Section Manager (ASM) Gary Hartman KK7LV reports that clubs in Southern Nevada are as busy as ever, with cooperative efforts becoming more and more common. The Silver State Races received a lot of cooperative support over the weekends of September 13 and 20, with amateurs from throughout the state, as well as Utah and California, participating. Speaking of ASM Gary Hartman, he is in the news himself because the Frontier Amateur Radio Society (FARS) named him "Club Member of the Month" for his amateur radio involvement throughout the area. FARS also welcomed back Ted Wilson KA7LVT, one of the club's founding members from seventeen years ago. The Wide Area Data Group (WADG), with help from other area clubs, will be putting on two Technician licensing classes over the next few months in the Reno area. The classes will be nine weeks long with the first beginning October 14th. Interested parties should contact Tony Marcin KB7PDE for more information. September is a very popular time for end-of-summer picnics and both the Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Association (SNARS) and Carson Valley Radio Club (CVRC) held popular and well-attended events. SNARS was also instrumental in putting two stations on the air for public display during National Amateur Radio Awareness Day on September 13. Competing for media attention during the Reno Air Races was a bit of a challenge, but there was plenty of opportunity for public exposure with stations being activated at the Reno National Weather Service and VA Hospital. Congratulations go out to the Nevada Amateur Radio Repeaters, Inc. (NARRI) group as Nevada's newest ARRL affiliated club. They are an outstanding resource for anyone interested in the Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP). The Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club (LVRAC) organized a fund-raising event at the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Bill Cornelius K8XC reports their food and beverage stands grossed over \$41,000 for the one day event! Outstanding results for an outstanding group. The Sierra Intermountain Emergency Radio Association (SIERA) began their Fall Technician licensing class on September 18. SIERA has been providing two classes every year for almost ten years now and is responsible for a great many new additions to the amateur community in the Carson Valley. Clark County ARES Emergency Coordinator Charlie Kunz AA5QJ reports that preparations are under way for ARES support of the Triennial Full Scale Aviation Disaster Exercise to be held October 22. Speaking of Charlie Kunz, thanks to his leadership of ARES/RACES and LVRAC, people have never seen these groups better organized or more active. Everyone in the Nevada Section is extremely fortunate to have wonderful people like Charlie Kunz working for and representing us. In less than a week the ARRL Pacific Division Convention (PACIFICON 2003) will be held October 17-18-19 in San Ramon, California. With informative forums on all aspects of amateur radio and vendor exhibits from around the country, please make plans to attend. Finally, for those who haven't noticed, I have changed my call sign from W6OLD to K7VC. After fourteen years in Nevada I felt it was time. Please note this also changes my e-mail address to k7vc@arrl.org. For a current list of all ARRL Nevada Section Field Appointments, you can always check <http://www.pdarrl.org/nevsec/officers.html>. Please send me your concerns, opinions, questions and newsletters. Until next month, 73, Dick K7VC

Sacramento Valley

SECTION NEWS SEPTEMBER 2003 PACIFICON 2003: The annual Pacific Division convention will be held October 17-19 at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel in San Ramon. Pre registration is \$10 and \$15 at the door. There will be many great talks and demonstrations, as well as a long list of exhibitors – chance to buy new gear at a good price. The ARRL will have a booth as well as other organizations. For more information on the convention check their web page at, www.pacificon.org. Here is a chance to meet with your Division Director and Vice Director, as well as your Section Manager. See you there!!! CLUB VISITS: In September I visited the Amateur Radio Club of Anderson and presented them with a Certificate of Affiliation with the ARRL. I had planned on presenting the certificate in May, but due to illness in my family I could not attend their meeting – the club does not meet in the summer. The club is active in public service and was a co-sponsor of the North Valley Hamfest. I was invited to the Tahoe Amateur Radio Association's annual Bar-B-Q, which was held on the shore of Lake Tahoe at Zephyr Cove, NV. TARA is also into public service and has a Communication Van. EMCOMM: So far 46 hams in the section have completed one or more of the ARRL Emergency

Communication courses. Thirty two have completed EC-001, 8 completed 001 and 002, and 6 have completed all 3 courses. Hams completing all three are KR6G, WO6P, KG6LNZ NU6T, W6MAC and W7IB. Congratulations to all. Section Emergency Coordinator, K6SOJ, will be one of the speakers at Pacificon, on Saturday afternoon. Registration for the 001 course is on the first Monday of each month, 002 on the second Monday and 003 on the 3rd Monday MORSE CODE: There are several petitions before the FCC, regarding the requirement of Morse code for a HF license. There are those that want to drop the requirement completely, those that want Techs upgraded, and those that want it retained for Extra Class – plus other combinations. Check FCC web site for more information – also www.arrl.org. Several countries have dropped the requirement, and more are to follow. SWAP MEET: The Amador County ARC will hold a swap meet on October 11 in the parking lot of Wal-Mart, in Martell. There will be baked and other goodies to buy as well as ham equipment. ACARC club members K0IJ and WA8LMF are working on an ECHOLINK using a 2.4 GHz link to their repeater. Long time club member Lew Dickerson, K6BPB, would like to hear from friends and club members. He now resides in Saratoga. CLUB OFFICERS: Now is the time of the year that most clubs are looking for Officers for next year. How about volunteering for one of your clubs positions or be on a committee to put something back into this wonderful hobby.. It seems that in many clubs there is a group that always helps out and the others sit by without putting any effort toward helping the club. GEARS: The Golden Empire ARS has renewed their Special Service Club status for another 2 years. There are 5 clubs in the section with SSC standing. If your club is interested in SSC, they can find information on the ARRL web page on the requirements. MLDXCC: Rick, W6SR, will host the clubs Bar-B-Q in November. Rick also puts out a FB club bulletin each month. New club member is Richard NU6T. Will the CQP totals win the Club Championship again this year? Hope all of you joined in the CQP contest. WEB PAGES: Be sure to check the ARRL and Section web pages for the latest information on amateur radio and the FCC. The ARRL home page is www.arrl.org. The section home page is found by clicking on Sacramento Valley Section - on the upper right of the ARRL home page. Will be looking for you at Pacificon. 73, Jettie W6RFF

San Joaquin Valley

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION. Report for the month of September 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. Congrats to K6SUU for promoting the Turlock ARC's 75th Anniversary celebration on Sept. 20, 2003. EMCOMM South is Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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 for information. 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. W6DPD attended the Section Manager Workshop at ARRL HQ. 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. KG6MNX, W6FRH, and W6TE completed ARECC Level One. W6PAJ, N6EKE, and KA6TZX completed ARECC Level Two. It is my sad duty to report the following Silent Keys for September: K6LKJ, N6BMN, KB6NCE, WB6YIS, and WB6WUF. There are card checkers for awards in the section. W6XK and W6DPD can check cards for DXCC. W6DPD can check cards for WAS, VUCC, WAZ, and CQ DX awards. Special Service clubs may appoint HF and VHF awards managers as a service to their members. AD6W qualified for VUCC on 6 meters. The Stanislaus ARA held a club rocket launch on Sept. 6. The Manteca ARC participated in an open house at the Tracy Airport on Sept. 27 where Amateur Radio was demonstrated. Traffic for September was zero. PSHR

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. Many thanks to those who participated in communications and support in the aftermath of Hurricane Isabel. This hurricane affected much of the eastern part of the state; in fact, 47 of our 100 counties have qualified for federal disaster aid as a result of this storm. Many areas had no reliable communications, and Amateur Radio was the only quick method of relaying messages. Quite a few people from outside the affected area volunteered to travel to eastern NC and provide communications. Fortunately, many of the repeaters in Eastern North Carolina were able to stay on the air. This allowed much of our operations to stay on VHF and avoid interference. Unfortunately, we did have some problems with interference to our Tarheel Emergency Net, but we were still able to get the job done. Our role in backup communications is vital to the agencies that we serve. Without reliable communications, many agencies would be forced to resort to hand-delivery of messages. It certainly is not the best use of time and resources to dispatch a deputy sheriff or other official to drive across a county and hand-deliver a message. So, even if the volume of messages is not particularly large, every message relayed by Amateur Radio is important, because it allows the agencies we serve to focus on their primary responsibilities and not worry about how to get messages from here to there. Once again, thanks so much for your participation! The statewide activities of the Simulated Emergency Test will take place on Saturday, November 1st. Originally, we announced Saturday, October 25th but that date is no longer correct. Check with your county EC to find out the date for local SET activity. The annual Boy Scout Jamboree On-The-Air (JOTA) is held every third full weekend in October. This year's 46th annual JOTA will take start Friday night, October 17th at 8:00 PM local (0000 UTC) and go to 8:00 PM Sunday night, October 19th. ARRL estimates 500,000 scouts around the world participate in JOTA, which makes it officially scouting's largest event. Quite a few JOTA groups will be on the air in North Carolina and elsewhere. Sometimes they will be calling CQ for other scouts, but other times they may be making a general CQ. Give them a contact and let scouts enjoy the fun of Amateur Radio. Some scouts may eventually become hams; others will develop a positive impression of Amateur Radio. Either way, we can't lose. Across North Carolina, JOTA has never received any coordinated promotion. A newcomer to the Tar Heel State and active scout leader, Jason Connolly (N7IME) from Laurinburg, has taken the initiative to set up a reflector forum on Yahoo Groups called "NCJOTA", which is dedicated to promoting JOTA in North Carolina. If you are interested in joining the reflector, you can do this by logging on at <http://yahogroups.com> and signing up for NCJOTA. Upcoming hamfests: I'll be attending the Benson JARSfest on Sunday, November 16th. I hope to see you there. September Traffic: W4EAT 2188 (BPL), K4IWW 273, K4RLD 159, WA4OBR 105, KE4JHJ 79, WD4LSS 77, K7UGT 74, W3HL 58, KG4OQA 45, AD4XV 41, W4LN 41, KE4AHC 37, W4FAL 36, N4AF 29, W4EHF 28, N4TAB 22, N4FHM 18, WA4SRD 11, N4NTO 9, W4IRE 9. September PSHR: K7UGT 460, K4RLD 425, N4TAB 322, W4EAT 120, K4IWW 120, WD4LSS 103, W4LN 90, W4FAL 89, KG4OQA 86.

South Carolina

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators. This is Dr. Jim, N2ZZ with the October South Carolina Section Manager's Report! Please remember that the SC Section website can be found at www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/ where my full SM report will be listed as well as up-to-the-date information on Amateur Radio in South Carolina!****I have sad news to report that Jack Pegues, W4APE became a silent key on Friday, September 19th. His wishes for memorials are to St. David's Church, building repair fund, or to the PALSNET repeater system. Details are on the ARRL-SC website.****Well, the first annual South Carolina QSO party is now history! I wish to again thank the Sumter ARA for their sponsorship of the event! Thanks also go to Ray W8CNL and Paul KB4GYT

who assisted me in designing the contest. I have received a number of e-mails and comments while working the contest that it was very well received, and I couldn't be happier! I hope that everyone was able to work both W4GL and me for the additional 300 bonus points (apiece!). In any case, the SC QSO party was meant to be a fun on-the-air activity. I think that goal was reached, and it was a great weekend! Thanks to everyone for their participation in the first Annual SC QSO party! Please go to the Sumter website for details on submitting your logs-They are due on October 18th!****The digital seminars were held on September 27th, and my report from Lloyd KD4HTW is that both sites were a success! One of the seminars was held in Florence, another in Charleston. Topics included APRS, PSK31, Echolink and IRLP. Thanks to all involved in making these seminars a reality!***On the following day, September 28th, Adam AF4QZ STM and I had the pleasure of attending the PALSNET picnic at Santee State Park. The weather was beautiful, and all had a good time. The sadness of the loss of Jack Pegues W4APE, who became a silent key on September 19th was evident, but all present knew that Jack would have wanted everyone to come to the picnic and have a great time.****I had the pleasure of attending the Rock Hill Hamfest at York Technical College on October 4th! Bob Bacharach WA2EMF, ASM2 was the hamfest chairman, and when I spoke with him, he was very pleased with the turnout! Thanks to all for attending!****Good hamfest participation will keep our South Carolina hamfests strong! The next SC hamfest will be in Sumter on October 25th. Details are on the www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/ website!****On the same day as the Rock Hill hamfest, the South Carolina Simulated Emergency Test (SET) was activated by Charlie Miller AE4UX, SEC. The scenario was that of an earthquake felt throughout South Carolina. I plan to report on this in next month's SM report!****I have heard quite a bit about JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) planned activity from e-mails that I have received from Bill Lemmon KA4TWK, Columbia and Mike Duff KG4SLH, Florence. The 46th annual JOTA will be held October 18th, and is an activity that brings scouting and amateur radio together! Please make every effort to get on the air (GOTA!) to participate in JOTA! The scouts that get a good impression of amateur radio will be the amateur radio operators of tomorrow! Please participate!****Thanks to Dan Donovan KF4VIS, PIC, the www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/ SC section website is now on the South Carolina SCIway (South Carolina Information Highway) website as a link: <http://www.sciway.net/org/radio.html> . Additionally, our website was featured as the "Website of the Day" on the SCIway site: www.sciway.net/ . Thanks to Dan for the publicity!****I really want to emphasize that there is an INCREDIBLE amount of amateur radio activity in South Carolina, either on the air, ARES, club functions or the like compared to previous years. I am very proud to be a part of this snowball that is gaining momentum! Thanks to EVERYONE for your interest and your participation in our joint avocation!**** September 2003 Station Activity Reports (Call / Received / Sent / Originated / Delivered / Total): KA4UIV 92 / 76 / 0 / 5 / 172; WA4MIY 37 / 25 / 4 / 0 / 1 / 67; KG4VDR 18 / 17 / 0 / 16 / 51; KA4LRM 18 / 4 / 0 / 7 / 29; WA4UGD 25 / 2 / 0 / 2 / 29; WB4PCS 3 / 3 / 1 / 3 / 10****September 2003 Public Service Honor Roll 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 / 29 / 20 / 0 / 0 / 0 / 89; N4VVX 40 / 5 / 20 / 0 / 5 / 0 / 70 '73 de Dr. Jim N2ZZ, ARRL Section Manager, South Carolina Section

Rocky Mountain Division

New Mexico

Section News For The Month Of September, 2003 New Mexico Bill Weatherford, KM5FT ASM: K5BIS, N5ART, W5PDY; SEC; W5YEJ; STM; N7IOM. NM's; WA5UNO & W5UWY; TC; W8GY; ACC; N5ART. Don't forget the Socorro Hamfest on Saturday, October 25. It will be at the New Mexico Fire Fighters Academy and the hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Talk-in on the Socorro repeater (146.68, negative offset, 100Hz tone). Contact ac5bx@juno.com for more information. And just when you thought the CW question had gone away, seven new petitions have been filed. Comments on these are due by November 7. If you want to file your comments, use the FCC's ECFS at . In case you don't have access to the petition info, contact me and I will e-mail a condensed version of them to you. There were 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. Net Reports for August are: NM Breakfast Club, 1012/174; NM Roadrunner Traffic Net, 1161/84; SCAT Net, 553/10; Caravan Club Net, 49/4; Yucca Net, 489/28; Valencia County ARA, 42/15; Four Corners Net, 28/21; Rusty's Raiders Net, 701/72; and the Deming ARC Net, 92/11. We are saddened by the passing of KR5T and N8UCZ and extend our condolences to their families. 73, de KM5FT

Southeastern Division

Georgia

SM: Susan Swiderski, AF4FO; ASM/South GA: Marshall Thigpen, W4IS; ASM/Legal: Jim Altman, W4UCK; ASM/Webmaster: Robert Tyler, KF4VBR; SEC: Mike Boatright, KO4WX; STM: Jim Hanna, AF4NS; BM: Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL; OOC: Mike Swiderski, K4HBI; TC: Fred Runkle, K4KAZ; PIC: Kevin Martin, W4SJR; Bill Cherepy, WB4WTN; ACC: Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC <> <> Greetings. First off, let me begin by giving a nod of recognition and appreciation to MIKE BOATRIGHT, KO4WX, for the great job he's done in creating the first GA Section webpage and in maintaining it for the past four years or so. He's done a terrific job with it, but now he's ready to take a break and pass that golden mouse on to a new webmaster. Thanks, Mike, for all of your hard work. We really appreciate you. Picking up that mouse and assuming the position as GA Section Webmaster is ROBERT TYLER, KF4VBR, who's already done an outstanding job in setting up the online EC reporting on our ARES webpage, and the CW voting on our Section page. Robert, who is also our host provider for both of those pages, wants our Section webpage to be dynamic, and it can be, with your help. Please send us news and/or a couple of digital pictures of your club's big events. If you haven't looked at our new website, go take a look. And check the "news". There are some good stories to be found there. (Why not add YOURS?) While you're checking out the new site, don't forget to cast your vote on the future of element one, if you haven't already done so. A few other SMs, that I know of, have followed our lead and are also in the process of polling their members. I even saw a little blurb on the ARRL website about the fact the GA ARRL members are voting on this issue. So, the eyes of the ARRL are upon us. This is a somewhat innovative approach, soliciting your opinion like this, so let's show the ARRL that GA ARRL members care enough to give it. Don't forget! Voting ends the end of this month. Last weekend was the Augusta hamfest, and, in spite of a little rain, it didn't dampen our spirits a bit. We had a terrific time. Coming up this weekend is the Al Brock Memorial Hamfest in Rome, GA, and that promises to be another good time. Like last weekend, I'll be offering FREE repeater directories to anyone who signs up with me to become a new member of the ARRL. You can also purchase your advance tickets to the upcoming Lawrenceville hamfest from me, and save yourself a couple of dollars. Those of you who will be working with the Scouts this weekend for JOTA, please remember to fill out the online form at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/jotalog/> Coming up October 24-26 will be another round of Special Olympics, to be held in various venues in the Gainesville area. More volunteer amateur radio operators are still needed to insure smooth operations. If you can help, please get in touch with PHIL LOGGINS, K4PDL, at k4pdl@arrl.net. This is the sort of activity that has a place for your whole family to volunteer, and that'll make you all glad that you did. SILENT KEY: It's with great sadness that I have to report the death of MIKE BRANCA, W3IRZ, a longtime member of both the Conyers Amateur Radio Group and the North GA QRP Club. Mike had the ability to take a box full of junked parts and turn it into something wonderful, and had the patience and good humor to teach others about it as he worked. He taught many hams about that magical time in radio "before there was SWR" and showed us how to approach projects in new and creative ways. And he taught us about courage. He will be sorely missed. That's about it for now. Until next

time, this is AF4FO, signing clear. Take care of yourselves. And each other, 73, Susan ***September QTC: WB4GGS-424; K4FUM-318; W4WXA-124; AF4NS-87; K4BEH-51; W9NXC-47; K4BG-40; K1FP-30; WB4BIK-30; K4WKT-21; KG4FXG-13***

Southern Florida

September made us take a few close looks at hurricanes and fortunately the SFL section was spared. October begins my second year serving as your section manager. I've enjoyed it, it's been a pleasure and I look forward to another year. Many clubs are accepting nominations for officers this month. Elect strong leaders. Don't complain about the way things are – it is YOUR club, do something besides read the newsletter and sit looking bored at a meeting. Serve on a committee, serve as an officer, organize a social event, help teach a licensing class, search for meeting programs and speakers. If everyone did one thing think about how much stronger, and more fun, YOUR club can be. When members of the Boys and Girls Club say their oath one of the lines is “I believe in MY (said very loudly with emphasis) Boys and Girls club” -- Do you believe in YOUR Amateur Radio Club? When your club elects new officers please take a photo and send it to me as a JPEG file. I'll put the photos on the web page. Oh, and please identify the folks in the photo by name and call – with thousands of hams in the section I have difficulty remembering everyone. I've had several requests for handouts about amateur radio. Visit <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/materials/> to download or order brochures. Or at the end of the next hamfest ask the folks at the ARRL table for the brochures that are left over (We don't throw them away – we take them home and use at our public displays and the next hamfest.) Be sure to check www.arrl.org/sections.SFL.html for hamfest flyers and info. My schedule will be posted there along with news from various clubs and ARES groups. Reminders: Appointees, please submit monthly reports. Clubs, update affiliation status (details on the web page). Please send photo files to: w4stb@bellsouth.net. Something New – We have started a member survey on the section web site (www.sflarrl.org) and it will change around the 15th of each month. The inaugural question is about CW. Weigh in your vote by 11/15 and when the results are tallied I'll send you an e-mail. For comments on BPL from the public and the industry got to: http://gulfoss2.fcc.gov/ecfs/Upload?hot_docket=1007100800%7C03-104%7CBroadband+Over+Power+Line+%28BPL%29&Send=Continue EC reports received for September: AD4RZ, N3PYQ, N4LEM, KG5QD, KE4DUJ, KC4UCN, KT4XK, KA4HLO. Here's a good article about emergency communications and training exercises: <http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2003/10/15/1/?nc=1> SAR Sept. 2003: KA4FZI 501 (BPL) WA9VND 359, KG4EQY 159, KD4GR 139, KN4JN 72, WA4EIC 60, AA4BN 57, K4FQU 55. KG4MLC 46, KG4MLD 39, K4PG 37, KE4UOF 37, K4VMC 36, KT4XK 34, WB4PAM 33, KG4ILJ 28, KG4CHW 24, AF4NR 22, WY4F 12, KF4OMB 10, W4WYR 10, K4OVC 8, K0TIW 8, KB0DKD 6, W3JI 2, KE4WBI 1. PSHR Sept. 2003: KD4GR 125, KA4FZI 120, K4FQU 118, WA4EIC 100, WA9VND 100, AA4BN 99, KE4UOF 97, KG4CHW 94, WB4PAM 83, KG4MLC 80, KG4MLD 77. Congratulations to KA4FZI for making BPL this month!

Southwestern Division

Arizona

The last two (2) months have been busy and very exciting. Kingman held their annual Hamfest at the Mohave Community College on 20 September 2003. This event had excellent ARRL participation with Art Goddard, W6XD, the Southwest Division Director, Tuck Miller, NZ6T, the assistant division director, and myself present. The Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) held their meeting and the financial results of Fort Tuthill were presented. ARCA made only approximately \$4000.00 with half going to the clubs that helped with the operation, so the ARCA treasury only increased by approximately \$2000.00. This was not very much profit but at least it was not a loss. ARCA does provide financial help to various clubs during the year for Hamfest and scholarships. The Fort Tuthill Fairground committee increased their cost of the grounds for 2003 to

approximately \$9000.00. This cost along with the increase cost for the tables and chairs must be passed to each vendor and tailgate person. The Southwestern Division Convention was held in Long Beach at the Hilton Hotel and the talks were outstanding. Experts gave their ideas on how to build a small HF station to how to properly do DX (for beginners), building a 6-meter station, etc. I was very impressed with the quality of the presentations. If you missed these events then please plan for the 2004 Southwestern Division convention in Phoenix on 27-29 August 2004. This event is sponsored by the Central Arizona DX Club. The next big event is the Old Pueblo Radio Club (OPRC) swapmeet on Saturday 18 October 2003 at the Tucson Electric Park (TEP). The ground are on the north side of TEP with talk in on 146.88 (-) (PL 110.9). Hope to see everyone at this event. ARCA will be at this event and will announce several new changes to the Fort Tuthill Hamfest at this meeting. Don't forget to start planning for the Superstition Hamfest on 6 December at Mesa Community College. I will be out of town (in XE land) starting 06 October until 17 October and then going to Colorado starting 25 October until 01 November. If you need help please contact Bernie Sasek, W7KQ, at 520-297-5885. Since this article no longer appears in the QST magazine, you can find it on the state website, www.qsl.net/arrlaz, www.hamsrus.com, and www.arrl.org/sections/index/html. If you want a copy e-mail you, 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

October OK Section Report: Hello OK Section Members and thank you for your contribution to public service via Amateur Radio. Speaking of public service, Section traffic manager Mel Miller, K5KXL is retiring from that position effective November 1. Thanks Mel. Arlyn Seidel-KK5GY will be the new STM and will do a super job and is getting geared up now with K5KXL's support. Public Service Honor Roll-O.C.Elfer WA5OUV, Tom Johnson N5IKN, Pat Murphy NJ5M, Arlyn Seidel KK5GY. Thanks to the McCurtain County ARC for hosting an SM visit on October 4. Thanks to Steve-WB7VYC and Gary-K5OLO for allowing me to visit their field day site, which is on a lovely lake setting. Steve and Gary are also successful students in the League sponsored on-line Emergency Communication classes. The classroom version of Level I Emergency Communication will begin in just a few weeks in Tulsa. This is sponsored by the Tulsa ARC. Pat Murphy, NJ5M@arrl.net is the point of contact. This will be the first classroom (hybrid) version of Level I in the Section. 42 of your Section peers have completed the on-line version of Level I, 11 have completed Level II and 6 finished all three levels. The OK DXA banquet was held on October 4 in Midwest City. Honorees were Gill-W5NUT, Lifetime Achievement and Dave-W5ATV, DX Club Member of the year. On the same day the Edmond ARS assisted the University of Central OK with their homecoming parade after having done so for many years. Several clubs are underway with fall licensing classes: OKC FAA, SCARS-South Canadian Amateur Radio Society (Norman) and Southern OK ARES. Kudos to Kevin, n0irw@arrl.net for sharing information on the super projects underway by the SOARES group. They are having a licensing class which has resulted in emergency services recruitment and has students who range in age from 10 to 60. There are tremendous developments with this club and these served agencies. SOARES is working toward a Big Project relationship with some of their school systems. The FAA class is the same group that produced the well known Class of 48. The current class totals 63 and includes licensing at Technician, General and Extra levels. As before, the class is held at the OKC Police & Fire Training Center and is co-sponsored by the OKC Office of Emergency Management. Thanks to Dave-K5FOZ, Ed-KA8NBG and Stan-WA7WNM for their effort to keep this class airborne. The SCARS group is having a series of licensing classes with highly regarded community members being in the classes. These include city emergency communication staff, meteorology students and law enforcement personnel. Thank you Bill-N5UMH for the update! Hearty congratulations to some mighty talented Section members who have recently accepted appointments in the OK Section: Ron Earnest-W5RGT Section Technical Coordinator Jim Richardson-N5OHL Section Affiliated Club Coordinator Arlyn Seidel-KK5GY Section Traffic Manager Tom Webb-

WA9AFM Assistant Section Manager with emphasis on the Big Project Upcoming Events: Texoma Hamarama October 24-25 Kingston, OK Statehood Day Special Event November 15 Amateur Radio Day per Governor proclamation Guthrie, OK Contact Lee Vaughn-KA5WIS@arrl.net 73, John-WB5SYT OK Section Manager-ARRL