

Section News for October 2003

Atlantic Division

Southern New Jersey

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY SECTION NOVEMBER 2003 JEAN PRIESTLEY KA2YKN A big Thank you goes to the volunteers who provided radio communications for this years Alzheimer's Walk in Hamilton Veteran's Park on October 19, 2003. The operators were AB2IO, WA2LGE, KB2SYB, N2RPM, KC2LCF, KC2ISZ, KC2DLA, KB2EGI (EC for Mercer County). Paul, KC2DLA organized the event and was as net control. A representative from the Oradell branch of the Alzheimer's Assoc was so impressed that she asked how to get a local radio group in her area involved with her walk. They were also able to chat with Rep Chris Smith and gave him a quick overview of the equipment and capabilities. WELL DONE. It was very nice to be able to present SPARC with their certificate for being affiliated with the ARRL for twenty-five years. It was great to hear many stories of the club over the years. We also had a great discussion about the looming problem with the BPL. Lou and I look forward to visiting again. Old Barney has lost a dear friend. Bill Mays, NV2K has become a silent key. Bill passed on Oct. 20, 2003. He was a member of OBARC for many years and quite active until his health began to give him problems. He was the leader of the OBARC VE Team from 1986 to 1993, officer of the club and always there whenever needed. Even with failing health, he continued to support the club at dinners and picnics and helped provide lunch for Field Day 2002. On Dec 6, 2003 the NWS will hold the 5th annual SKYWARN Recognition Day. It will run from 0000 UTC 2400 UTC. Scott Mentzer, N0QE, is the creator and promoter of the event. This is the day that Amateur Radio operators can visit the NWA offices and contact other operators around the world. The purpose of the event is to give recognition to Amateur Radio operators for contributions to this service. The event is co-sponsored by the ARRL and the National Weather Service. The NOAA Web site is <http://hamradio.noaa.gov/>. For any questions concerning this event, contact Larry Boyd, K0ILB, at larry.boyd@noaa.gov. Traffic report for Oct 2003 QNI reports NJN 65 N2GJ NJPN 203 W2CC NJSN 184 K2PB NJN(E) 189 AG2R NJN(L) 148 AG2R (above nets are dual section nets with NNJ) Liaisons with 2RN. JSARS 419 KC2JBZ SJTN 80 KB2RTZ SJVN (no report at this time) WB2UVB. SAR K2UL 94 AA2SV 48 WA2CUW 46 W2QOB 35 KC2IYC 28 KB2RTZ 27 KC2LWR 22 N2VQA 14 WA2NDA 4 KA2YKN 2 PSHR N2HQL 135 KB2RTZ 100 K2UL 110 WA2CUW 90 W2QOB 85 AA2SV 80 KC2IYC 78 KA2YKN 77 N2VQA 61 WA2NDA 77. Look for a special event to be held on Nov. 29 and 30 (weekend). The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) will hold a Special Event to commemorate Roy Neal, K6DUE, who died Aug 16. ARISS requested that the ISS Expedition 8 crew communicate fro space with earthbound radio amateurs. Those contacting the ISS by voice (NA1SS) or packet RS0ISS) through the end of December will be eligible for a special anniversary event certificate. Neal, a noted NBC new correspondent, producer and executive, had a vision to make Amateur Radio a permanent feature on human

spaceflight missions. He was instrumental in convincing NASA management to fly Amateur Radio onboard the space shuttle. This vision was realized on Nov 28, 1983. It is requested that contacts be kept short. The latest word on the PBL came out of a meeting Nov 7, 2003. The National Assoc of Broadcasters hosted the gathering at its headquarters in Washington, DC. Representatives from short-wave broadcasting, public safety, and aeronautical and scientific communities joined amateur and amateur-satellite to discuss the threat of BPL and avenues to combat it. Military and consumer electronics reps participated as observers. Chris Imlay, W3KD, General Counsel noted that more than 5000 comments were filed with the Commission with most of them being from Amateur Radio operators. Chris also noted that a number of non-amateur organizations support ARRL's position on BPL. Your comments are also needed and valued. Section ARES page located at [HTTP://mypages.comcast.net/snj-ares/index.html](http://mypages.comcast.net/snj-ares/index.html)

Western Pennsylvania

Well another month has come and gone. Once again a busy time for our section. With this years SET now history its time to get ready for what will surely be a busy winter season. Lets all hope that its "LESS" busy weather wise then the summer was! I would like to thank all the stations that participated in this year's SET and gave their Saturday morning to this yearly test. Your involvement is appreciated! On October 18 a WPA Section staff meeting was held in Butler, PA. A lot was discussed and a lot was decided. To hit upon some of the highlights one of our upcoming missions for 2004 is what I like to refer to as "Section Tour 2004" No it's not a rock band. It's just us your ARRL representatives getting out to meet and assist all that we can in our section. Although Larry KA3HUK our SEC does play and sing mind you for a local country band he has promised not to bring his guitar! Sorry just had to do that. No in all seriousness it's our plan to be there for any club/ARES group/ Public service group etc. That would like to know more about the ARRL or about various items and or talents located within our own section. Everything from Digital communications to the Official Observer program. Using the OO program as an example how many out there really know what they do? Sure everyone knows about the "Bad card" in the mail but did you know that there are "Good ones" as well. This is part of what your section staff and myself want to do for you. Be your education and information source. I've been attended and spoken to a few clubs and ARES groups already in just a since Sept. If your group or club would like myself and or any staff members of interest to attend your meeting or gathering please contact myself n3srj@arrl.org or Bob Livrone n3wav@arrl.net and let us know. We have a few booked for the New Year already but room for plenty more! We are here for you! Also along the same lines if you have some pictures of interest from maybe your field day. Maybe a club meeting and would like them posted please send the off to me and we'll get them posted. Progress is still continuing on the section webpage www.wpasec.com and I would like to thank Larry Ka3huk in getting the ARES section well on its way as well. Well that's about it for now. A happy Thanksgiving to you and yours as we enter this holiday season. "Pssst not to early to ask Santa for that new HF rig yet" Stay posted here and on the website for late breaking items of interest. Till next time 73 Rich N3SRJ SM WPA

Central Division

Illinois

The Dekalb County ARES provided communications for the Dekalb County Crop Walk for Hunger, sponsored by the Dekalb area churches on Sunday October 12th. ARES members helping were: Bob- W9ICU, Barry- W9JBL, Tom- N9YBP, Tom- KC9DDA, Tim- N9NU, Dean- KC9DCZ, Adam- KC9EGA, Randy- KB9TVK, Mel- KG7EV, Eric- KC9DUX, and Gayland- N9PCL. On Sunday October 26th the Dekalb ARES group provided communications for the Sycamore Pumpkin Parade. Assisting the parade committee, Sycamore PD/FD, and the Dekalb County Marines in making the 112 unit plus 30 bands run smoothly. ARES members assisting were, Bob-W9ICU, Barry-W9JBL, Tim-N9NU, Tom-KC9DDA, John-K9TIP, Dean-KC9DCZ, Adam-KC9EGA, Gayland-N9PCL, Mark-N9YEX, Lee-KB9WID, Mike-WB9BOK, Mel-KG7EV, Mike-WD9GNX, Randy-KB9TVK, and George-KB9TAR. A special thanks to Dean-KC9DCZ for his expert handling of the medical emergency of one of the band members. Dean found the young man suffering an allergic reaction to something he had eaten, summoned the EMT's, and followed their instructions to assist the patient until they arrived and were able to treat him and then transport him to KCH hospital. Good job Dean! ARES of champaign County provided communications for the American Diabetes Association Walk America at Market Place Mall in Champaign on October 5th. Courses were set up both inside and outside the mall, but with the warm, sunny weather most walkers chose to walk the outdoor course. The walk went very well and the ADA raised about \$20,000. ARES was listed as a sponsor on printed materials for the walk, including the t-shirts. They even had one person come up to one of the checkpoints and ask about becoming involved in ARES. Those ARES members participating in the ADA event were: N9DXC,EC; N9DN, KD5EOQ, KC9DSS, KC9AZX, WB9YKV, W9MOO, KC9DEQ, KF9ZN, and AA9FJ. On Sunday October 12th members of the Winnebago County ARES provided communications for the Head of the Rock Regatta. Those ARES members helping were: N1VEN, KA9BOD, WB9MCZ, KA9IMX, KB9YRW, N9MCS, KA9GNR, N9CCE, N9JBA, N9WZD, N9SH, KC9ATR, KB9ZXG, N9HPG, WA9DIM, KC9CYR, N9OJQ and KC9DXH. On October 19th their ARES group provided communications for the Crop Walk for Hunger. Those members helping were: N9WZD, N9JBA, WA9AXD, N9SH (who also walked the route) KB9SKW. Representing the Salvation Army with their canteen were N9OTC, KC8UHY, and KB9WSK. The regatta represented 108 total man hours and the walk represented 17.5 total man hours. 2003 SKYWARN Recognition Day is December 6th (0000-2400 UTC). SKYWARN Recognition Day was developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service and the ARRL. It celebrates the contributions that volunteer SKYWARN radio operators make to the National Weather Service. During the day SKYWARN operators visit NWS offices and contact other radio operators across the world. Scouts from the Eureka area enjoyed JOTA this year at Camp Wokanda thanks to John Coker, N9FAM, Dave pearsall, KA9YSE, Bruce Funston, K9PWQ, Pete Thorton, K9TWV, and Wayne Started, N9VIO. Activities with HF, VHF via the local repeaters and ATV were all of interest to the young scouts. Ron Morgan, KB9NW, made a presentation of Amateur Radio to a group of

scouts on October 13th showing various pieces of equipment and showing two short ARRL videos to convey the message of diversity of communication within the hobby. Bob Davis, AA9MY, organized communications for the Diabetes Walk on the Riverfront. Ron Hanke, K9EOC, Dave Pearsall, KA9YSE, Doug Meiner, KB9TOA, and Ron Morgan KB9NW assisted Bob with this event. October 18th was an extremely busy day for amateur volunteers in the Peoria area as they sought bodies for JOTA, FCC testing, and the Metamora Band Competition organized by Curt Rocke, K9DCQ. Take a look at <http://www.fema.gov/kids>. It is a really good site. Traffic for October: NC9T-20, WB9TVD-39, WD9F-31, PSHR-91, KA9HRO 21, PSHR 170, W9HLX-98, WA9APQ-14, W9FIF-7. ISN report for October, QNI-182, QTC-66.

Indiana

Indiana Section News for October 2003 Condolances to the Family and Friends of these amateurs who became a Silent Key during October: Jerry Armstrong KB9SCA, Geneva, October 4; Russell C. Allen WA9GKT, Kokomo, October 19; Peggy A Coulter W9JUI, Muncie, and the Indiana Section, October 25. They will be missed. October was a sad month for your Section Manager. I lost a dear friend and mentor. Peggy W9JUI served Amateur Radio, the Indiana Section, and the ARRL in a number of capacities through the years. You had to know her well to understand her devotion to our avocation, and its public service heritage. Her on-the-air CW fist was flawless and a joy to copy. Through an oversight, the Indiana Radio Club Council twice awarded Peggy, Indiana's Outstanding Amateur of the Year award, once in 1951, and again in 1979. The IRCC Outstanding Amateur of the Year award is normally only awarded to an individual once in a lifetime. Peggy was a most unique person in many ways. Her obituary is at: www.inarrrl.org A number of ECs have already reported SET activity, and the reports that have arrived indicate that this year's activities had some very good exercises put on by ARES groups, according to SEC, Dave Pifer N9YNF. ECs: if your group had a SET this year, or is about to have a SET, don't forget to report this activity to N9YNF. Reminder: Annual EC Reports, SET, and Net Manager Reports are due January 31, 2004. Don't put off completing these reports. With the holiday season approaching, it is all too easy to put off this important paperwork. Thanks from Dave N9YNF to all the ECs, DEC's, and volunteers in the Indiana Section for your hard work and dedication. If you need to know how to contact your local EC, or DEC, contact Dave, and he will get you in touch with that appointee. If you see that your county has a vacancy and you are interested in filling the gap, get in touch with Dave N9YNF. During October, our Net Manager for the Indiana Code Net, John WB9OFG, resigned for personal and job reasons. John served loyally for almost two years, and I thank him for his dedication. ICN is Indiana's slow speed CW traffic/training net, and runs at about 10 wpm on 3705 KHz daily at 2315Z. If you are interested in becoming the Net Manager for ICN, please contact me, or our STM, Frank Dick WA9JWL. Frank is also looking for stations who would like to dive in, and be a Net Control Station for several sessions of the Indiana Traffic Net which meets three times daily. This vacancy happened due to Newt KJ9J moving to Texas for season. Indiana's ACC, OOC, SEC, and I will be at the Fort Wayne Hamfest/ Indiana ARRL Convention, Nov 15-16. Come to the ARRL forum to hear about the latest topics from the ARRL, or stop by the ARRL

table and visit. Dick Isley W9GIG Central Division Director, and most likely someone from ARRL Hq there, too. October Section Net Activity: NET FREQ DAILY TIMES (UTC) QNI QTC QTR SESS ITN 3910 KHZ 1330/2130/2300 2673 192 1917 88 QIN 3656 KHZ 1430/0000 227 160 956 59 ICN 3705 KHZ 2315Z 13 4 109 9 ARES 3910 KHZ 4TH SUN/MO @1300 8 0 14 1 HOOSIER VHF NETS 12 REPORTING 685 22 94 54 HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS (2) 20 0 ?? 62 October ORS Traffic Reports: K9PUI 225, KO9D 113, WA9JWL 88, K9GBR 28, W3GQJ 27, KB9TUI 19, KC9UU 16, W9EHY 11, AB9AA 9, WB9NCE 4.

Wisconsin

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG. BWN 3985 0500-0715 W9IXG. BEN 3985 1200 KE9VU. WSNB 3985 1715-1800 K9FHI. WNN 3723 1800 KB9ROB. WSSN 3645 1830 WA9ZTY. WIN-E 3662 1900 WB9ICH. WIN-L 3662 2200 W9UW. CTN 3994 Mondays @ 2000 KC9IS (All times are Central) ** With regret, I inform you of the passing of Clyde Richelieu, 94, formally W9JS. Clyde facilitated the 1928-29 Admiral Byrd expedition at the South Pole by relaying messages for supplies to New York. Bob Thorne, K9DAF, 66, passed away. Bob was a life long member of the Fox Valley VHF Association and a member of the Fox Cities ARC. Abel Perlman, NZ9C, 52, passed away. ** National Weather Service (NWS) office, and working in conjunction with the ARRL, Skywarn Recognition Day (SRD) has been set for Saturday December 6th from 0000-2400 UTC. SKYWARN Recognition Day is not a contest, but a way for the National Weather Service to thank all Amateur Radio Operators for their hard work during the severe weather season. It also gives the chance for NWS forecast offices to contact each other and for Amateurs to contact various NWS forecast offices across the country. For more information, see the following website: <http://hamradio.noaa.gov/> ** Do you enjoy using your hobby to work for a Cause, e.g., ARES/RACES, SKYWARN, or Public Service events? If so, here is another one that could use your help. Collect important weather data at your home for the National Weather Service!! Every morning a number of Wisconsin amateurs check into the nation's oldest net -- the Badger Weather Net on 3985 KHz to pass the 24 hour high and low temperature plus precipitation and snow fall. This "Ground Truth" data is used by the NWS to update their radar models that estimate precipitation from the reflected radar images. It is, also, used to provide input to the Wisconsin River Forecast Model, the FEMA (to determine amount of disaster relief), FAA, etc. A very worthwhile cause! So, before you jump into your car for the ride to work, just check into the BWN and give your figures to the Pickup Station on duty. You're in and out in a couple of minutes! The net operates 7 days a week from 5 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. For more information, contact me- W9IXG@arrl.org. We need more reporting stations and I hope you can become a member of the BWN! ** In June 2003 Jim Staatz KG9RA, Emergency Coordinator and Gale Sorum WD9HFT, Technical Committee Chairmen made application for a Homeland Security Grant through Hal Swanstrom, KB9UHP, Eau Claire County Emergency Manager. The Grant has been approved in the amount of \$ 10,700.00. Congratulations, Jim & Gale!! ** From our STM, Denny, K9LGU: FAQ #18 How do stations qualify for the Public Service Honor Roll? You can check out the details on the ARRL web site at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/pshr/> -- or, for a quick summary of the

categories, read on. 1) Participation in a public service net -- 1 point, maximum 40; 2) Handling formal messages (radiograms) via any mode -- 1 point for each message handled; maximum 40; 3) Serving in an ARRL-sponsored volunteer position: e.g. Field Organization appointee -- 10 points for each position; maximum 30; 4) Participation in scheduled, short-term public service events such as walk-a-thons, bike-a-thons, parades, simulated emergency tests and related practice events. -- 5 points per hour (or any portion thereof) of time spent in either coordinating and/or operating in the public service event; no limit; 5) Participation in an unplanned emergency response when the Amateur Radio operator is on the scene. --5 points per hour (or any portion thereof) of time spent directly involved in the emergency operation; no limit; 6.) Providing and maintaining a) an automated digital system that handles ARRL radiogram-formatted messages; or b) a Web page e-mail list server oriented toward Amateur Radio public service -- 10 points per item Get involved. Add up your points. Submit your reports monthly to your STM to be recognized for your public service. 73 -- K9LGU/ STM WI ** 2003 JOTA SURVEY/REPORT FOR USA PARTICIPANTS--- Your completed JOTA report is important! The information is needed to assist the BSA headquarters and ARRL in compiling the final US report is sent to the World Scout Bureau. The deadline for ham/scouts to submit the report is November 30. The report form is at this site: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/jotalog/> 73, Don, W9IXG

Dakota Division

Minnesota

The following is a monthly summary of Station Activity Reports (SAR) and Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) for the month of October 2003. Stations participating in public service or traffic handling activities may submit a monthly report to the MN Section Traffic Manager (STM), Bob Meyer, WØLAW, at w0law@arrl.net. MINNESOTA SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER MONTHLY REPORT MONTH OF: OCTOBER 2003 STM: ROBERT C. MEYER, WØLAW NET FREQ TIME QNI/QTC/SESS MGR ~~~ ~~~~ ~~~~ ~~~~~~
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 SUBMITTED: Robert C. Meyer, WØLAW, MINNESOTA SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER

North Dakota

NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Kent Olson, KAØLDG -Please pass on your condolences to the family and friends of Andrew Larson Jr., KØZXT, who passed away recently. Andy was an active CDARC (Bismarck) member and will be missed by us all. The fifth annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) will take place this year on Saturday, December 6, 2003. Stop by your local NWS office and see what's going on. The Dickinson hams have got their repeater back on the air - thanks to all who made that possible. The Fargo hams are hosting weekly CW practice sessions, and I hope all can upgrade their licences. Thanks for all who helped out last month with the annual Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) hosted by the Boy Scouts of America. I've heard some stories about how much fun was had by both the scouts and their ham hosts. I encourage all clubs to update their websites and keep them current. There are a few out there which are very old, and prospective hams or club members will look at these for information which needs to remain current. Have a nice Thanksgiving, and enjoy the time you spend with family and friends. The Dakota Division Convention in Fargo on Sept 9-11, 2005. Section's web site at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~qtipf16/>. HF NM NØRDJ net reports for Dec: Goose River Net, 3/34/0; WX Net 31/661/17; Data Net 31/643/14.

South Dakota

Congressman Janklow signs on as co-sponsor of HR713 Spectrum Protection Bill thanks to Roland Johnson, N0ABE for his outstanding work on this issue. 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 Lake Area: The repeater radio and antenna were replaced on November 1st, 2003, and plans to install a CAT-1000 controller are in the works. Lake Area Radio Klub/ ARES members showed their wares and demonstrated their capabilities Oct. 4, 2003 at the annual Watertown Wal-Mart Safety Day .Various Public Safety agencies and volunteer support groups displayed their equipment, distributed information, and met with the public. Every Saturday (Except Holidays) Members, guests, friends, and any interested persons are invited to Hy-Vee on HWY 212 at 9:30am for a casual gathering Thursdays @ 7:00pm Morse Code Practice Classes at the Watertown Salvation Army, 621 4th Street SW. Contact John (NØMEA) for more information Pierre: Eldon has donated some land to Hughes County for a comm. center to be located on Snake Butte with the stipulation that room be made available and provided for PARC. Jim discussed his ideas on building an emergency trailer equipped with a tower, emergency power etc. Jim reported that nothing had gone on exciting this summer and he will be shutting down the channel 58 equipment. Prairie Dogs (Yankton/Vermillion): The HF beam at the UCC Church was taken down and was placed in Guy's garage for safe keeping. It had been decided it would be better if it were down off the Church roof so it would not be in danger from storms and the club could use it for Field Day etc. The G5RV in the church attic would be used in an emergency until the beam could be put up if it were needed. Also 8 cement blocks were placed on the remaining antennas base mount as the sandbags were broken and spilled. SEARC: The Sioux Empire Club Auction was held and went over quite well with the club making a little money to boost the coffers. The 146.895 repeater has been moved to the Menlo watertower near Sioux Valley

Hospital. Tweeking continues on this project. SkyWarn Recognition day will be held Dec 6th at the NWS Office at the Sioux Falls Airport. 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: Black Hills Club will hold their auction on Feb 21, 2004 at the Canyon Lake Senior Citizens Center in Rapid City BHARC will be sponsoring a regenerative receiver design contest - rules will be available on the BHARC web site at www.w0blk.org The Northern Hills club now has a Six-Meter Repeater operating from the Crusher Hill Site, Output is 52.960 MHz and input is 52.060 MHz, there is no tone at this time. By springtime we hope to get our 2m repeater operational from the same location, it will be on 146.970 MHz with a tone of 146.2 Hz.

Delta Division

Arkansas

Bob Ideker, WB5VUH, our PIC, was nominated for the McGan Award, a national public information award. Although he didn't win the national honor, we appreciate his activity and hard work in Arkansas. Bob recently got some good exposure for ham radio on a local broadcast station. Congressman Marion Berry was a guest on a talk show. Bob was able to call in and thank him on the air for agreeing to again co-sponsor HR 713. If you are in Mr. Berry's district, please send a letter or QSL card thanking him for his support. Congressman Mike Ross (WD5DVR), 4th district, has been most instrumental in supporting this legislation by talking to each of our representatives. The ARKAN club hosted 29 Scouts and 8 adult leaders at their Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) activity at the Arkansas Air Museum in Fayetteville. Volunteers helping out were KD5NFX, KB5BV, N9NSO, K5DB, AD5ON, KD5RTY, and K1ARK. K1ARK also assisted several scouts with their radio merit badge requirements. Mountain Home had a great swapmeet. ASM K5UZ, ran the BPL video tape and ably represented the ARRL. I visited the Baxter County EOC and saw the ARES/RACES ham station there (K5BAX). The hams have their own room with packet, HF, VHF, and UHF positions. Deployable equipment is neatly packed and ready to go. The ham station at the American Red Cross in Fayetteville came on the air during the SET for the first time in several years due to the efforts of N9NSO. Congratulations to the ARVARF club (K5PXP) for winning class 1F in Field Day and to the NG5M group (BARC, NCAARS, and SCARC) for coming in 3rd nationwide in the highly competitive 2A category. Special event station W5A will operate from the National Weather Service office in NLR during SKYWARN Recognition Day, which is December 6, 2003. Station W5P at the Louisiana Purchase special event operation recently made 486 contacts. Very good effort! Congratulations to Robin Norris, AD5JA, on being elected as 2004 President of the Sharp County Amateur Radio Club. N5IOZ reports that the Camden Amateur Radio Club

gained 9 new hams at its October 11 test session! A tower raising party is in the works for their 147.33 repeater. Kevin Manzer, AC5DK, section TC, recently made a loop around the state upgrading and repairing packet node sites. Kevin visited Mt. Nebo, Mena, and Mt. Gaylor. TNC's were upgraded, and several repairs were made. J.M., N5XFW, and Wayne, WA5LUY, and in the process of taking over management and maintenance of the packet system, and Kenny, KG5KS, is taking on the Arkansas packet web page. Kevin says "I want to encourage everyone to work with JM and Wayne, and volunteer to help take on the load. I can tell you that it is too much for one person and what is really needed is a team of techno gurus. Even if you think you don't know "enough", it's the willingness that counts and someone can always talk you through something. Many of you have done that for me in the past and I'm sure you'll keep that commitment up as well as new folks coming forward." We regret to inform you that Harryette Barker, W6QGX, of Mountainburg, recently became a silent key. She had been a ham since 1941. She is survived by her husband, Baron, W6QGP. Also, Jewell Crowson, N5GMR, has been reported as a Silent Key. We will miss these fellow radio amateurs. Net reports for October: ARKANSAS PHONE NET: QNI 583, TRAFFIC 12 NET MGR: W5SXV. ARKANSAS MOCKINGBIRD NET: QNI 412, TRAFFIC 12, NET MGR: WB5YLI. ARKANSAS RAZORBACK NET: QNI 1861, TRAFFIC 112, NET MGR: K5BOC OZK CW NET – no report October traffic: WA5KQU 81, K5BOC 35, KB5ILY 27, AD5AU 21, WB5HIL 19, K7ZQR 12, AB5ZU 8, AD5AM 4, WA5EVW 4, KC5RDU 2 Public Service Honor Roll for October: KB5ILY 200, W5ARS 132

Louisiana

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – OCTOBER 2003 The Thibodaux ARC, Central LA ARC, and Shreveport Amateur Radio Association have now joined the ranks of Special Service Clubs. With the addition of these three clubs, our section now has a total of 10 SSC's, more than the other three sections in our division combined! In addition, the Acadiana DX Association has just been reactivated as an ARRL-affiliated club. Members of the Southeast LA ARC (SELARC) worked together with the Southwest MS ARC to handle communications for the Multiple Sclerosis Tour for Cure event on October 4 and 5. The event provided excellent training in handling the unexpected problems that can occur in emergencies and in interfacing ham communications with medical and public safety units over the two-state route. SELARC members participating in the event were WB5FBS, W5KCH, KB5SKW, KC5BXU, AA5GP, K5NDT, KD5MDO, KD5LWJ, N5XVJ, K5CAV, KD5PCM, KD5PCK, N5HAY, KB5YZF, KD5QNT, AG5AT, and KD5PKS. Our section joined with the MS and STX Sections for an excellent Simulated Emergency Test (SET) on October 4. Many amateurs were active on their local VHF nets, along with two HF nets, in handling tactical and formal written test traffic generated by served agencies, ARES officials, and other SET participants. ARES leaders are urged to submit their SET reports to WA5LQZ and ARRL Headquarters as soon as possible. Congratulations to the Twin City Ham Club and the Central LA ARC for winning the Large Club and Small Club categories, respectively, for Field Day 2003! Other ARRL-affiliated clubs active in this year's FD were the Baton Rouge ARC, Springhill ARC, Thibodaux ARC,

Acadiana ARA, Southwest LA ARC, Minden ARA, and Westside ARC. Central LA ARC members KD5IGG and KD5LCP taught a 12-week course to ten club members on emergency communications modeled after the Level I ARRL course. Great going, Jim and Karl! Traffic totals: AE5V 260, K5MC 132, W4DLZ 114, K5IQZ 78, AC5VN 71, W5NK 40, NF5B 30, K5DPG 24, W5PY 10, N5KWB 6. Public Service Honor Roll: AC5VN 215, K5DPG 129, K5MC 125, KD5ITA 115, W5PY 110, K5ER 110, K5IQZ 100, W4DLZ 100, NF5B 100, W5NK 80, N5KWB 66, KB5UHH 40. Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 31/431/84. Louisiana CW Net: 31/184/78. Louisiana ARES Net: 4/49/0. Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Ouachita Parish ARES Net: 4/77/2. Northeast LA ARES Net: 4/40/9. Union Parish ARES Net: 3/31/0. 73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Manager Email: k5mc@arrl.org LA Section Website: www.cox-internet.com/k5dpg or www.louisiana-ares.org

Great Lakes Division

Michigan

11-09-02 A simply outstanding Michigan State ARRL Convention came to fruition on October 31 and November 1, through the efforts of the Holland Amateur Radio Club. A banquet and recognition dinner began the event and included keynote speakers State Senator Wayne Kuipers and ARRL Field and Educational Services Manager Rosalie White K1STO. Congratulatory letters arrived from Governor Granholm, US Senator Stabenow and State Senator Hoekstra, as well as the Michigan State Police. These included particular recognition for those individual who were active for the regional electrical blackout and to those who provided special assistance to the State Police. Special Awards went to all Michigan Section Level nets. Saturday's events included meetings, forums and a great swap. This was a very well publicized activity, and included many displays and activities designed to draw the interest of the general public, thus exposing amateur radio in a very positive light. Items included EMT and Fire squads, representatives from the Navy and Marine Corps, National Weather Service, FCC and numerous others. The Michigan Section will be making a leadership change with the resignation of Jim Wades WB8SIW from the post of Section Emergency Coordinator / State RACES Officer on November 30. From among Jim's many accomplishments we note the implementation of new training programs, improved staff alerting, and an updating of the State ARES/RACES Emergency Plan. Our strong vote of thanks goes to Jim as he gets some well deserved R&R. ASM Val Rose N8EXV is accepting applications from those who might be interested in the SEC position. 73, Dale. October Traffic Totals:, WB8RCR 345, N8FPN 183, K8KV 148, K8AE 100, K8LGJ 76, K8KHZ 50, AA8SN 49, WR8F 45, K8ZJU 40, WI8K 39, K8UPE 33, K8AMR 23, N8EXV 22, WB8YPG 16, KC8SZR 14, WA8EFK 14, N8UN 11, K8YB 10, KI8GR 10.

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 There is still time to cast your vote for Hudson Division Director. Ballots are due at ARRL Headquarters no later than November 21st. Every vote is important; don't assume someone else will vote and your's is not needed. In the past several weeks I've gotten e-mails and phone calls from NNJ hams on the proposed change in license requirements to drop morse code testing. The ones that weren't copied to ARRL have been forwarded just to make sure the messages get to the executive level. On another and equally important issue, don't forget to file your comments with the FCC on BPL (Broadband over Power Line) and the interference it will cause to the HF/VHF spectrum. This is a SERIOUS threat to us all! Tri County ARA member Gerry Miller, AA2ZJ will be conducting a license class for the Middlesex O.E.M. Cadet program. Classes will begin November 21st and will be held at the County Fire Academy. Anyone interested in taking the class should contact AA2ZJ. The New Providence ARA held its initial ARISS Project meeting at the Salt Brook School in New Providence and was asked to help the school start a ham radio club! Looks like NPARA will be busy for awhile. Likewise, the Ocean-Monmouth ARC is continuing its educational initiatives at the Wall Township Diana Radar Site with VE testing and Open House nights for non-hams. The Garden State ARA will begin meeting again at the Ft. Monmouth MARS station. Due to security issues guests need to be escorted by a club member so visit the GSARA homepage www.monmouth.com/~gsara for more details. NNJ hams came out the end of September to help with the annual MS Bike-a-thon which covered several counties. The event was co-ordinated by the 10-70 Repeater Association who brought together clubs, repeater groups, and county ARES organizations for the weekend long event. I was happy to present ARRL Public Service Awards to K2DBK and KC2GLG for planning and directing the communications part of the tour as well as another Public Service award to KB2CLN who used his first responder training to get help for a heart attack victim. My thanks, as well, to all the NNJ hams who donated their time for this worthwhile event and left a very positive impression of our skills with other organizations. While hamfest season may be over auction time is just beginning. Tri County ARA will hold its auction on November 17th beginning at 6PM. The Fair Lawn ARC will hold its auction on Friday, November 28th with doors opening at 6:15PM. Club web links(for more information) can be found on the Section webpage listed at the top of the column which brings me to the usual reminder that the web page is available to list any club event or activity. It's a great way to get your club's message out to the entire section. Also, I will be happy to make use of the Section Manager e-mail list to pass news along as well. Check the NNJ page for updates on our antenna support structure Bill; with elections over the entire fabric of the Legislative makeup has changed. We may even have to seek new sponsors so, make every effort to let your Assemblyperson or State Senator know that we are still working for A3065. 73, Bill Hudzik W2UDT

Midwest Division

Kansas

Kansas Section News Summary-October 2003 SM, Ron Cowan, KB0DTI-- SEC/ASM/OOC: Robert Summers, K0BXF ASM: Orlan Cook, W0OYH PIC: Scott Slocum, KC0DYA SGL: Steve Hamilton, KB0JYL Jamboree On The Air was held the middle of October. Central Kansas and Pilot Knob ARCs along with a group in Johnson Co. put together by David, KC0OON; set up stations and demonstrations for the scouts. Many of the youngsters were working on a communications merit badge. KC0JQC with Pilot Knob is now working with the scout organization in Leavenworth to put together a licensing program for them. Douglas Co. ARC Special event at Nowhere as part of the Baldwin Maple Leaf Fest' was cut short by weather but the group still made 80 contacts and had a lot of fun. Simulated Emergency Test took place Oct. 4-5. I know there were many groups that participated. I will have more on that next time. Silent Keys: W0SSL-Michael Pavicich of Edwardsville . He was involved with Wyandotte Co RACES for many years. N0RKH -Orvin Wilson of Osborne became a Silent Key in September. The 5th annual SKYWARN Recognition Day will be Saturday, December 6, 2003, 0000 UTC to 2400 UTC. Participating KS offices: Topeka NWS at Billard Airport -Contact Craig, K0JJM Goodland at the airport-Contact Scott, N0QE. For more info check out the ARRL Website: <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/11/06/100/?nc=1> Marshall Ensor Museum near Olathe will reactivate W9BSP Dec. 6 at 19:00UTC. A sked with W1AW is being worked out. Contacts will be on DX bands and perhaps lower in Freq. Check KSN and the Kansas nets for updates Larry-W0HXS is director of the Historic site and museum. New appointees: Rob Nall, WV0S-Technical Specialist; Glen Rubash KC0GPV-EC for H2 Morris County and John Halladay, KA0JMO-Liaison to Army MARS and Local Government Liaison. John is currently serving as State Army MARS Director. ECs, please send your Net 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. QKS-SS Kansas Slow Speed Net is back in session on M&W at 7:30 PM on 3710 KHz. September Nets/Sessions/QNI/QTC/Mgr: KSBN/30/1000 /95 /N0KFS KPN/21/252/24/N0KFS KMWN/30//612/527/WB0YWZ KWN/30/777 /573/WB0YWZ CSTN/26/2266/92/AB5PA QKS/60/346/201/K0PY SEC: 54 sessions QNI 575 QTC messages 31, Ks participants: KC0AUH N0BTH K0BXF KC0CIG AA0IQ K0UO KB0WEQ . Bob K0BXF SEC. TEN: 60 sessions, QTC 538, KS 90% with WA0LYK K0PY AB0WR W0WWR NB0Z WB0ZNY. Dave W0SS/Mgr. Traffic: W0WWR 552 AB0WR 323 WA0LYK 262 NB0Z 47 W0OYH 28 KB0DTI 27 AB0UY 24 KI0BK 22 N0ZIZ 18 K0RY 15 Happy Thanksgiving-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

NOVEMBER 2003 SECTION NEWS CONVENTIONS AND HAMFESTS The South Side ARC's Hamfest held in Grandview went well this year. Nice turnout of vendors and flea Marketeers. Donna Quick KB0YJN. and the rest of the SS ARC gang did a great job. Nice to

visit with all the ARRL members and others in the Kansas City area. Amateurs at the Southside ARC Hamfest collected and donated \$61.00 to the ARRL's campaign to fight Broadband Over Power Lines. The Halloween Hamfest sponsored by the St. Louis Amateur Radio Club held in the Kirkwood Community Center was another great Hamfest to attend. The Amateurs at the Halloween Hamfest collected and donated \$42.00 to the ARRL campaign to fight Broadband Over Power Lines. The 2003 Ozark Regional Hamfest in Springfield, MO, was quite successful. Thanks to Patrick Boyle, KØJPB, for helping out with the ARRL exhibit. The Section Manager had some really nice visits with many of those attending. It was nice to hear that Woody Moore, WØODY, was one of the many winners at the event. AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS KEITH HAYE, WEØG, ACC The Mid-MO ARC and the Warrensburg AARC held their annual FunXpedition to Frankenstein MO on Halloween. Operating on all bands and both CW and Phone they were able to pass out the special WØO callsign. Hope everyone had a chance to make a contact. One of the more active in the Kansas City Area is the Heart of America Radio Club (HARC). Those folks have been providing communications for all manner of public service events. If you want to help out, contact Dennis, NØUYN (nØuyn@arrl.net) HARC President would like to hear from you asap. It's Official! At their October meeting the new club that formed from the merger of the St. Louis Repeater Inc and the Suburban Radio Club adopted the name St. Louis & Suburban Radio Club. SECTION ARES REPORT DON MOORE, KMØR SEC Dean Bickford, KØPHI, DEC reports that Stone County ARES has completed a very successful Simulated Emergency Test on September 26, 2003. There were 10 amateurs participating in this year's SET and 80% used emergency power. They handled simulated emergency communications for eight different agencies in three communities. Congratulations on a great SET. Dale Huffington, AEØS reported on the Region F emergency exercise that was held in conjunction with a required test by the hospitals in that region. No doubt about it Region F Amateur Radio Ops are at the top of their game in preparing for disaster communciations. I know that there were many Amateurs involved with the exercise and I congratulate you all. The new EC for Crawford County is William Hudson, WAØKBZ of Cuba, MO His experience working with police and fire radio systems and M.A.R.S. experience will be very helpful. Lawrence Luethart, NØPEE of Lecom, MO has taken on the duties of Dent County EC. Larry has passed the level 1 ARECC course and is ready to take on the task of leading the ARES program in his county. Patrick Boyle, KØJPB, ASM reports that Herb Petereit, WØAFY, EC for Barry County has passed away on November 11, 2003. Services will be held at the All Faiths United Methodist Church in Eagle Rock, MO on November 14, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. Cards and letters can be sent to Bonnie Petereit HC81 Box 9395 Cassville, MO 65625. I know that all those that knew Herb and those that only knew of him share in the grief of his family and wish them the best in this trying time. SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS FOR AUGUST 2003 DALE HUFFINGTON, AEØS, STM MON - CW Sessions 41 QNI 60 QTC 38 NM K9ZTV MTN Phone Sessions 31 QNI 559 QTC 110 NM KØDAT MESN Sessions 4 QNI 134 QTC 0 NM NØXG MESDN Sessions 4 QNI 18 QTC 1 NM KBØEMB

New England Division

Connecticut

The Connecticut State Convention.—Congratulations to everyone who helped in any way on the CT State Convention. The event was quite successful despite the rain. The Meriden ARC deserve a lot of credit for their hard work. I am particularly pleased to see the Convention become more well known throughout the region. I saw many out-of-section guests having a grand time at forums and at the flea market. Dan, W1DMM, program chair wrote an excellent report about the event. Don't miss it on the CT Section Page, ARRL Web site. New DX Club Formed! (from Tom, K1TW)-- After an extensive reorganization, the Patriot DX Association (PDXA) has unveiled a new organization, mission and future plans to its membership. Effective immediately, the former PDXA is now known as the New England DXCC (NEDXCC). The NEDXCC mission is to foster participation in DXCC and DXing. NEDXCC President, Harry Wilson W1AAX, indicated that the club “will focus on the needs of the DXing community throughout the New England region”. The first of many planned new activities of the club is the “NEDXCC Challenge” open to NEDXCC members. The purpose of the Challenge is to stimulate on-the-air operating activity among NEDXCC members to make contact with many DXCC countries during the prescribed activity periods. The dates for the first challenge will be Oct 18 to Oct 24, 2003 and Nov 22 to Nov 28, 2003 starting at 0000 UTC and ending at 2400 UTC on the last day of the one-week period. For further information, see full story on the Section Page on the ARRL Web Site and go to <http://www.nedxcc.org>. New Web Address.-- Rich, K1FPP reports that the CT Chapter 149 of QCWA has a new Web site created by Roy, K1JNR. The address is <http://homepage.myeastern.com/~qcwa149/>. The Quarter Century Wireless Association is an organization to which Amateur ops licensed at least 25 years work toward the betterment of Amateur Radio. Quarterly meetings are held usually at a restaurant in CT and are really nice social events which spouses and other guests also enjoy. Check out the Web site for further information. JOTA Surveys Needed.—Did you participate in this years Boy Scout Jamboree On the Air? If you did, ARRL and the scouting organizations need your survey. So far ARRL has collected 64 JOTA survey/logs. We have recorded 3,546 scouts 681 visitors and 266 hams have participated in JOTA 2003. However, we have received only 2 surveys/reports from CT. So please take a minute and complete the on-line survey at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/jotalog/>. Thanks.—Jean Wolfgang. See full story on the CT Section Page ARRL Web site. The Simulated Emergency Test A Success.—A big thank you to all those who participated in this year's SET. Initial indications indicate an increase in the number of participants, the number of EOC's reporting into the coordination net, the number of different net control stations and the amount of traffic passed. SEC Allen and his cabinet of DEC's are to be commended for their very fine work. This year as many of you know, the senario was shared by other Sections in New England and New York State to test our capability of sharing resources and helping our neighbor sections. Thank you and congratulations to you all. I am hoping to have a full report for next month's Web news. New EC's Appointed.—Congratulations to the following ops who have agreed to become emergency coordinators: Tom N1HUI Branford; Harold WJ1B Cheshire; George, N1GS Danbury; Rose-Anne KB1DMW Newington; and jBill, W7YY Prospect. Many thanks to the DEC's who recruited these fine leaders and a big thank you to those just listed for agreeing to help out in this

important work. New NM Appointed.—Ed, KA1RMV has agreed to serve as NM for the Eastern CT Traffic Net, as Walt WA4QXT has asked to be relieved of this responsibility. Many thanks to Walt and Ed, both avid NTS ops. See Web site for full story. Many thanks to STM Larry, K1HEJ for recommending this appointment.

Eastern Massachusetts

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS ARES JOINED FORCES with its counterparts in the western portion of the state and with RACES to conduct a unified Simulated Emergency Test on November 8, 2003. The exercise began with an announcement from the National Weather Service in Taunton: "THIS IS A DRILL. This is WX1BOX... the National Weather Service in Taunton. We have a Winter Storm Warning for interior sections of Southeastern Massachusetts. A High Wind Warning is in effect for interior Southeast Massachusetts and Cape Cod and the Islands. [Expect] heavy wet snow with possible accumulations of 1-2 feet in the Winter Storm Warning area. Also expect strong, damaging winds of 40 to 50 mph with gusts to 60-65 MPH. The combination of strong gusty winds and heavy snow will cause power outages due to trees and power lines being knocked down..." Station WC1MA at the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency in Framingham liaised with Regional MEMA headquarters across the state, and with the ARES Metro headquarters station, W1MSA, at the Salvation Army in Boston. Several dozen pieces of message traffic were sent and received on HF and VHF. Operators at WC1MA included: State RACES Officer Tom Kinahan, N1CPE; RACES Operator Dennis Brothers, KE6DPL; Eastern MA Section Emergency Coordinator Mike Nielsen, W1MPN; EMA SM Phil Temples, K9HI. "As many as 20 or more individual communities across the state opened their local EOCs and simulated a response to a winter storm," said Tom Kinahan, N1CPE. "Even though Massachusetts has two ARRL sections, communities, ARES groups and individual hams from both sections took part in the SKYWARN, ARES and RACES components of the drill as though it were a single event—as would happen if it were real." During the SET an actual incident requiring ARES assistance occurred, according to DEC Rob Macedo, KD1CY. "A major gas leak in the Town of Bridgewater caused an evacuation of a 3-4 block area." N1FY was already at the Town of Bridgewater EOC along with N1XTB. A shelter was opened and another amateur was dispatched there. THE HARVARD WIRELESS CLUB WILL JOIN with a Cambridge public school in filing an application for a "Stations in Schools" grant under the League's Amateur Radio Education & Technology Program (a.k.a. "Big Project"), according to Mike Manafo, K3UOC and Tim McBride, N1QZY. "The application was authored by Dr. Peg LeGendre, Science Mentor Teacher for the Cambridge Public Schools," said Manafo, a Harvard alum and former HWC station manager. McBride, who is HWC's current station manager, is coordinating efforts on behalf of Harvard Wireless Club. BOSTON ARC MEMBERS WILL OPERATE W1BOS/MQE on December 6th from 9 am to 4 pm on 20 and two meters from the Blue Hills Observatory in observance of SKYWARN Recognition Day. According to Mark Duff, BARC Executive Committee member and ARES DEC, "For several decades, hams have assisted the National Weather Service by providing real-time reports of severe weather and storm conditions. Many NWS Offices including NWS Taunton have

permanently installed Amateur Radio Equipment. To celebrate SKYWARN, Amateur Radio operators will set up radio stations at the National Weather Service (NWS) offices and other weather related locations and contact similar stations around the world." THE STURDY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ARC WILL OPERATE W1S Nov. 19-23 from the W1SMH Club Radio Room to celebrate their 25th Anniversary as an Amateur Radio Club. See <http://www.w1smh.com> for the details. BE SURE TO CHECK OUT this month's EMA ARRL Web poll at <http://ema.arrl.org>. The poll is located in the upper right-hand column. The poll asks your impressions about the League's on-line Emergency Communications Courses. 73 de K9HI.

Rhode Island

Greetings fellow Amateurs: RI SATERN held its annual Fall IOTA event and Family Picnic on Saturday October 18, 2003. The event was held in the waterfront pavilion of Fort Getty in Jamestown, RI, operating as NA-031 in the IOTA program. Three separate VHF/HF stations were operational all of which ran under emergency power. KB1IMA was the station call of the day. N2NCL was administering licensee/ control operator. The following individual amateurs attended: N2NCL, N1IHF, W1TEM, KA1OTP, N2PGD, N1VSX, N1IHE, W1VJA, and W1PEV along with their families. The fishing was lousy but the propagation and food were terrific. That's a success in my book. For more information on the IOTA program, refer to their website, <http://www.rsgbiota.org>. There are over 1000 "Islands on the Air". Achieving top echelon status in IOTA is a far tougher challenge than reaching the higher levels in DXCC or even WAZ. Want a new on-air challenge? Try IOTA. It's a humbling experience. Did anyone engage in a JOTA activity in October? If you participated in any scouting activity contributing to the JOTA weekend, please complete the survey at website <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/jotalog/>. Thanks. We have no reports listed from RI to date. At least two training classes aimed at licensing brand new hams are being conducted currently, one at PVARC and another with the Citizens Corps Citizens Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and the American Red Cross. BVARC member W1VH is teaching the CERT course and has scheduled VE exams for the CERT students at 10 AM, November 22nd at the Bristol Assisted Living Center. Of course, anyone interested in taking an upgrade may come to the test session on that date. All the usual rules apply. Interested parties may contact W1YRC at w1yrc@arrl.org for further information. Club elections are taking place this month in all our clubs. Good luck to all who are taking over these very challenging posts. If I or any of the ARRL staff can help you in any way, I hope you will contact one of us. Our phone numbers, e mail addresses, etc are all on our section website, <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=RI> as well as the full unabridged version of my monthly report. This e mail report is limited to 60 lines of 78 characters each. That's not much space at all, but for someone as windy as I can become, it's a real handicap. Please go to the website and get your money's worth. Starting later this month, hopefully, I will begin a series of special e mailings detailing information concerning some lesser known or understood services available to you. I will begin by discussing the Official Observer Program in RI, then the Card Checking services for the DXCC, WAS, VUCC awards, then the Technical Services volunteer program we have. I will continue with other programs or

services as needed. Please tell me what you want to see here. What I'm aiming at are services that are not well understood or that many aren't even aware of their existence or their details. I will be sending these special broadcast e mails out to all ARRL members in RI who have elected to receive e mail messages from the SM or Director. That's about 350 amateurs out of 2200 licensees in the state or 16%. That's all we can do. Frustrating, isn't it? Our only Special Services Club in RI, Pawtuxet Valley ARC, has wasted no time in going to work exercising its new duties. N1KJF has already been approved to serve as card checker for approval of your Worked All States or VUCC awards. You will no longer need to trust the mails to not lose your valuable QSL cards, sending them to Newington for approval. Good luck, Ken and thanks for stepping up and taking the post. 73, Bob Beaudet, W1YRC, Section Manager

Vermont

On Saturday, October 25, 2003 many Vermont Hams participated in the ARRL Simulated Emergency Test, also known as the SET. This was the first time Vermont had participated in a SET in quite some time. The turn out was very good and the support from the Hams involved was excellent! Our state is divided into 8 Districts and we had reports from Districts One, Two, Three, Five, Six and Seven. A break down of the Districts is available on the ARRL VT web site, available off of the main ARRL site. Bennington County activated their SET on October 11th. Thank you to all that participated! Here is a list of some (not all) of the Hams that participated: N3RLQ, N1RRW, KB1GSZ, KA1WAZ, KA1DLK, N1HSJ, KA1RMV, AB1BB, WA1DLA, AI1A, KA1UAK, N1SP, N1HLG, W4YFJ, KB1FRW, W1CQD, KA2HTY, WA1LIE, KB1EPT, K1VG, N1RUH, KB1CNP, K1YLB, K3BRJ, N1UKT, K2KI, KB1GUN, K1RMF, W1HRG and others. My apologies if I left you out. SKYWARN RECOGNITION DAY will take place on Saturday, December 6, 2003. It runs for 24 hours, starting at 7 PM. During this event, Amateur Radio operators visit National Weather Service offices and contact other operators around the world. The NWS in Burlington will be active for this event from 9 AM to 2 PM Sunday. Activity will be on 2 Meters and 70 cm. Modes will be phone and APRS. The Ham in charge will be Steve Hogan N1OLC. If you wish to operate from NWS Burlington, Steve can be reached at 1-800-863-4279. Others of you may just want to scan the HF bands for activity. Some stations around the country will have nice QSL Cards. On Saturday, November 8, 2003 our SEC Carl Phillips KC1WH hosted an ARES leadership meeting at VTC in Randolph. It featured 5 guest speakers talking on a variety of emergency preparedness subjects. Nineteen ARES Field Appointees attended and got a lot out of it. Dave Cain W1DEC (SGL) talked about Vermont Emergency Management and RACES. Ralph Stetson KD1R (ASM) brought us up to date on the American Red Cross. Steve Hogan N1OLC informed us about SYWARN & NWS. Making the trip from NH, Tom Matisko (NH SEC) gave us a NH ARES overview. And also from NH, Rex Carr AA1KL & Ken Tertarelli AC1H gave a very informative talk on how Packet Radio is taking on a new important role supporting NH emergency communications. My congratulations go out to Carl for hosting this meeting. When I appointed him last year, ARES was non-existent in Vermont. Now, 16 months later our ARES organization is growing and getting stronger by the day. If you wish to join the ARES organization, send a note to Carl at

KC1WH@arrl.net. On October 18th, several VT Hams participated in the 46th annual Boy Scouts of America Jamboree on the Air. N1BQ, KB1FRW, W1YFJ, W1DEC and others set up a Ham Radio station at Shelburne Farms and demonstrated amateur radio to scouts from all over the state. Good job Guys! October Traffic Report Submitted by Bert Morton W1DFU
NAME/SESSIONS/QNI/QTC/MINUTES/MGR VT YL 4/56/0/132 KA1LDS VPEN 4/19/0/150
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(Kingdom Weather Net) KA1HWB Bennington County ARES Net 4/22/1/? N1SP

Northwestern Division

Eastern Washington

WRITTEN MESSAGE TRAFFIC REPORT FOR OCTOBER: W7GB 71, K7BFL 91, KA7EKL 59, KK7T 25, K7GXZ 35. Public Service Honor Roll: W7GB 110, K7GXZ 95. Total Traffic count: 281 NTS NET ACTIVITY REPORT FOR OCTOBER: WA State Net (WSN):(no report)QNI, Traffic,Sessions. Noontime Net:(no report)QNI, Traffic,Sessions. WA Amateur Radio Traffic System (WARTS): QNI 3619, Traffic 216, 31 Sessions. Congratulations to Les, WA7HAM for being selected as Assistant State Director for Emcom Planning for NAVY MARS Leaders of Eastern Washington Section ARES/RACES met on Saturday, October 18, during the Eastern Washington ARES/RACES Leadership Summit. The summit was held in Davenport with Lincoln County leaders serving as host. Leaders from Yakima, Chelan/Douglas, Lincoln, Spokane, Whitman and Asotin and Franklin Counties were in attendance, representing all three districts in the section. Section Emergency Coordinator Gordon Grove, WA7LNC, presided over the meeting. FD RESULTS I included the Spokane DX group here, removed K7NWS, who are very welcome to EWA, but are from outside the section, and renumbered the results. # Call Score Category QSOs Power Mult Call Section Participants Club 1 K7SDX 5,106 2A 1,532 2 ID 29 Spokane DX Assn (K7SDX, Spokane DXC operated in ID) 2 W7LA 3,754 2A 886 2 EWA 31 Eastern Washington DX Club 3 W7TT 2,526 3A 502 2 EWA 10 Central Washington ARC 4 N7QT 2,436 1B2 632 2 EWA 2 5 AC7XO 1,804 4A 435 2 EWA 32 Lower Yakima Valley ARC 6 KB7ARA 1,430 5A 291 2 EWA 50 Kamiak Butte ARA 7 K7UH 832 2F 157 2 EWA 14 Walla Walla Valley ARES 8 NE7WA 760 1A 330 2 EWA 3 Eastern Washington Contesters 9 AA7L 678 1B2 130 2 EWA 2 10 N7AAW 620 1AB 44 5 EWA 22 Rodeo City RC 11 N7DLV 434 1C 217 2 EWA 1 12 N7CFO 326 1B1 60 2 EWA 1 13 W7AQ 154 1C 77 2 EWA 1 (Hey that was me!!) 14 W7NRJ 58 1E 29 2 EWA 1 Great job EWA!!!

Idaho

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W7GHT 40 40 20 - - - 100 WB7VYH 25 20 10 - - - 55 COMMENTS: Slow month for traffic.

November should improve.

Oregon

Oregon SM: Randy Stimson KZ7T-ASM: WA7VTD. SEC: KK7TT. SCC: W7WZ. ACC: K7SQ. STM: W7IZ. OOC: AB7OC. PIC: W6ABM.= I went down to the SwapToberfest in Rickreall Oregon. This is a rather big Flea Market event(not as big as Dayton) but for this area it is big. Met a lot of great people and saw a whole bunch of “good” used stuff. I attended the EC Leadership meeting put on by Bruce K7BHB DEC Dist 4. They had a great meeting with some awards for Alert EX03. This SET was to find out how fast the counties could activate their calling trees. The activator could start the operation by either phone or radio and would contact one ham that was on the tree. There was a limited time that the SET could be started. It was successful as 20 of the 36 counties participated. Several of the counties that didn't participate because there were too few hams. We have one county that has one ham but I did hear there were two. A lot of the reports, at the meeting admitted that there was a lot of things they didn't think of. That is why we have SETs David Kidd, KC7OZO, EC Clackamas County, for the highest percentage of membership reached Bob Peschka, K7QXG, AEC Polk County, for the best after action report Craig Marquette, KC7YOC, DEC #1, for the highest percentage participation by counties Craig Marquette, KC7YOC, DEC #1, for highest district point total Trent Newcomb, KD7INP, AEC, Polk County, for the highest overall score There is some discussion about the worth of NTS. I believe that there is a definite place for them. If we ever have a massive emergency where power, telephone, including cell phones and most of the internet not available. Then we need ARRL Radiograms. Al, KK7XO, DEC Dist #5 has, I think, a good idea on how to get hams using ARRL Radiograms. It will be ARES/RACES SET and will be called The Trivial Pursuit of Radiogram Games. There will be a web page created and will have quotes from famous people, movies, pop songs etc. ECs will be notified by E-mail as to when it starts and ends. The answers, that have to be correct, will be sent by radiograms via NTS and VHF nets. I hope that Al will get me results so I can post them. Congratulation to Everett Curry for becoming our new OO. He will do a great job Pat Roberson KG7HT, Bren Roberson W7EN and Gary Moak KD7ELU have passed the AREC EC-001 emergency preparedness test. Tom Hyers W7TCH has completed AREC EC-002 and is waiting for level #3 to open. Great job and it will come in handy in the future Traffic=W7IZ 279, N7YSS 136, KS7O136, N7CM 107, KK1A 98, KC7SGM 59, KC7SRL 47, W7VSE 19 and N7APE 4. PSHR= KW7DSP 182, KK1A 120, N7YSS 110, N7CM 100, W7RRC 90, KC7SGM 90, KL7OR 80, KK7TN 72, W7VSE 58.

Western Washington

DISTRICT 1 DEC John Rollman, KJ7SI Email: kj7si@fidalgo.net ISLAND Co. EC John Acton K7ACT Email: k7act@hotmail.com 4 Oct hospital drill. Objectives completed. One operator (K7ACT) 12 hours at the Skagit EOC during Flood. 4 Sunday night nets completed. SNOHOMISH Co. EC Ed Empey WA7ETH Email: wa7eth@verizon.net ARES participated in

October SET in coordination with King County Medical Services Team. Also provided support during flood conditions to Everett Chapter of American Red Cross by manning shelter in Granite Falls as well as comm center at Chapter House in Everett. SKAGIT Co. EC Ken Koster, N7IPB Email: n7ipb@wetnet.com AEC Bob Roesner WB7WOW reports: Skagit River Flooding - 11 shelters were manned by 24 ARES/RACES personnel. DISTRICT 2 DEC Owen Mulkey, N0WO Email: owen@olympus.net Jefferson Co. had the Kinetic Sculpture race, Clallam had a 1.5 day flood watch, Kitsap had a demo and training at the hamfest and all three participated in the district SET. DISTRICT 3 DEC Ken Dahl, K7TAG Email: kendahl@comcast.net All Counties participated in the District M SET Exercise in addition to their own SET. Grays Harbor and Thurston Co. conducted a joint SET Exercise. Dan Crane, KB7DFL has stepped down as Thurston County EC/RO and been replaced by Tom Dennis, KA4VVA. Tom's email is dennist@co.thurston.wa.us DISTRICT 4 DEC Randy Greeley, NU7D Email: nu7d@pacifier.com COWLITZ Co. EC Randy Greeley, NU7D October 21, Randy held part one of several meetings on Comm-Van training at the Cowlitz Co. EOC. This meeting consisted of going over the radio layout, the county 10-code list, list of acronyms the hams and county use and other general information used when on a mission. Cowlitz Co. 911 Supervisor, Deanna Wells attended the meeting and found the information on the Comm-Van interesting and informative. Randy gave Deanna and team members a binder with the Comm-Van information. CLARK Co., EC Bob Goodale, K7YFJ Email: rwgoodale@attbi.com ARES/RACES members participated in three SET exercises, two on Saturday, October 4th and one with Oregon Dist 1 in an unannounced drill on October 13 where I had 22 check ins on a call out on our net frequency of 147.24 at 11:00 am in the morning. On October 4th two of our members manned the station at SWWMC and communicated with the Puget Sound medical group on 6-meters. Randy Greeley, NU7D, was our featured speaker at the monthly ARES/RACES meeting on Monday, October 20th. 19 ARES/RACES and club members participated in the annual Halloween patrol on October 31st. DISTRICT 6 DEC Kirk Bellar, N7UK Email: kirk.bellar@slmd.com Bellevue established an ARES team with 12 members, mostly recruited from the Bellevue Eastside Amateur Radio Support (EARS) group. Mark Whitaker KD7KUN is the EC. Mark's email is mcw@nwlink.com DISTRICT M (Medical) DEC Marina Zuetell, N7LSL Email: n7lsl@arrrl.net Medical Services team continues to meet with teams and hospital reps in the other counties to expand the coverage. We had a very successful SET with participation from 80% of the hospitals in W. WA. This will allow us to build the relationships and communication pathways for the future. STM Report Bill W7ARC Email: w7arc@arrrl.net QNIs: Noontime Net 9121, Washington Amateur Radio Traffic System 3619, West Coast Net 218, Washington Section Net 843. Individual traffic totals: W7ARC 48, N7EIE 110, W7DPW 86, W7LG 100, W7QM 110, KJ7SI 96, W7TVA 465, N7YSS 110 Official Observer Report John Burke W7BO Email: w7bo@adelphia.net 124 hours monitoring with 2 advisories sent and W7BO, N7QHC, W7XC, KK7JA and W7POE reporting. Complete monthly reports and up to date news can be found on the WWA Section News web page at <http://www.arrrl.org/sect/wwa>.

Pacific Division

East Bay

Hi All New Section appointments: Assistant Section Manager; Darwin Thompson, K6USW representing Western Contra Costa County and Bob Hewitt, K6HEW for Solano County. Technical Specialist; Kristen A. McIntrye, K6WX. OES; Maurice J Valkema, W6STW. Welcome to the newest Affiliated Club in the East Bay Section. Trilogy ARC located in Rio Vista, Ed Hirt, WE6U is the President. Pacificon 2003 was a huge success, many thank to MDARC and all the Volunteers who made it happen, especially to the CO-Chairs, John Schulze, KR6CR and Tracey Schwartz, KE6TOT. Thanks also to ARRL First Vice President Joel Harrison, W5ZN for his informative and entertaining Keynote address, ARRL Pacific Director, Bob Vallio and Vice Director Andy Oppel for their leadership. Thanks also to Cliff Stoll, K7TA for a very entertaining Banquet Address. The biggest thanks go to the attendees, thank you all. I was glad to meet so many of you. The Alameda County Sheriff's Comm Team participated in the County Disaster Drill, provided communications for the Firetrails 50 mile run, ATV and communications support for the City of San Leandro and Alameda County Fire Dept operation "Splahdown" and finished the month being the "eyes and ears" in the unincorporated area of the County for the Sheriff's Dept on halloween. Thanks to the following members: WS6V, WB6UZX, KE6UZG, KF6CRZ, K6NCX, WB6NMW, KE6LEV, KE6NEZ, AD6ME, N6AJO, W6RGG, KA6FIY, K6JNW, KF6BPI, NJ6T. Rich Harrington, KN6FW, updated members of the Livermore Amateur Radio Klub on the subject of "T" hunting. Alan Maenchen, AD6E spoke about recent and upcoming contests at that meeting. Red Oak Victory ARC reported that member Ivan Sturman picked up some radios at a garage sale and need manuels for (HW-8 and HW-9). He also purchased a japanese radio and needs the manuel translated. Siverado ARC members provided communications for the Eagles Bike Race with only a weeks notice. Vaca Valley RC hosted 15 youngster ages (8-13) introducing them to Amateur Radio. They were shown the "Amatuer Radio Today" CD and told about the role Amatuer Radio plays in disasters. Thanks to EB Section. ASM and Solano County DEC Bob Hewitt, K6HEW and Sacramento Valley Section EC and YARS President, Darrin, KGFJL October 2003 Traffic (National Traffic System): Joe Lee, W6DOB-Org/10, Rec/204, Sent/284, Del/34, Total/532 Chuck Bridges, AK6DV-Org/0, Rec/289, Sent/265, Del/24 Total 589 Steve Hawes, WB6UZX - Org/4 Rec/97 Sent/37 Del/42 Total 180 Brass Pounders League (BPL): W6DOB, AK6DC PSHR Steve Hawes, WB6UZX :1/38 2/40 3/10 4/95 Total 183

Nevada

Greetings to everyone in the Nevada Section! The month of October began with a bang as the nation/section-wide Simulated Emergency Test (SET) took place on Saturday, the fourth. Promptly at 8:00 a.m. ARES and NTS operators throughout the section and neighboring states put their simulations into effect. Over the next several hours both county and section-wide emergency and traffic handling resources were well exercised. Assistant Section Manager (ASM) Gary Hartman KK7LV reports that several clubs in Southern Nevada participated in the MS-150 and Corporate Challenge bike races. Gary also reports an Emergency Exercise at

McCarren International Airport. Even though ARES was asked to participate at the last minute, they were able to respond with a full complement of operators. Gary Hartman also reports that a new amateur radio club is forming in the Moapa Valley. Gary has attended one of their meetings and reports they already have a majority of ARRL members. Gary will be following up with them to provide whatever assistance he can, as well as encouraging them toward ARRL club affiliation. Speaking of ARRL club affiliation, congratulations go out to the Nellis Radio Amateur Club (NRAC) club for their recent ARRL affiliation. Thanks to President John Bigley N7UR and his hard-working crew, NRAC is growing by leaps and bounds. The Nellis Radio Amateur Club also reports a good turn-out for the annual Jamboree-On-The-Air over the weekend of the eighteenth. Reports were also received from the Elko and Reno areas where hams brought the excitement of ham radio to scouts all over the section. Also across the weekend of the eighteenth, the Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club (MDARC) produced one of the best ARRL Pacific Division conventions in recent memory. Pacificon 2003 was held for the first time at the San Ramone Marriott Hotel and everyone agreed the new venue was top notch! I think next year will see even more people making the easy trek to San Ramone. Congratulations go out to two brand new Official Emergency Stations (OES): Jim Sheldon K7ZE and Charlie Kunz AA5QJ . OES appointments are for the best of the best and all ARES members are encouraged to work towards an appointment. Information on the OES appointment can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/oes.html>. Steve Lybarger NU7T reports that Cy LaPorte KG7GP recently received a new hip. He moved to the Washoe Rehabilitation Center on October 28 and is expected to quickly be back at home. SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) is only a few weeks away. The event operates from 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 5, through 4:00 p.m. Saturday, December 6. SRD 2003 Event Coordinator Matt Parker N7TOD has put together a very informative web site at <http://renoskywarn.org/srd2003.htm>. Special news releases can also be obtained from Public Information Coordinator (PIC) Don Carlson KQ6FM . Speaking of Don Carlson, shortly after my report last month, Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) Dick Creley KJ7UK appointed Don ARES Northern District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) following previous DEC Paul Cavnar's NN7B decision to step back and take a well-deserved breather. Paul is also the author of our recently updated Section Emergency Plan which can be found at <http://www.cvrc.net/ares/plan/2003plan.htm>. Clubs all over the section are currently soliciting nominations for their slates of officers for 2004. Show your support for your local club by running for one of their elected positions. It is easy to just pay your dues and wait for somebody else to do the work, but new blood is vital to any organization. For a current list of all ARRL Nevada Section Field Appointments, you can always check <http://www.pdarrrl.org/nevsec/officers.html>. Please send me your concerns, opinions, questions and newsletters. Until next month, 73, Dick K7VC

Pacific

Pacific Section Managers Report for Oct. 2003. This was written Oct. 29th. Lee Wical reported that Larry Seaman, W6LCT, passed away Oct. 20. QRZ reports he now lives in Vista, CA. His former call was KH6FRO. The Hawaii Island Hamfest was held in Kamuela, HI on October 11.

About 100 people signed the register. Most agreed it was a successful event. Special speakers included Taylor Smith (from Hawaii Electric Light Company “HELCO”), Kevin Bogan, AH6QO, and Jerry Hill, KH6HU. Kevin Bogan announced he will be running for Section manager. He also spoke about the Oahu RACES organization. Jerry Hill spoke on the “Big Project”. Taylor Smith is the new safety director of HELCO and emphasized the 10 foot rule. “Stay at least 10 feet from any energized lines”. This includes any line you are in doubt about. The exception is if a hot line is on the ground, then stay 100 feet away. Taylor Smith said he is available to speak again later. BIARC will probably accept his offer. The Big Island ARC board has recommended that we have another Hamfest in Kamuela/Waimea in October 2004. I attended the EARC meeting on Thursday October 23rd at the invitation of President Kevin Bogan. There was a lot going on at the meeting including elections and a Red Cross training session. I covered my recent trip to ARRL HQ and Hawaiian Electric’s test of Broadband over Power Lines (BPL). My emphasis about the ARRL trip was how modest HQ is and that they are just the glue that holds the organization together. We are the backbone of the organization and we are the ones that must take the actions. On BPL I talked about Ed Hare, W1RFI, at ARRL HQ and give Kevin a copy of HECO’s experimental license. According to HECO engineer Dixon Lau, the site is somewhere near McCully street. Several people have agreed to investigate. There was also a brief discussion about the upcoming SET (Simulated Emergency Test). Although Kevin Bogan’s initial announcement about running for the SM job was made at the Hawaii Island Hamfest, many members of EARC were unaware, so a short discussion of that was held. The annual statewide SET was held Oct. 25th. State RACES traditionally sets the scenario. This year it was the recovery efforts after a simulated hurricane hit all islands. The SET lasted 2 hours and had check in’s from most areas of the state. It is being evaluated at the present time. Two recent events are of note: They are the fires in California & the massive Solar flares. We live in a tropical area with intense foliage. It is only prudent to keep this in mind during this period of limited rainfall. Several wildfires have already taken place throughout the state and experts say more could come. Know your evacuation route(s) and keep fuels at a minimum (this means clean away dry brush). Sunday was the change over to standard time for most of the mainland. Authorities recommend that this be used as a prompt to change batteries in your smoke detectors. The Solar flare could bring problems with communications. Watch the news for the latest updates. Warren Munro, KH6WM, announced there will be a Ham Swap meet and get together April 3, 2004 from 8AM to 11AM at the Aiea Elementary School Cafetorium and parking lot. Contact Warren at 487-1863 or Jim, the co-chair, at 488-9815. There is no update on rescheduling the Amateur Radio classes on Oahu originally scheduled September 10th. It may be rescheduled for January 2004. Contact Warren Munro for more information. 73, Bob, AH6J

Sacramento Valley

FIRE WATCH: While Southern California has had several Fire-Storms, North CA has been fairly quiet. As I write, we are having light rains. But, as an example of how things can get out of control – Rick, W6SR, was using a torch to solder ground radials for a vertical antenna, then

things got to hot to handle. He dropped the lighted torch, it rolled down hill setting dry grass on fire. His grass was cut short, but the neighbors grass wasn't. A quick 911 call alerted the fire department and a possible disaster was averted. So be careful out there. W6SR will be hosting the Mother Lode DXCC meeting on November 8, for a Bar-BQ. Several MLDXCC members operated from Bill, K6KM's QTH for CQWW phone contest. CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY: Many SV members were heard working the CQP contest in October. MLDXCC, as usual, ran up a big total score. Will they be top dog another year? Nevada County ARC members W6CWM and KS6S operated from a spot where the corner of 3 counties meet, Del Norte, Siskiyou and Humboldt. They were able to give out 3 CA counties with each QSO. EL DORADO COUNTY ARC: Dick, K6LRN, made a presentation on "Contesting" to the club. He described the many types of contests for hams. Dick is an avid contester. SEC Dave, K6SOJ, has appointed Frank, W6DHN, as the District Emergency Coordinator for district 4. Frank has appointed Rich, W6YQQ, as the Emergency Coordinator for El Dorado County. District 4 covers Amador, Placer, Nevada, Plumas, Sierra, Alpine and El Dorado counties. YUBA SUTTER ARC: The club is providing communications for the Lake Oroville Vista Endurance Run and the Veteran's Day Parade in Marysville. Paul, N6XVL, is coordinating the events. The club is preparing for a Pot Luck dinner in November and a Christmas dinner in December. PACIFICON: The Mt. Diablo ARC put on an excellent convention, as usual. The hotel in San Ramon was good and the attendance was large. They have started plans for the 2004 convention. If you have not attended one of their conventions, you are missing a great time. I was able to meet and speak with many SV members and renew old times with many others I have known for years. K6SOJ made a presentation on EMCOMM AMADOR COUNTY ARC: The clubs Swap-Meet held in Martell, in October, was a huge success and was coordinated by Bob, WQ6M and Dee Garrison. The club is gathering nominations for club officers for 2004, as are most clubs. Its payback time, run for a club office. WHITE ELEPHANT SALES: Sierra Foothills ARC, as well as the River City ARCS, held their annual fund raising White Elephant Sales. This gave members a chance to get rid of those old "Boat Anchors" and others to get new ones. Rob, WW6G is updating the SFARC's web page and the club just purchased new club patches. NEVADA COUNTY ARC: Their November meeting will feature Kathy Hoxsie, KC8CLO, of the National Weather Service Office in Sacramento speaking about the Sky-Warn amateur radio weather nets, coordinated by the NWS. CLUB OFFICERS: I can't stress enough how important it is to have active officers for the clubs. Things that can make or break a club are; Officers, club bulletins, programs of interest and meetings. Dull business meetings turn most members off. There needs to be some socializing between members. Now is the time to do your part in keeping your club active and interesting. GOLDEN EMPIRE ARS: I will be speaking to the GEARS members on November 21, in Chico. GEARS is one of the section's Special Service Clubs. SECTION NETS: Remember the second Wednesday of each month is the SV section nets. At 7:00 pm on 146.085 MHz, PL 127.3 and at 7:30 pm the HF net on 3987 KHz. Also check the ARRL web site for the latest news on amateur radio and the FCC. For the latest SV section news, click on Sacramento Valley Section – on the ARRL home page, www.arrl.org. I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving. 73, Jettie, W6RFF.

San Francisco

San Francisco Section News - November 2003 This is my first column as SM for the San Francisco Section of ARRL. There is a lot to learn so please bear with me as I learn the many aspects of the job. Past SM Len Gwinn WA6KLK has been very helpful in walking me through the many tasks. He has offered to continue to be my Elmer in the job. I appreciate his vast experience in Amateur Radio and as a leader. Marci Campbell KE6IAU has accepted the position of Assistant Section Manager for the northern part of the San Francisco Section. Those of you who have attended the section conventions in Ferndale probably have met Marci. Marci and her husband Don KE6HEC are very active in the Humboldt county clubs. As the ASM for the northern part of the section, Marci will be responsible for all field activities except those of the Amateur Auxiliary (OOs). Many thanks to you, Marci (and Don!) for your willingness to take on the position. As part of learning the SM job, I was fortunate to travel to ARRL HQ in Newington, CT., to attend a workshop on ARRL's Field Organization. A substantial amount of material was presented in the short course. I am still reading all the information. When I talked to other Hams before the trip, I learned that very few have been able to make the trip to see the League headquarters, meet the people who make it all happen and work the W1AW station. So I took my 35mm camera with me and took pictures at every opportunity. This has been developed into a photo tour of the League which I offer as a program for club meetings. Please let me know if you would like me to visit your club with the photo tour. Information in this column will come from a variety of sources, including club newsletters. Please be sure that your club sends (mail or e-mail) your newsletter to me so that your activities can be listed, like the following: The San Francisco Amateur Radio Club (SFARC) and San Francisco ARES performed their third annual Halloween Pumpkin Safety Patrol in a number of San Francisco neighborhoods during the evening of October 31st. About 20 Hams on foot and in cars cruised the neighborhoods being alert for potentially harmful events. Two repeaters were used as well as base stations to pass any traffic to an appropriate agency if needed. SFARC Public Service Coordinator George Hughes W0WEB and ARES DEC Merlin Willis N6OFY organized this year's event. Lake County Amateur Radio Society (LCARS) received a write-up in an October edition of the Lake County Record-Bee newspaper. LCARS member Dave Perata WN6LOO has incorporated an Amateur Radio Technician class in with his 4H activities. His most recent class graduated five new licensees, one of those his son, Daniel KG6RJL who has already upgraded to a General class license. Dave has already started a new class and plans many more. LCARS provides public service communications support for Lake County's Pedal the Puddle bike race and the Blackberry Festival. Their membership also provides support for the California Department of Forestry and is active in the local ARES function. Speaking of Ferndale, get your calendars out and mark the weekend of July 9 - 11, 2004. That's when the next San Francisco Section convention will be held once again in Ferndale. To keep up with information on the convention, visit the Humboldt Amateur Radio Club's web site at www.humboldt-arc.org. Finally, the inclement weather season is upon us. Time to dust off the go-kits and check their contents. Make sure all of your supplies are up to date and that any medications that you need to carry are current. Be sure that you have a list of people to contact on your behalf in case of an emergency. Your EC and DEC should have this information, too. Check to see that your HT batteries are still in good working order. If they have reached the end of their life, add new ones to your

Christmas list! I wish you and your families a safe and pleasurable Thanksgiving! 73, Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV, San Francisco Section Manager

San Joaquin Valley

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION. Report for the month of October 2003: SM Charles McConnell, W6DPD- ASM K6YK, ACC W6DPD, SEC K6IN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC KE6IGJ, 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. Please write your congressional representative and urge support and co-sponsorship of HR 713, the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act and HR 1478, which would apply PRB-1 to CC&Rs. Also contact your Senators and urge support and co-sponsorship of S 537, the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act. The International DX Convention will be April 23-25, 2004 at the Holiday Inn at Visalia. Check scdxc.org/visalia2004 for information. The 2004 Fresno Hamfest will be May 1, 2004, at the Ramada Inn in Fresno. This will also be the San Joaquin Valley Section Convention. As plans are completed, announcements will be placed on websites. EMCOMM 2003 South has a good attendance this year. The conference is growing in attendance and quality. The conference for 2004 is in the planning stages. It may be in the spring of 2004. Pacificon 2003 was well attended by Hams of the SJV Section. The facility at San Ramon was an improvement over previous years. The banquet speaker, Cliff Stoll, K7TA, was superb. The convention is planning to return to the same venue for 2004. Thanks to KE6IGJ for service as DEC for the south for many years, and welcome at the new Public Information Coordinator for the section. If your club does not have a Public Information Officer to get information into the media, it should. Amateur Radio needs to get all the public exposure it can generate. We need to get our story out to the public. Congrats to the San Andreas Fault Survivors on achieving first place in the SJV for Field Day 2003, and to the Madera County ARC on second place. AA6LB is the new call sign for the Los Banos ARC. Congrats to the following who completed the ARECC Level One course: AE6LA, KB6QIT, KI6LO, and K6RRS. K6YK is on AO 40. KG6MTR has a TS 2000. Traffic for the month of October was zero. PSHR, K6RAU 54. I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Roanoke Division

North Carolina

NORTH CAROLINA: SM, John Covington, W4CC - SEC: WA4MOK. STM: K4HA. TC: K4ITL. BM: KD4YTU. PIC: N2COP. OOC: W4ZRA. SGL: AB4W. ACC: N4JCK. At the Benson JARSfest on Sunday November 16th, TC Danny Hampton, K4ITL received a plaque for the 2002 ARRL Technical Service Award. Congratulations again to Danny for all he has done for the ARRL NC Section, SouthEastern Repeater Association, Piedmont Coastal Repeater

Network and many other organizations. I can't think of a more deserving recipient. We have been fortunate to have Gary Pearce, KN4AQ serve for the last nine and a half years as our Public Information Coordinator in North Carolina. Gary has worked very hard to make sure that the public is more aware of us, particularly during disasters such as Hurricane Isabel. Gary is stepping down as NC PIC, but will still serve as a Public Information Officer in Wake County. He will focus most of his efforts on editing the SERA Repeater Journal, a great source of information that I use regularly. Replacing Gary is Bill Morine, N2COP of Wilmington. Bill is an ARRL Public Information Officer in New Hanover County, and was the recipient of the ARRL 2000 Philip J. McGan Silver Antenna Award, recognizing outstanding efforts in public relations on behalf of Amateur Radio. I'm pleased that if Gary is stepping down that we are able to have such a high-caliber successor. Bill's contact information is: phone (910) 452-1770, e-mail n2cop@arrl.net. NC Jamboree On The Air efforts went very well last month. I encourage JOTA station sponsors to complete a JOTA survey with ARRL Headquarters if they have not already. Six stations have so far, I know there were quite a few more stations. Why is JOTA important to us? Most JOTA participants will not become hams, but they will always remember something positive about Amateur Radio, and that will benefit us greatly in the long run. The survey is located at: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/jotalog/> I listen on the radio a lot but do not talk very often when I'm on the road. Most operators I hear are courteous, but occasionally I hear vulgar language, acrimonious arguments and in one case a wish for bodily harm to come to someone in a traffic accident. We must remember that THE PUBLIC IS LISTENING - there are many scanner enthusiasts, SWLs and even other hams monitoring. Our families sometimes listen too! If they like what they hear, they might want to join us, or at least tolerate us. I don't even mind hearing controversial topics discussed, but civility is a MUST. Think before transmitting. Broadband over Power Line testing is something we are really keeping an eye on. KN4AQ, N4TAB and W4FAL, among others are keeping a close watch on BPL activity in the Raleigh area. If you hear of any efforts to test BPL equipment in your part of the state, please let me know. We don't have millions of dollars to make our case, so we will only be able to keep this from becoming a problem if we take accurate measurements of the interference levels. I congratulate and thank the Rowan ARS on contributing \$250 to the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund to help fight BPL. I believe some other clubs have made contributions also, but this is quite a commitment! October Traffic: W4EAT 1778 (BPL), K4IWW 236, K4RLD 187, KE4JHJ 91, AB4E 77, W4DAC 75, K7UGT 74, W4FAL 59, WA4OBR 56, WD4LSS 41, KG4OQA 40, W3HL 37, AD4XV 36, KE4AHC 35, W4EHF 34, W4LN 28, KD4WAX 27, WA4SRD 18, N4TAB 11, KB8VCZ 9, W4IRE 9, KG4ISO 8, KG4ISP 6, N4NTO 4, AG4ZB 3. October Public Service Honor Roll: K4RLD 165, W4EAT 120, K4IWW 120, KG4OQA 115, K7UGT 115, N4TAB 111, KE4JHJ 110, WD4LSS 103, W4FAL 78, W4LN 78.

South Carolina

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators. This is Dr. Jim, N2ZZ with the November 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 wish to thank Kim K1MI for her work as Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC) this year. Kim has had to resign because of home and work commitments. I wish to welcome our new Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC) to the ARRL-SC team! He is Brian Sugden KR4SP from the Anderson area. Please visit the www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/ website, and read about Brian under "Section Leadership". Brian is anxious to visit clubs in the SC section!, I ask all clubs in our section to place Brian on your e-mail or mail list to receive your club newsletters!***I had the pleasure of attending the Sumter hamfest on October 25th! I appreciate the hospitality of the Sumter Club in providing space for us to set up our ARRL table! There were a number of dealers present, including Ham Station, Rosewood, and Batteries Plus! I would also like to remind everyone that the Sumter club sponsored the SC QSO party, and I thank them for their sponsorship!***Congratulations to Marc Tarplee N4UFP, SC Technical Coordinator for his article entitled "Two Bands from One Dipole" that was published in the November 2003 issue of QST on page 46! I would like to remind everyone that Marc has generously allowed us to place his presentations as downloadable files on the www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/ website. Click on the left sidebar entry "Technical Presentations by N4UFP, TC"!***Charlie AE4UX SEC, Marc Tarplee N4UFP TC and Tony N4ADM traveled to the State EOC on November 7th to evaluate the HF antenna situation. Drills had made it very obvious that the State EOC HF antenna system needed work. A great deal of information was obtained on Friday, and Marc will be formulating his recommendations for improvements. On a related issue, the State Emergency Management Division had provided us with a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ARRL ARES (and RACES) operators. The document was reviewed by ARRL HQ, and was sent back to me to execute the agreement. I signed the MOU on behalf of the ARRL ARES program, and I am awaiting a signed copy from the SC Emergency Management Division. More news on this later!***My thanks to the Grand Strand ARC for sponsoring the South Carolina Section Convention on November 8th in Conway! This event capped off the SC hamfests for the year, and it was a great one! Our honored guest from ARRL HQ was Dan Henderson N1ND from the ARRL contest branch. The ARRL forum was held at 9:30, and a great number of topics were covered. Les K4NK spoke about the Morse code requirement for future licensing and the Broadband over Power Line threat. I covered SC ARES/RACES progress to date, our Technical accomplishments including the digital seminars given in September, our successful SC QSO party, Field Day operations, BPL, 60 meters, and our WARC '03 accomplishments with 40 meters. Dan N1ND spoke on a number of topics including Logbook or the world, and, of course, the threat of Broadband over Power Lines-Main Point-GET INVOLVED!***As I mentioned last month, 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 proud to be a part of this momentum! Again, Thanks to EVERYONE for your interest and your participation in our joint avocation! October 2003 Station Activity Report: Call/Received/Sent/Originated/Total); KA4UIV/95/92/6/193; WA4MIY/24/20/5/51; WA4UGD/26/3/2/31; KG4VDR/11/14/22/35 October 2003 Pubic Service Honor Roll Reports:(Call/1/2/3/4/5/6/Total): KA4UIV/40/40/20/100 October 2003 Net Reports: (Net Name/Check-ins/Traffic/Sessions/Reported By): Blue Ridge Two Meter Net/1810/49/31/K4SUG; Carolina Slow Net/151/37/31/W4EAT; Carolina's Net/474/191/62/K4IWW; Columbia Amateur Radio Club/187/9/9/K4RKC; Lancaster County 2

Meter Net/187/16/13/N4WMB; PALS Net/1220/61/31/KG4KOE; SCSSB
Net/1343/128/31/WA4UGD Thanks to EVERYONE for your contributions to Amateur Radio!
'73 de Dr. Jim N2ZZ ARRL Section Manager, South Carolina Section

Rocky Mountain Division

New Mexico

The fifth annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) will take place this year from 0000 UTC to 2400 UTC on Saturday, December 6, 2003. This is the day that Amateur Radio operators visit National Weather Service (NWS) offices and contact other operators around the world. The purpose of the event is to recognize Amateur Radio operators for the vital public service they perform during times of severe weather, and to strengthen the bond between radio amateurs and their local National Weather Service office. The event is co-sponsored by the American Radio Relay League and the National Weather Service. To learn more about this year's event, check out the NOAA Web site: . This site includes a link to a list of participating National Weather Service offices and their call signs. Questions concerning this event can be directed to Larry Boyd, K0ILB, at larry.boyd@noaa.gov. Registration opened Monday, November 10, 12:01 AM, Eastern Standard Time (0501 UTC), for the Level II Emergency Communications on-line course (EC-002). Registration remains open through the November 15-16 weekend or until all seats are filled--whichever occurs first. During this registration period, approximately 50 seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis. Class begins Tuesday, November 25. Thanks to a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service and the United Technologies Corporation, the \$45 registration fee paid upon enrollment will be reimbursed after successful completion of the course. To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education (C-CE) Web page and the C-CE Links found there. For more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, dmiller@arrl.org, 860-594-0340. Are you planning to teach a license class? Is your club starting classes? If so, look at the ideas and hints available at . This new compilation by Linda Mullally, KB1HSV, is jam-packed with helpful tips, links, and tutorials sure to help instructors eager to try new ideas and approaches. The web primer is organized so that information can be located in an instant. Just use the handy index, and topics ranging from "Planning", "How to Get Volunteers to Teach", and "Take Advantage of Special Events" are just a key-click away. Quick-links give you full-access to many ARRL services -- and becoming a Volunteer Instructor has never been made easier. 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. Check out for links to club newsletters from around the country. Local club web sites: Mesilla Valley Radio Club , Valencia County ARA , Upper Rio FM Society , Socorro ARA , Sierra Blanca ARC , Santa Fe ARC , Sandoval County ARES , New Mexico State University ARC , New Mexico Hamvention , Los Alamos ARC , Eastern New Mexico ARC , Deming ARC , Amateur Television Network, NM

Chapter , Albuquerque DX Ass'n , Albuquerque ARC . Want club pictures posted on the NM Section web page? E-mail me pictures, with accurate captions, and we'll take care of it. Net Reports for October: NM Breakfast Club, 1058/153; NM Roadrunner Traffic Net, 1192/77; SCAT Net, 652/8; Caravan Club Net, 50/4; Yucca Net, 493/40; Valencia County ARA, 55/18; Four Corners Net, 274/15; Rusty's Raiders Net, 792/114; and the Deming ARC Net, 150/18. Congratulations to the Deming ARC on their recertification as a "Special Service Club." Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving and remember absent friends. 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; SGL: Bill Cherepy, WB4WTN; ACC: Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC. November started out with another A-1, topnotch hamfest in Lawrenceville, sponsored by the Alford Memorial ARC. Only complaint I heard from anyone was that the weather was too HOT!! Felt almost like Shelby. For sure, it seemed a bit strange to need sunblock instead of gloves. In case you never checked our online results on the CW poll, 503 of you voted to keep the 5 WPM Code requirement, and 194 voted to eliminate it. In follow-up emails, some of you even urged a return to higher level requirements. Unfortunately, it's real easy to toss a cup of salt into the ocean, but quite impossible to scoop it back out again. It doesn't seem too likely that requirements will tighten. Surprisingly, only 38 of you voted in favor of the compromise, in which the code would be dropped for the general class license and maintained for the extra class. Turns out that the Board may actually be looking at the possibility of such a compromise. It's election time, and the results are in! Congratulations to these newly elected officers of the following clubs: Athens ARC: Tim Piazza, KG4GMS; Bob Herrin, KE4JLL; Edwin Fuqua, N4VHA; and Phil Koehler, AF4TQ. (And kudos to club members on their new club/contest station and their successful entry in the CQ Worldwide contest, too!) Cherokee ARS: Kenny Cannon, AI4BE; Frank Dean, K4SJR; Markus Powell, AF4VS; and James James, KE4HMS. Valdosta ARC: Mark Tidrow, KG4SZY; Chris Schroeder, KG4WHL; Lisa Brant, KD4CJV; and Carolyn Blair, KG4VFL. Best wishes to all of you folks as you lead your clubs in the coming year. Kudos to the Middle GA Radio Association, whose members provided a hands-on demonstration of amateur radio to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts alike at an "Intergalactic Jamboree", held on October 27 in Warner Robins. Talking about Scouts, the word is that the reporting on this year's JOTA event has been very sparse, compared to years past. The ARRL and BSA use the information from the online survey to gauge the growth (and worth) of the event. Please, if you haven't already done so, take the time now to file a report at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/jotalog> The future of this terrific event may depend on it. Sadly, some Silent Keys to report this month: John Dahl, K9IJF; Gary Farano, KH6WD; Warren Ford, KB4MC; and Robert Schliett, W4ZHM. Heartfelt condolences to the families

and friends of each of these fine men. With Thanksgiving right around the corner, let me wish you all a day stuffed with family, friends, and fellowship. May your blessings outnumber your cares. Until next time, this is AF4FO, signing clear. Take care of yourselves. And each other. 73, Susan QTC October: K4FUM-230; WB4GGS-222; W4WXA-178; AF4NS-90; W9NXC-57; WB4BIK-40; K4BG-39; K4ZC-32; KG4FXG-31; K4WKT-29; K4BDH-28; K1FP-24

Southern Florida

October has been a busy month. It began with the statewide SET on the fourth. Participation was light but all who participated learned from the event. We even tried section-wide nets on 60 and 2 meters. Many individuals and clubs participated in the CQWW and the ARRL Sweepstakes contests. I have everyone had good scores and new ones in the log. We had a lot of activity for JOTA and many public service events. We have a new look to the section web site at www.sflarrl.org. Please check it out and participate in the surveys. The current survey will end on the 15th of the month. Looking for the Section ECs and the Emergency plan? Click on the ARES logo. VE teams and instructors please visit the site and notify the webmaster of any changes. Speaking of changes, we have several changes in leadership positions this month. Jan, WA2YL is stepping down as Section Traffic Manager and Kevin, K4PG will be stepping into that position. We have new ECs in 2 counties: Indian River – Bud, WA4ASJ and Glades – Thom, N5KFR. More information about these changes, and words from Jan, will be at www.arrl.org/sections/SFL.html. Beginning December 4 we will have a weekly section-wide 2-meter SSB net. It will be on Thursdays on 144.210 MHz. at 8:30 PM local time. Please mark your calendars. October SAR: KA4FZI 594, WA9VND 424, KD4GR 162, WA4YL 155, WA4EIC 149, K4FQU 81, K4PG 75, AA4BN 63, KG4MLC 39, W4WYR 37, KG4MLD 35, KT4XK 34, KE4UOF 33, KG4ILJ 32, AF4NR 31, KN4JN 31, WB4PAM 26, K4VMC 21, KG4CHW 18, KF4OMB 15, KB0DKD 8, K4OVC 7, K0TIW 7, WY4F 5, W3JI 1, KE4WBI 1. Congratulations to Miss Phil for making BPL. October PSHR: KD4GR 150, KG4CHW 128, KA4FZI 120, KE4UOF 113, WA4YL 110, K4FQU 108, WA4EIC 100, WA9VND 100, KG4MLC 84, AA4BN 82, KG4MLD 79. I hope to meet many of at the hamfests in Titusville on 11/22 and Okeechobee on 11/29. Links to information about these hamfests, photos of section activities, club activities and other announcements will be updated by 11/17 at www.arrl.org/sections/SFL.html. Please keep the newsletters, meeting minutes, and appointee reports coming to me. Remember to take a camera to all activities and send me photos for the section news.

Southwestern Division

Arizona

SM Article for November 2003 This is going to be a very controversial article so I will begin. First of all if you have not heard by now, The Arizona State Hamfest normally located at Fort Tuthill in Flagstaff will be moving to a new location, the Williams Arizona Rodeo Grounds, and

the new date will be the first weekend in July the 2nd through the 4th. The city of Williams is located 33 miles west of Flagstaff on Highway 40. After you get over the little fits and the four letter words on why we are moving the best Hamfest in the Southwest to a new location, please read on. As you have seen over the past years, the grounds have not changed (they are getting worst) but the cost of putting on the Hamfest has risen very fast. The fair grounds charged ARCA (Amateur Radio Council of Arizona) almost \$9000 for the weekend Hamfest in 2003. They stated that the fees will increase next year but we will not get any improvements and a few of the buildings that we use for presentations will not be available. The ARCA web site, "www.arca-az.org/arca", has a financial chart showing increased cost of the last 10 years. Many people have complained about the high cost of a selling space and if we stayed at Flagstaff this cost would increase. The city of Williams has offered ARCA the use of their Rodeo Grounds at a lower cost and is willing to give other incentives to the people who attend the Hamfest. This means that ARCA will be able to maintain the present cost of selling spaces (maybe lower the cost) and each selling space will be larger in size because there is more room available. ARCA is presently talking with the city officials about discount cost for motel rooms, RV parking spots, and Grand Canyon Railroad tickets. The RV part is located next door to the ground and has full hook-ups and there are several motels close by (Fairfield, Holiday Inn, etc). This move is for financial reasons only. Look up the financial reports on the ARCA web site so you can see for yourself what has been happening. The next order of business is the 2004 ARRL Southwestern Convention that will take place at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort located near Chandler on 27-29 august 2004. The Central Arizona DX Club is putting on this event and they do everything first class. There will be many presentations on almost every subject of amateur radio plus many top companies showing you their new products. This event will have everything indoors (except Saturday morning swap meet) so you need not go outside for anything except the boat ride to the casino for other entertainment or go swimming in the large pool. All presentations and vendor areas will be in air-conditioned comfort. The hotel has many rooms available for \$91.00 a night and this rate is good for the week prior to the event and the week after the event. Where else can you get resort treatment for standard motel prices. Make your plans ahead of time to be at this event. The convention web site is "www.hamradio2004.com/swdc2004". The last piece of business has to do with me. I was gone for 2 ½ weeks of business travel and then a week's vacation all during the month of October. When I returned I had 265 e-mails and 22 telephone calls to try and catch up on. If I missed returning your telephone call or did not respond to your e-mail, please call or re-send. I try and respond to all telephone calls and e-mails as required but I do miss a few so if that has happened please have patience and call/resent again. The next Hamfest will be the Superstition Hamfest, in Mesa, on December 6th and I hope to see you there. 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

Thanks to Arlyn Seidel-KK5GY, for the October Traffic Report. Congratulations to the these vy active stations: Public Service Honor Roll- O.C. Elfers-WA5OUV, Tom Johnson-N5IKN, Pat Murphy-NJ5M Station Activity Reports (SAR) Cecil Carter-KI5LQ 96 O.C. Elfers-WA5OUV 87 Tom Johnson-N5IKN 222 Mel Miller-K5KXL 94 Pat Murphy-NJ5M 276 Arlyn Seidel-KK5GY 267 Governor Brad Henry declared the week of November 9-15 as Amateur Radio week in Oklahoma. This to give credit to the public service effort provided to OK residents. The proclamation contains the following wording.....WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Section of the American Radio Relay League will be operating a special event station from Guthrie, OK,... Thanks to Mark-N7XYO Section PIC for getting out a nice done press release on the Governor's proclamation. In addition to the Guthrie Special Event station which was held on November 15 the same time launch of two balloons was scheduled. The launch sites were in Norman and Tulsa. The launch was postponed with current consideration for an early December launch date. The balloons will be equipped with payloads allowing for Amateur Radio communication and APRS tracking. Harry-KC5TRB and John-AD5GT are heading up the balloon missions in Tulsa and Norman, respectively. Updates will be shared with the Section soon. Good luck guys! Thanks for the great turnout for the Enid Hamfest and the League forum. Certainly appreciate Jay-K5GUD for his great assistance with the Power Point presentations and videos. Another opportunity for many in attendance to talk up their club activities and give other ideas for making Amateur Radio available in non traditional ways. The SM attendance at the OK Chapter of Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (OKVOAD) www.okvoad.org annual meeting near Tahlequah in mid November was most productive. This provided the opportunity to meet with several of our serviced agencies. Groups in attendance included the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, OK Office of Civil Emergency Management, Church World, OK Mennonite Disaster Service, OK State REACT Team, Southern Baptist Convention, and the United Methodist Church. The purpose statement of OKVOAD is to bring together voluntary organizations active in disasters in an effort to foster more effective response to the people of OK in time of disaster. Sounds like a fit for Amateur Radio! The meeting was held at the Salvation Army camp, which hosted the Disaster Conference of spring 2003. And, yes attendees were shown Amateur Radio Today. A word of recognition to several clubs who have given and are about to donate to the BPL fund. The Central OK Radio Amateurs and the OKC Autopatch Association have made significant contributions with numerous other clubs promoting donations during the upcoming club holiday dinner gatherings. Thanks to all who have given to the BPL fund and are organizing their club to do likewise. As you know the Green Country Hamfest committee is facilitating contributions at the Section Convention in March 2004 Upcoming Events: Lawton-Ft. Sill ARC Nov 21 Blvd of Lights Tulsa Repeater Organization Club Meeting Nov 25 Oklahoma City VE Session-Nov 25 OKC EOC/FAA Altus Christmas Parade-December 7 Thanks to each of you for your public service! Happy Holidays, John-WB5SYT OK Section Manager