

# Section News for May 2004

## Atlantic Division

### Northern New York

This month's summary is going to go towards bringing BPL and the ARRL initiative to defend our Amateur Radio Spectrum to the forefront. Ever since the Milton, Vt. Hamfest back in Feb. 2004 it is apparent that certain business interests i.e. BPL companies have their sights on our HF & Low VHF Radio Bands. As Amateurs - we each owe it to ourselves to get involved in a write in campaign to our Congressional Representatives and Senators and make our position – opposition to the using of our Radio Spectrum for Internet access. Believe me, this is a battle we dare not loose. I believe that if we loose this battle over BPL we will loose HF. I can foresee an HF wasteland much like what is now happening in Germany. It is imperative that our NNY clubs get involved and pass supportive measures to insure that our voice is heard in Washington, DC. Each of us can do our part by writing letters and sending them into our Representatives and Senators. Yes, your address and phone number and signature will be needed to verify your position. These are the types of letters that will ultimately get recognition. Please pass this important message on to your Nets, Clubs and Emmcom groups. We really need you to step up .. Now! For the future of Amateur Radio. Thank-you for those who have supported the Spectrum Defense Funds and have already written their representative(s) & Congresspersons. Keep up the good efforts. I talked to Ed Hare - W1RFI at Rochester and he said to let you know how much he appreciates support. He explained that it's because of you-Amateurs that he continues to be at the forefront of this BPL interference problem. Interference is technologically inherent in BPL. Representatives & Congress Persons need to know! Please act responsibly and do it today!

### Southern New Jersey

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2004 Our prayers go out for Ron Reagan, and also our thanks. We have the Battleship New Jersey today as a living piece of history and I am sure he would have made a trip to see her had he been able. Mr. Reagan's last commissioning, put her in position to be with us today. We have so much to thank him for. Thank you Mr. Reagan and God Speed to you on you finally journey. While we are mentioning the Battleship New Jersey, the 4 Sisters event was a huge success. The New Jersey was the sponsor for the event and we hope that everyone who worked us will send us their QSL card. We hope everyone enjoyed the contact and we invite you to work us often. There were 1626 contacts logged which included all 50 states and 74 Countries. Nineteen dedicated Amateur Radio Operators came out to operate and had a great time. The 4 Sisters are the four Iowa Class battleships – the Iowa, New Jersey, Missouri and Wisconsin. They sailed together 50 years ago.

The other 3 ships were just as excited about the event as the New Jersey. The Special Event for the 61st Anniversary of the BB62's original commissioning of May 23, 1943 was held on May 24 and went well except for the bad band conditions early in the day. In spite of the conditions, we did log 120 QSO's. If you missed these events, take heart because there is one in July also. The weekend of July 17 and 18 is the Museum Ships weekend. The time is 0001Z July 17th through 2359Z July 18th. This will be a QSL card and they are to be sent to KB2BRR with an SASE. I would like to remind everyone that if you can't go out to a field day site, please, at least, get on the radio and support those out there looking for you. There are more ways than working a microphone. There is rope pushing and pulling. Let's not forget that the crews need to be fed and watered. Water is very important on the hot days of June. Also, lest we forget the "clean up" after 2pm on Sunday. You can always find me in the mess or making a mess or burning a hotdog. Congratulations to N2RF, Rick Faust on receiving his longevity ARRL award for being an ARRL member for 40 years. If someone would like me to check the status of your membership for an award, please email me to ka2ykn@arrl.org and I will check with the league. There is a new website for SNJ ARES It is [www.snjares.org](http://www.snjares.org) which has been established to promote ARES throughout the section. Check it out and feel free to make suggestions. Traffic report for May 2004 STM Dan, K2UL QNI reports NJM 75 N2GJ NJPN 164 W2CC NJSM 154 K2PB NJN(E) 201 AG2R NJN(L) 177 AG2R (above nets are dual nets of both SNJ and NNJ. Liaisons with 2RN. Local nets JSARS 339 KC2JBZ SJTN 56 KN2RTZ SJVN WB2UVB No report is available at this time. Station Activity Reports (SAR) WA2YL 103 WA2CUW 100 K2UL 49 KC2IYC 48 W2QOB 39 N2VQA 28 K2GW 27 KB2RTZ 26 WA2NDA 13 N2ZMI 1 Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) N2HQL 189 KB2RTZ 182 KA2YKN 181 K2UL 120 WA2YL 120 K2GW 91 KC2IYC 90 WA2CUW 90 W2QOB 89 N2VQA 74 During a visit to JSARS on June 10, Dan, K2UL, STM for SNJ, proudly presented a Special Achievement certificate to Helen Harrington, KC2LYL, for "perfect attendance" at nightly sessions of the JSARS Traffic Net. I would like to add a "well done" and congratulate Helen on her dedication to the hobby and to the National Traffic System. Coming up is the International EME Conference in Ewing Township, NJ at the College of New Jersey on Rt 31 South. For information, [eme2004@qsl.net](mailto:eme2004@qsl.net) or website [www.qsl.net/eme2004](http://www.qsl.net/eme2004). Two hamfests are coming up in August. Aug 8 in Bayville, NJ sponsored by JSARS (Hamfest by the Shore) for info contact Ed, WA2NDA at [wa2nda@aol.com](mailto:wa2nda@aol.com). Talkin is 146.910- (p1127.3). You can also send email to [hamfest@jsars.org](mailto:hamfest@jsars.org) There is also the usual Mullica Hill hamfest sponsored by Gloucester County ARC and is at the 4H Fairgrounds, Rt 77 email questions to [aa2wm@arrl.net](mailto:aa2wm@arrl.net). Look for those coveted items to put you next antenna up or redo your shack.

## Central Division

### Illinois

As I write this month's news summary it is early morning and we have just gone through yet another night of thunderstorms. Thankfully here in Winnebago County we have been spared the severe storms and the flooding that has occurred elsewhere. The number of hours spent by

amateurs providing communications support to local agencies and the number of amateurs participating in such activities is growing every day. Thanks goes out to all of those groups that provide this support. We are learning just why it is that we practice emergency communications. WB9UDJ reports that their R.A.D.I.O. group did an all day ARES demo at the Mt. Carmel, IL airport located in Lawrence County. They made numerous contacts and had a good time and about 12 amateurs were involved. Gary also reports that his wife, Estella, KA9SBY, was involved in an airplane accident. The plane, where she was sitting in the right seat, struck a taxiway marker light with the prop. There was about \$5,000 worth of damage. This did not cause her any anxiety, however, as she went up in another plane about 30 minutes later. Gary says that it makes a loud noise when a prop hits a stationary object, but Estella will tell you that it is louder in the cockpit and the vibration is intense. On June 6th I attended the Starved Rock Radio Club Hamfest. At 10 A.M. Central Division Director Dick Isley, W9GIG, presented a Meritorious Service award to the members of this club and presented letters of gratitude to all of the participants that took part in the Utica tornado storm watch and the aftermath. Congratulations to Gary Hilker, K9LJN, of Rockton, IL who has been appointed as VHF Awards Manager and as HF Awards Manager for the Rockford Amateur Radio Assoc. Congratulations to Pat Colvin, AF9H, of Braceville, IL who has been appointed as VHF Awards Manager for the Kankakee Area Radio Society. Jess Colvin, AI9L, also of Braceville, IL. has been appointed as HF Awards manager for the Kankakee Area Radio Society. As such, these men will be responsible for validating WAS and 5-band WAS applications for their areas. They have accepted a heavy responsibility in maintaining the integrity of this prestigious award. Hamfest season is in full swing. On June 13th is the Six Meter Club of Chicago Hamfest at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL. Also on June 13 is Egyptianfest at Southwestern Illinois College Campus in Granite City, IL. On July 4th the Kankakee Area Radio Society's 21st annual KARSFEST at the Will County Fairgrounds in Peotone, IL. On July 11th is the Fox River Radio League Hamfest at a new location. This year the hamfest will be held at Aurora Central Catholic High School, 1255 N. Edgelawn Drive, Aurora. WA9RUM reports that the W9VEY Memorial Net handled 7 pieces of traffic, and had 168 check-ins for May Of 2004. This net was started June 14th, 1976 and will celebrate its 28th year next week. May traffic: KA9MZJ-22; WB9TVD-7; W9HLX-77; KA9IMX-79; IL Emergency Net, QNI-60, QTC 4, 5 Sessions; North Central Phone Net QTC-38, QNI 313, 26 Sessions; Illinois Phone Net QNI 140, QTC 32, 24 Sessions.

## **Wisconsin**

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG, SEC: KB9ENO, STM: K9LGU, ACC: K9XB, SGL: W9DGI, OOC: N9VE, PIC: KB9NUM. TC: K9GDF, BM: WB9NRK ASM: K9UTQ, W9RCW, W9CBE, W9DGI. \*\* With regret, I inform you of the passing of Arthur Cermak, N9TQP, 88. Also, Harold Ferguson, W9IEM, 91, and Russell Webber, WA9EKG, 86, passed away. Russell was a long-time member of MARS. \*\* The Eau Claire Amateur Radio Club participated in the Boy Scouts of America's Big Event. 850+ Scouts camped out at Beaver Creek Reserve, north of Fall Creek, Wisconsin. The following members of the ECARC set up

the W9EAU amateur station and information tent: W9AVM, KB9PJM, W5JLM, KB9QYO and KG9RA. Over 325 Kids passed through the tent with hundreds of questions. \*\* OZARES was activated on May 23 to provide traffic control and communications to protect sandbag workers due to flooding of the Milwaukee River. Given the recent floods, I suspect that other clubs and ARES will be activated to provide assistance so please lend a hand if called. And, keep me informed!!! \*\* I see from the newsletters that many clubs are talking about doing Fox Hunts. This is a great club activity and I really encourage you to consider doing more than one a year. The best way to become more proficient is to practice. There is a lot of material to help you get started in this fun facet of the hobby. Let us know if you want to learn more! \*\* The Chippewa Valley ARC has an excellent working relationship with the Chippewa Falls police department. Roy Anderson, EC for Chippewa county, reports that the CVARC is assisting the department with verification of proper operation of sirens during tests as well as weather watch and nets. We are happy to hear they are providing a valuable community service! Good work! \*\* WIQP results: Congratulations, again, to Larry Hammel, K5OT, for his top individual Wisconsin score of 142,246 points! He traveled through 21 counties. Top club honors go to the Fond du Lac ARC with a score of 425,414! Even though band conditions were not great this year, we hope everyone had a good time at the Party. A full report can be found at this site:

<http://www.warac.org/wqp/2004/04result.pdf> \*\* The Governor of Wisconsin proclaims June 26 as Amateur Radio Operator Recognition Day. \*\* From Denny, K9LGU, STM: FAQ #27 How should I spend my summer vacation? Thank you for asking. If you have a little extra time, here are some suggestions. (1) Participate in severe weather watches. (2) Get involved with Field Day. (3) Take the EMCOMM course you've been postponing. (4) Fix your antennas. (5) Clean your ground connections. (6) Complete FEMA's basic Incident Command System course. (7) Talk with your county's Emergency Coordinator. Make plans. (8) Check into some traffic nets. (9) Check into some other traffic nets, ones you usually don't. Perhaps a slow-speed CW net? (10) Offer yourself as an Elmer to a new or potential Ham. (11) Send a few pieces of traffic. (12) Review FSD-218, the famous pink card, to check on your traffic-handling techniques. (13) Try some portable operation. (14) Volunteer as a net control. Yes, do it! And if you run short of activities. (15) Make some lists of how to spend your next summer vacation. 73- K9LGU/STM-WI \*\* I hope you are planning on participating in Field Day. Don't forget to send me a message through the NTS on any of the Wisconsin nets. I want to receive a formal report from every Wisconsin club participating in Field Day. Remember, it counts for an additional, easy, 100 points. Full rules for this event are found at this site:

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2004/rules-fd-2004.html> Good luck!! 73, Don W9IXG

## **Dakota Division**

### **North Dakota**

NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Kent Olson, KAØLDG -I hope you all have a fun and safe Field Day. I hope to get out to some of the sites as time permits and check out the set-ups. Congratulations to Charles Hofferber, KIØLS who was recently elected as the new president for the Forx ARC,

in Grand Forks. Congrats to all the other elected club officials as well. It sounds like a few of our North Dakota hams made the journey to Dayton this year. I hope they had a great time despite the usual rainy weather. Peace Gardens Hamfest, 9-11 July - come up and enjoy some great company and fun. The RRRA in Fargo will also be hosting their annual hamfest in March of 2005 (specific date to be announced later) as well as the Division Convention in September of 2005. If you or your club would like to have a part in the convention, please contact me or the president of the RRRA, Jody Krufft, KCØHIG. The Dakota Division Convention in Fargo on Sept 9-11, 2005. Section's web site at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~qtipf16/>. HF NM KØHDA net reports for May: Goose River Net, 5/59/1; WX Net 25/611/0; Data Net 31/620/20.

## South Dakota

Mobridge: The Mobridge Area ARC is planning a special event station in October for the Lewis & Clark celebration in Mobridge. Aberdeen: Field Day prep is up and running, no site selected yet but several have been discussed. EchoLink will be demonstrated at field day and CareFlight has been confirmed. Visit to the South Side Fire Station to see a new "Inflatable Enclosure" being demonstrated. We may have the opportunity to use this for Field Day. Lake Area: The May 1 triathlon was a new event for the Watertown Community Recreation Center. W0LPG, who coordinated the event for LARK, said the event started with a 500-meter swim in the indoor pool, followed by a 12-mile long bike leg and a 3.1-mile run. Nine LARK/ARES members provided communications and road safety support along the six-mile bike route. Helping with the race were Laurel, KB8HMR; Hugo, KB0QXU; Jim, WB0WIH; Kevin, KB0LCR; Kurt, NT0Q; dark, KB0RBG; KB0UZZ and W0LPG. The May 15 half marathon around Lake Kampeska included LARK/ ARES members providing communications and directions for the runners. Helping with the race were Jeff, K0JLR; Harry, N0XKP; Val, W0LPG; Hugo, KB0QXU; Kevin, KB0UZZ; Jim, WB0WIH; Kurt, NT0Q; and Laurel, KB8HMR. Huron: Huron ARC has renewed its Special Service Club Status with the ARRL. Pierre: Several radios and a repeater were available from the state and arrangements on obtaining these were discussed. Prairie Dogs (Yankton/Vermillion): Field Day gear up is in full swing and the club will be operating from one of the local parks. SEARC: Field Day this year will be a Class F station from the Emergency Management Building, this will hopefully make participation easier for the folks that might have to work and will certainly gain us more public exposure. MS 150 will be coming up in August. With help from the Yankton/Vermillion group we should have a really good crew to handle the event. Jun 25th is the Red Cross CDREE (readiness exercise) and several ARES members will be participating in the tabletop exercise. Emergency Management has one section of the tower left to be installed and we would have space available on it for our radios. If anyone knows of someone with access to a boom truck of about 40 ft reach please contact a club officer about it. Deuel County: The Brookings Amateur Radio Club which consists of members of the ARES group helped on May 15th Marathon in Brookings. Had 12 Amateurs and a total of 90 man hours. Net ran from 6:00am to 1:30pm. There was one net control station at Pioneer Park and 11 operators through town. Hot Springs: FD will be at the Mammoth Site again this year including big barbeque for supper on Saturday

night. Also the Mammoth Site is serving breakfast on Saturday, its their 30th anniversary. Black Hills AREA: Eric Stover, K0EWS has been appointed as Assistant Section Manager for Educational Affairs. His duties will include acting as a liaison between clubs wanting to work with their local schools and the league. He will have information available for the clubs to get them started. He will also be part of the official speakers bureau here in South Dakota. Gene McPherson, NØMHJ, ARRL Emergency Coordinator from Meade County, South Dakota chairs the LEPC, they have developed a public Service Announcement that has aired on local television and radio. The PSA promotes the purchase and use of Weather Radios. Gene was the producer of the PSA that won the “Mark Trail Award”.

## **Delta Division**

### **Arkansas**

Since the last column, I have visited the CAREN club, Fort Smith club, and attended the Malvern swapmeet. Also, last month I failed to mention that I enjoyed seeing everyone at the Little Rock hamfest. The ARRL forum was very well attended. At the CAREN meeting, I presented Jerry, N5WVI and Pat, N5ZSN, a Public Service Commendation for their years of work in public service activities. CAREN provided communications for the Ouachita Trail 50 race. 19 members volunteered nearly 230 man hours. N5XFW gave a presentation on packet radio. CAREN will support packet nodes critical to supporting the new ADEM headquarters at Camp Robinson. N5XFW is being assisted by KI5OY in getting a node on the air east of Springdale. ADXA met at Blakely Dam near Hot Springs. AI5P gave details on his Caribbean DXpedition coming up. The Ozark Wireless Society puts out a good newsletter. I always enjoy AA5QY's editorials. This month it was about coffee – Floyd feels that we can all learn from each other, both about ham radio and other subjects. The ARKAN club is sponsoring an “1836 Award” for working Arkansas counties as they were in 1836. See [www.arkan.us](http://www.arkan.us) for details. ARVARF donated a vintage key and sounder to the new RR museum in Russellville and put on a ham radio display during the grand opening. Entertainment was provided by the band “Summerfield Reunion” featuring K5JU and WB5VOX. Franklin County ARES participated in the severe weather response in late April. KD5MXV, KD5QPB, KD5MXW, N5XMZ, KC5ODU, AD5ES, KD5MXS, KD5NFJ, and KD5GSP. In addition to spotting activity, communication was provided to the EOC and Search and Rescue. Thanks to KD5GSP for the report. N5RXS reports that N5XUX, SFC Allen Hornaday, who is currently inactive but known by many, is hospitalized at Brooke Army Medical Center from injuries suffered in a bombing in Iraq. Jim Berry, WA5JAN has been appointed as OZK manager. WA5KQU resigned as OZK manager because he has been appointed as state director of Navy MARS. Please support Jim by checking in to OZK (3.592 at 7:00 pm. Local) when you can. KB6FO reports that the Greers Ferry club had a good month with 18 members present at the meeting, and a good 10 meter net. Be sure and send me your club news - I enjoy getting club newsletters. KD5RUJ is net control for the Arkansas simplex net, which meets on 146.58 at 8 pm on the first Saturday of each month. The latest net saw 19 stations from Russellville to Greenville MS. AD5D attended CERT

training in Cherokee village. Steve will be doing a program on CERT for the ARES/RACES training net soon. May Net Reports from STM WB5HIL: Arkansas Phone Net - QNI 415, Traffic 19, Manager W5SXV. Arkansas Mockingbird Net – QNI 320, Traffic 7, Manager WB5YLI. Razorback Net – QNI 1569, Traffic 76, Manager K5BOC. OZK - no report. May Traffic: K7ZQR 32, K5BOC 28, W0ZUX 18, WB5HIL 18, KA5RRK 2. Public Service Honor Roll – KB5ILY 165.

## **Louisiana**

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – MAY 2004 Southwest LA amateurs assisted the SW District Homeland Security and Office of Emergency Preparedness in what the press referred to as "The Largest Emergency Drill" ever held in that area. Participating hams included KC5FGO, KD5KSR, KI5EE, KC5JBJ, K5IX, KM5QB, WA5LQZ, KC5RGW, and K5BPA.

Congratulations to all and a special thanks to Ron KC5FGO (Calcasieu Parish Emergency Coordinator) for organizing and maintaining control during the drill. Hams from the Hammond and New Orleans areas supported the LA Special Olympic Games held in Hammond by providing communications relating to the safety and well being of the participants. Harris KB5BFK coordinated the ham radio effort and was ably assisted by KD5LWJ, WB5FBS, K5CAV, KB5DNF, NF5B, KC0HZU, KD5PCM, KD5PCK, KD5QNT, K5NDT, and KB5YZF. Thanks to all for your fine public service work! The LA Section is fortunate to have some outstanding ARES groups. One of the more obvious groups now taking giant steps forward is Lafayette Parish. Among other things, EC KN5LSU has recently appointed both KN5GRK and KM5OR Assistant EC's for Lafayette Parish. As a reminder, each EC needs to submit a report to WA5LQZ (LA SEC) every month so that all of our ARES groups can be properly recognized for their activities and achievements. If you are interested in public service communications, be sure to contact your EC. (Our EC's are listed by parish on the LA Section Website.) If your parish doesn't have an EC, email Alan WA5LQZ via wa5lqz@arrl.net for his help. Our unique ability to provide backup communications during emergencies is our strongest argument in protecting our frequencies. We can never have too many hams with strong emergency communication skills. Upcoming hamfests include Slidell on July 17, Leesville on August 14, Lake Charles on September 11, and Pineville on October 16. I am very sorry to report that W5TOT, K5UMQ, KE5HY, and KZ5PE are now Silent Keys. Traffic totals: K5DPG 166, W4DLZ 100, K5MC 99, AE5V 60, N5KWB 57, AC5VN 41, W5NK 30, W5PY 9. Public Service Honor Roll: N5KWB 160, K5DPG 135, AC5VN 129, K5ER 129, K5MC 110, W5PY 89, AE5V 82, W4DLZ 80, W5NK 72, KB5UHH 30. Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 31/403/88. Louisiana CW Net: 31/158/46. Louisiana ARES Net: 5/90/0. Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Ouachita Parish ARES Net: 5/90/1. Richland Parish ARES Net: 5/57/0. Northeast LA ARES Net: 5/34/0. AARA Net: 5/144/1. 73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Manager Email: k5mc@arrl.org LA Section Website: www.laarrl.org/

## **Mississippi**

The results of the Mississippi QSO Party are in. Over 100 Mississippi stations were on the air in 61 of the 82 counties. Mississippi stations collectively managed to work all 50 states and 25 countries. The five highest scores in Mississippi were turned in by K5SVC, WQ5L, K5MDX, AG5Z, and W5PFR. The high score outside of Mississippi was racked up by K4MUT in Maryland with 67 QSOs in 42 counties. Complete results and certificates will be mailed to all of those stations submitting logs. Should we have another one next year? Comments? In ARES news DEC W4WLF reports that Harrison County ARES participated in Lifesaver 2004 which was a major Homeland Security Drill involving simulated terrorist attacks over several states. ARES operators in Harrison County maintained communications among EOCs in Mobile, Gulfport, and Jackson. In Lafayette County EC K5DSG reports that ARES has the new call W5LAF and has a permanent meeting place now that the new county fire department central station is completed. In further ARES activity, Metro Jackson EC AC5SU reports that a weather drill was conducted on May 22 after the drill had to be cancelled on May 15 because of a real weather situation! The May 22 Drill emphasized mobilization of resources, net operations and coordination, and the transition from initial Skywarn/ARES response to recovery operations. An "aftermath" to the May 22 Drill is planned for July. In Lauderdale County EC KD5GWM reports that a 2-Meter Station has been installed at the Red Cross Chapter due to the efforts of KD5GWM, WB5GUD, W5RB, KC5NMB, N5VWS, and KD5WBQ. Speaking of emergency communications Field Day (FD) is upon us. With conditions the way they are we need to be prepared with "bug spray, beer, and beverages." Remember Field Day is one of two ARRL emergency communications exercises conducted during each year. The other is the Simulated Emergency Test (SET). During FD we practice setting up for and conducting emergency operations. During the SET we coordinate with served agencies and respond to a simulated event. W5AUB, Jackson ARC Public Service Coordinator, reports that the JARC provided communications for 1st Annual Giro de Brandon Bike Race sponsored by the US Cycling Federation and the MS-LA Bicycling Association. Although there were no significant mishaps over the 20.4-mile loop in Rankin County, the sponsors were most appreciate of the JARC communications support. Those participating were KD5HDZ, W5AUB, KD5JPB, KC5WYY, KD5QQF, KD5SBP, and KC5AHD. Congratulations to WB4VYB of New Albany, KD5JHE of Oxford, and KD5WCT of Vicksburg on their license upgrades. Also congratulations to W4TX of Corinth on completing ECC-001. And lastly to W5XX, who after 47 years on the air, finally got voted into the ARRL A-1 Operator Club. Welcome to New Mississippi Hams: KE5AXQ, Patrick - Jackson; KE5AXR, David - Jackson; KE5AXS, Charles - Byrum; KE5AXT, Michael - Union; KE5AXU, James - Madison; KE5AXV, Leslie - Brandon; KE5AZQ, Cody - Wesson; KE5AZR, Nora - Wesson, KE5AZS, Thomas - Brookhaven; KE5AZT, George - Brookhaven; KE5BBA, Carl - Tupelo; KE5BBB, April - Saltillo; KE5BBC, Billy - Houston; KE5BBD, Cynthia - Dumas; KD5BBE - Henry, Pascagoula; KE5BEO, John - Hattiesburg; KE5BEX, Christopher, Oxford. Regret to report the passing of N5NNI of New Hebron and KD5TOJ of Meridian. OBS Report: W5KWB; OO Report: K5XQ; PIO Report: W4TUP; DEC/EC Report: NN5AF, WB5CON, K5DSG, KD5FUO, KD5GWM, AC5SU, WA5TMC, W4WLF, N5ZNT. Net reports: sessions/QNI/QTC; MS Section Phone Net 31/2865/61; MS Section Traffic Net 31/135/14; Magnolia Section Net 31/1334/7. Pine Belt Repeater Assc.



31/641/1; Jackson County Em Net 30/375/9; MS Section Slow Net 21/43/1; West Coast MS ARES 8/52/0; Monroe Co. ARC 5/56/0; Hattiesburg EM Net 5/57/0; Metro Jackson ARES; 5/81/0; MS Baptist Hams Net 5/69/0; South Central Skywarn Net 5/50/0; Meridian Area EN 4/44/0; Lowndes Co QSO Net 4/46/0; Jackson ARC EN 4/80/2; NE MS ARES 4/57/2; Itawamba Co ARES Net 4/56/4; SW MS ARES 4/59/0; MS/LA EM Net 4/37/1; PSHR: AC5SU 144, AD5IS 135, WB5ZED 130, W5XX 80; Traffic: WB5ZED 1876 (BPL), AD5IS 104, KM5WN 6, W5LEW 6, W5XX 5. Compilation of Traffic Statistics provided by AD5IS, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager.

## Great Lakes Division

### Michigan

The radio amateurs of the State of Michigan have received an official Certificate of Proclamation from Governor Granholm naming the week of June 20, 2004 as Amateur Radio Awareness Week. It is a great honor that the 21,000 radio amateurs in Michigan are recognized by our state leaders for our contributions to the citizens of the state. This is an excellent opportunity to further promote the outstanding efforts of amateur radio during your radio club's Field Day activity. Should you desire to display a copy of the Proclamation at your Information Booth at Field Day, we are posting a downloadable copy to the Michigan Section Web site. Please feel free to forward a copy your local officials. July is fast approaching and it is time to prepare for the Michigan Section's Family Outing at Woodlands Campground, 3 miles north of M-55 on Sage Lake Road in Lupton, MI. The full fledged activity begins Friday July 9 and runs through 14:00 Sunday July 11. You can arrive as early as 14:00 on July 8. Please contact Debbie Kirkbride KA8YKK for reservation information, 821 Florida Ct., Bay City, MI 48706. The official registration form is available on the Michigan Section Web Site. We will have entertainment, campfire, live band, mixer and "Cheeseburger in Paradise" on Friday afternoon and evening. Saturday will include forums with your Great Lakes Division Staff: Division Director Jim Weaver K8JE, Joe Phillips W8QOE SM from Ohio, John Meyers NB4K SM from Kentucky as well as your MI SM WA8EFK. Other forums will include a Leadership Overview, ARPSC Training, NTS Section Nets, and Current Legislative Actions. Saturday activities climax with a spaghetti dinner, followed by fun activities planned by Debbie KA8YKK. Sunday opens with an interdenominational service led by Denny VE3EUI and will be followed by the ARRL Leadership sponsored family breakfast. The campgrounds will close at 14:00. We will host volleyball, canoeing, boating, swimming, softball and hayrides. There are arrangements for campers, tenters and those who would prefer to bunk in the campground's cabins. Non-campers are welcome to make local arrangements or just visit for the day. This year's theme is "Margaritaville", and we encourage you to join us in a relaxed atmosphere with some useful and informative sessions as well. Your Section Staff will also be there to meet with you and learn of your needs and interests. Our thanks to all of the dedicated amateurs across the state who have been so active with local and regional Skywarn programs over the past few weeks. Local public officials and the National Weather Service really appreciate your involvement.

Most assuredly, the dedication of those involved have included hundreds of man hours of effort. Thanks to all who reported their SARs for May: VE3EUI 219, K8AE 170, WD8USA 90, W8XKW 78, K8AMR 74, WB8TKL 62, WB8RCR 58, K8KV 57, WB8YPG 43, K8ZJU 40, K8UPE 37, W8RNQ 36, K8FE 28, K8KHZ 27, WI8K 24, KC8MLD 17, WA8EFK 14, K8YB 12, W8SST 6.

## **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 MONTHLY ARES NET: Second Monday of each month at 8PM on the Morris County OEM Repeater; WS2Q 146.895 (PL 151.4) minus 600 Hz. I am sorry to report that John Hults, K2WJ has resigned as one of our ASMs. John and his wife will become fulltime RVers very shortly and gives new meaning to the phrase “Garage Sale” as they adapt to their new life style. John, almost single-handedly, kept our License Plate bill alive through several sessions until we were able to get it passed two years ago and has also been one of the prime members of our State PRB-1 Committee. I will certainly miss his counsel but John has promised to show up from his mobile set-up once he hits the road. Congratulations to the North Jersey Wireless Association for being designated a Special Service Club. The National Weather Service recently recognized the Ramsey OEM SkyWarn program as both a “SkyWarn Active” and SkyWarn Prepared” organization. They are only the 7th such SkyWarn group to be recognized by the NWS for achieving these levels. Many of the spotters are also members of the 10-70 Repeater Association. The New Providence Amateur Radio Club was recently the receipting of a \$375 grant from the ARRL to help fund their code practice oscillator kits which is part of the educational program for the Salt Brook School radio club that the club sponsors. Also, the New Providence Board of Education presented the club with a “Certificate of Excellence” for its work in mentoring the radio club. I know other clubs are sponsoring similar activities. These are excellent ways to have amateur radio recognized as a public service entity and can only enhance the positive image our hobby deserves. We continue to get NNJ participants in the ARRL EMCOMM on-line courses. Congrats to Al Williams, K2WM and Walt O’Brien W2WJO who have completed Level III requirements! Both SEC K2SO and I would like to see all our ARES members take, at least, the Level I course. Even if you have been active in EMCOMM for years there are a few new items you might pick up by taking the course. I certainly did! Also, don’t forget that Level I is fully refunded once the course is successfully completed. Another ARRL event which has become very popular over the last few years is Kid’s Day which will be held this year on June 19th. I know several clubs are planning to take part. It’s a great way to show your community how much fun Ham Radio is. And, Field Day is getting closer. Your group or club still has time to post its activities on our Section web page (listed at the top of the column). By doing so you give other hams a chance to visit your site and maybe even attract some new club members. 73, Bill Hudzik W2UDT

# Midwest Division

## Kansas

Kansas Section News Summary-May 2004 SM, Ron Cowan, KB0DTI-- SEC/OOC: Robert Summers, K0BXF ASM: Orlan Cook, W0OYH PIC: Scott Slocum, KC0DYA SGL: Steve Hamilton, KB0JYL Field Day is a week a way. I hope you are planning to get out with your local club, or at least some friends, and set up in the outdoors. I will be out in the section again this year. Please take you FD messages to the section nets for Bob-K0BXF and myself. I will make sure that they get to us. Don't forget about your PR for Field Day ! Your Kansas State Convention will be held August 15 th at Salina and hosted by Central Kansas ARC. Danny-KA0FMZ in Johnson County has been working to run down interference in Stilwell and Olathe along with the usual grade school presentations. Bill-AB0RG also in Johnson County assisted with the new ham class sponsored by Santa Fe Trail ARC. Bill helped with the production of code practice oscillators and conducted some of the code classes. Arlan-W0NBT was off the air for a few weeks recovering from heart by-pass. Shawnee Radio Amateur Communication Team (SRACT) used their May meeting for a show and tell to get FD juices flowing. Independence also had a Show and Learn as the program for May. JCRAC held the first of several foxhunts for the year. Terry Moyer- KC0KCO is CKARC's new Recruitment Director. Dan-N2PRC the DCARC Training Manager is looking for Packet stations. Dan is working on a network for the Lawrence area and seeking input on who is out there that can get on this mode. A spreadsheet of stations and operating characteristics will be developed to aid everyone in making the system come together. WARC's 146.79 now requires a CTCSS tone because of intermod type interference. The Independence repeater 145.490 with 91.5 Hz tone is up and running. Pilot Knob ARC is making plans for their Lewis & Clark Special Event station that will be part of the anniversary celebration of the journey. The activities begin July 2. April Sessions/QNI/QTC/Mgr: KSBN/30/841 / 121/N0KFS KPN/21/298/28/N0KFS KMWN/29/680/568/WB0YWZ KWN/29/ 828 /636/WB0YWZ CSTN/26/2137/65/ AB5PA QKS/58/ 341/151/K0PY QKS-SS 7/16/0 KB0DTI TEN: 60 sessions, QTC 271 , KS 90 % with WA0LYK K0PY AB0WR W0WWR NB0Z . Dave W0SS/Mgr. (CW Net) SEC: Zones reporting 13; 94 sessions QNI 1025 QTC (messages)140. Bob K0BXF SEC. Traffic: AB0WR 835 WA0LYK 216 KC0HHO 135 NB0Z 24 KI0BK 41 W0WWR 72 AB0UY 45 KB0DTI 27 W0OYH 15 N0ZIZ 33 KC0MRJ 15 N0ENO 11 K0Ry 9 . 73- Ron To receive Kansas Amateur Radio News E-mail News Letter contact Orlan-W0OYH-Editor See KSN on ARRL Website for detailed PSHR and more Kansas news: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/KS.htm>

## Missouri

JUNE 2004 MO SECTION NEWS PLEASE GO TO THE ARRL WEBSITE TO VIEW THE COMPLETE SECTION NEWS. Doug Schumpert, K0DPS, of Ozark, MO has been appointed to the position of Official Emergency Station. Doug is also currently the Assistant EC for Christian County, MO. Field Day will be June 26th and 27th and those wanting to forward their

field Day Reports can do so on the Missouri Traffic Net SSB or CW nets. KØKY will be on the SSB net on the evening of June 26 and any relayed messages can be forwarded by the recipient to kØky@arrl.org. HOUSE BILL 822 UPDATE I know that an amendment to HB822 that was added by the Senate has caused some concerns among Amateurs. The objectionable line reads "Political subdivisions can adopt ordinances prohibiting amateur radio communications equipment from interfering with the reception of broadcast radio or television signals and take actions to protect or preserve historic districts." I was quite concerned and contacted the ARRL HQ for their perspective. John Hennessee, N1KB, Regulatory information director for the ARRL and Chris Imlay, ARRL Counsel, have looked over the provisions and stated clearly that the part of the bill related to RFI ordinances was unenforceable because of case law and the Communications Amendments Act of 1982, P.L. 97-159. Rick Lindquist, N1RL, ARRL HQ official said it was our call and maybe we should just take it as it is. I agree with the opinions from ARRL HQ as does Dale Huffington, AEØS & John Baremore, KCØCRO We are looking forward to the Governor signing the bill perhaps some time in mid-July. CONVENTIONS & HAMFESTS Keep your calendar clear for the Warrensburg Hamfest at the Johnson County Fairgrounds about a mile or so west of Warrensburg on Hwy 50. The event will be held on Saturday July 17, 2004. For more info on that hamfest contact Keith Raihala, NØVJ via nØvj@arrl.net or phone 660-422-7273. The 42nd Annual Zero Beaters ARC Hamfest will be Sunday July 18, 2004 at Hillerman Park in Washington, MO. Contact Jim Glasscock, WØFF (636) 584-8888 or e-mail jimfoxfox@aol.com for more information. AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS, KEITH HAYE, WEØG, ACC The ARRL Executive Committee has approved the Zero Beaters Amateur Radio Club and the Howell County ARC for ARRL Affiliation. It's wonderful to have these great clubs affiliated with the ARRL. All Affiliated Clubs need to update their information on the ARRL website At the May meeting of the Mississippi DX and Contest Club, Merle, WØEWM, presented a program on the BPL trial that is being conducted in Cape Girardeau. Merle drove to Cape Girardeau and made measurements on frequencies from 40 meters to 10 meters. He found that noise where the BPL electronics were installed was S9+30DB. The noise decreased to S9 three blocks from the source and to SØ four blocks from the test area, but it was still audible. Steve Schmitz WØSJS, of the St. Louis Suburban Radio Club, is looking for volunteers to assist with the National Multiple Sclerosis MS-150 Bike Tour that will be held on Sept. 11-12, 2004. The event starts and finishes in Columbia Missouri. More info is available at <http://www.qsl.net/src/ms150/ms150vol-communications.html> The St. Charles ARC was allowed to continue to locate their remote site for their Repeater system atop the Hawk Point Water Tower. To thank the city, some members of the SCARC assembled to paint over the graffiti that was on the water tank and apply a Hawk Point Logo to the Tower. The Club received a letter of congratulation and thanks from the Hawk Point Mayor. SECTION ARES REPORT MAY 2004, DON MOORE, KMØR SEC To view the May Report and other Monthly Section ARES report for 2004, go to <http://www.ares-mo.org/currentsec.asp> SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS FOR MAY 2004, DALE HUFFINGTON, AEØS, STM MO Phone Sessions 31 QNI 415 QTC 67 NM KØDAT MESN Sessions 4 QNI 117 QTC 0 NM \*

## **New England Division**

## **Connecticut**

Field day is coming in two weeks! Don't miss out-get ready, help your club effort and join the fun! By the beginning of next week a list of many of the field day sites in CT will be shown on the Section Web Page on the ARRL site. Technical coordinator Joe, N1KHB has spent some time compiling this list-thanks to him and all of you who contributed the info. I have been occupied these last few weeks with some reorganization matters. Effective July 15 Allen Pitts, W1AGP is resigning due to a significant change in his work schedule. Allen feels that he will not be able to devote the time needed to the SEC position. The good news, though, is that he will be able to help out with ARES in a leadership capacity under the new SEC. I can't even begin to tell you how much work Allen has done for ARES in Connecticut-he has done an outstanding job; I have thoroughly enjoyed working with him in this role. But life changes and work situations change as many of you know. Allen, thank you from all of us-we won't let you totally off the hook-we look forward to your helping out when and where you can with special projects. Allen and I have recruited Chuck Rexroad, AB1CR who will assume the SEC position on July 15. Chuck will be working with the DECs and the leadership team to ensure a smooth transition. He has been an active amateur operator for 30 years and has worked at all levels of the ARES organization in Virginia and Washington DC. His experience his experience includes large-scale drills, actual deployments, deploying with a national Red Cross disaster action team, supporting large public service events with over 100 operators and working with digital modes - including packet, APRS, and PSK31. Professionally, he is a systems engineer for IBM. Chuck moved to the CT Section from Virginia a few years ago and is really looking forward to leading this program in CT. Email: ab1cr@arrl.net or phone 860-647-9275. Welcome aboard! The following comes from the program committee for the New England Division Convention at Boxboro, MA. Call for Speakers and Organizations This is a call for speakers and organizations desiring to participate in the 2004 ARRL New England Division Convention program. Note the new dates for the convention this year: August 13, 14 and 15. There has been good response to date, check out the "Events" section of the official Boxboro Web site, [www.boxboro.org](http://www.boxboro.org). Open program hours remain available, drop me a note if you wish to present a talk. Include a subject title and if you are so prepared include a brief abstract. If you represent a regional club or organization (e.g. NESMC, CEMARC, MARS) we can help facilitate open forums or closed meetings by providing you a meeting room. I am asking organizations like this to please consider Sunday morning time slots. We can accommodate additional requests for information booths, but please get your request in early. We are asking for some volunteer time in return for the table/booth to help us with parking, ticket sales and other convention logistics during the convention. Keep an eye on the convention web site, <http://www.boxboro.org>, for the latest information.

## **Eastern Massachusetts**

BOXBORO'S PROGRAM promises to be the biggest and best ever, according to Program

Chair Ken Caruso, WO1N. "There has been a good response to date." Open program hours do remain available if you wish to present a talk or if you represent a regional club or organization. Visit <http://www.boxboro.org> for the latest information.

**FRAMINGHAM AMATEUR RADIO WEEK PROCLAMATION:** The Selectmen of the Town of Framingham will issue a Proclamation proclaiming June 20-27 as Amateur Radio Week in Framingham. As of this writing, the Selectmen were slated to present the Proclamation on June 17 at a meeting in Town Hall. Thanks, K1KTK.

**WELLESLEY ARS LIAISING WITH THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Wellesley Amateur Radio Society member Robert McGuane, KB1BXQ and other WARS members are working with Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Kevin Rooney to ensure that the Club establishes a working relationship with the Town's EMA. "The Chief informs me that he is eagerly looking for possible candidates to run the Amateur Radio station," McGuane, says. WARS has placed an Icom 2000 transceiver in a locked cabinet at one of the Town's fire stations. McGuane has discussed dates for emergency drills with Rooney and is workign with him to formalize RACES operator appointments for WARS members. -WARS "Sparkgap" June 2004.

**CAPE ANN ARA SEEKS NEW LEASE:** The leadership of the Cape Ann Amateur Radio Association is currently seeking a new lease for its current club house, a building owned by the City of Gloucester. "After an in-house review ... I submitted a Request For Proposal to the City of Gloucester for a new lease on the building at 6 Stanwood Street," said CAARA president Charlie Anderson, WI1U. Bids were opened on May 21, 2004 by the City Purchasing Agent. "We are hoping to hear something in the next few days." CAARA members have made a number of improvements to the property over the years, including the addition of a railing along the entrance, and granite steps outside the new kitchen door.

**HAMS NEEDED FOR DNC:** Section Emergency Coordinator Mike Neilsen, W1MPN seeks volunteers to assist with next month's Democratic National Convention in Boston. "As requirements for the DNC continue to be developed by our clients, it is clear that we will need many volunteers to help during the week." Duties will range from maintaining net watches at home stations to direct mobilization with teams supporting groups such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army, and the Boston EOC. "We will need people in two shifts; from 0600-1600 and 1600-0100. The day shift will be most challenging to fill, as the DNC will be taking place during the work week." Neilsen is looking especially for hams that have completed any level of training in the Incident Command System (ICS).

**FIRST GRADERS "HAM IT UP":** Ms. Donna LaRoche's first grade "HAMsters" are learning about ham radio--and geography--and reading--and writing--and much more. "Ham radio is such a great teaching tool!" exclaims Belmont school teacher Donna LaRoche, M.Ed. "The kids absolutely love receiving greetings from hams around the country, and seeing their QSL cards." Incorporating ham radio into the classroom curriculum is a relatively new project for LaRoche. "The kids really enjoy using the code practice oscillators to send morse code to one another." Several hams have visited the HAMsters recently, including K9HI & K9ERA, KA1MOM, and Belmont resident Chuck Counselman, W1HIS. Counselman built a working breadboard CW transmitter to demonstrate. "The kids were so fascinated ... that they didn't want to stop," said Counselman. "They skipped recess and even brought their lunch meals back to the classroom." The Winn Brook school HAMsters web site can be found at [http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/class\\_pages/laroche/ham\\_radio/](http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/class_pages/laroche/ham_radio/).

## **Rhode Island**

Greetings fellow RI Amateurs: The CERT program is still running and expanding. The most recent two graduating classes will be taking their Technician exams in E. Providence and South Kingstown on the June 19, thanks to the help of ARASNE and PVARC VE teams. In April, I reported that our Technical Coordinator, K1DFT had been recognized by the University of RI for having invented the most outstanding intellectual property of 2003. Recently, news articles in the New York Times, EE Times and Providence Journal have recognized Rob personally and his invention in very positive reports. His invention is called a Distributed Loaded Monopole and is in process of being patented. Independent validation of Rob's hard work is being performed and he will present a mini-seminar of the exciting new antenna concept at the NE Division Convention in Boxboro, August 14-15. It will certainly be a standing room only crowd in the Cotillion Room. Don't miss it. You'll be witnessing history being made. Several RI Amateurs once again made the pilgrimage to the Dayton Hamvention this year, including several first time visitors. Reports are that it still is the biggest hamfest we have and well worth the trip. My one and only Hamvention visit was in 1973 and I still remember it well. If you've never done the Dayton Hamvention, try to make at least one. It's a memorable experience. Our DEC-Salvation Army, Denis Feerick N2NCL, has informed me that he and his wife Janet will be relocating to upstate New York. Paul Vanasse, W1PEV will be taking over his duties as Salvation Army Communications Director. The DEC-SA position will be vacant at this time, along with section ARES which remains inactive. We appreciate the loyal support Denis has given to his work while living in the Ocean State. Upon the suggestion of not presently but soon to be new ham Brad Dorval, I sent a MARS message to the Commanding Officers of both RI Army National Guard units serving in Iraq thanking them for their service to the US. Further, I suggested to all my fellow Section Managers, 71 in all, to follow RI's lead. I've heard from some who think it's a fine idea. BVARC supported communications to the RI Diabetes Foundation 100 km Bike ride and walk in Narragansett on May 16th. Volunteers included WA1RI, WB1P, N1WWG, NB1U, N1BU, N1XAC, N1YWY, KB1HJX, and KB1KKF. The Ocean State Bike Tour to benefit the American Diabetes Association will be run on June 12-13, also in Narragansett and communications provided by members of PVARC. Call signs will be reported in next month's Activity Report. Thanks to all! Next month's Activity Report will be prepared by our Asst SM, WA1RI. Kindly include Bill in your reporting of club and individual activity that should be reported section-wide. His e mail address is wa1ri@arrl.net. My personal thanks to the many who have sent their wishes for a safe surgical experience that I'll have three days before Field Day. I am surely hopeful that this will finish the need for all the surgery I've had in the last few years. By fall, I ought to be walking a lot better. 73 for now and have fun on Field Day. Bob Beaudet W1YRC RI Section Manager

## **Vermont**

Field Day is upon us. Isn't that great!? I always love operating at Field Day because it gives an

opportunity to set up temporary emergency operations in the field and contact as many other North America stations as possible. It's a great learning experience and gives us a chance to show off what we can really do. As I mentioned here last month, please get with your club and to find out how you can help. I will try to visit a few sites this coming weekend (June 26-27), but mostly, I will be operating, or eating, or both. Please e-mail me with your Field Day plans: I'd love to hear them. In Section News, District One has a new District Emergency Coordinator (DEC). Bob Brown W4YFJ has decided to step down after two years of outstanding performance. I want to thank Bob for a job well done. The new DEC is Bill Walker W1WAW of St Albans. District One encompasses Chittenden, Franklin, and Grand Isle counties. To help Bill in his new duties, Carl Phillips KC1WH (SEC) has also appointed Brad Murray KD1BL to Assistant DEC covering Franklin County and Ron Gauthier N1LDT to ADEC for Chittenden County. Plus, AJ Murray N1ZWL is now an EC for the town of Jericho. Congratulations to all of you. I'm glad to have you on the team. This just in: Dave Cain W1DEC our State Government Liaison put together a Proclamation declaring June 21 thru June 27 Amateur Radio Week in Vermont. I immediately ran it down to the Governor's office. I will post the text of the document on the ARRL Vermont web site shortly. The Governor will sign it early next week, although there may not be a public signing due to our getting it to him a little late this year. If there is a public signing, I will follow up with a separate notice. Broadband over Power Line video available. A video that clearly and concisely explains and depicts the threat of Broadband over Power Line (BPL) to Amateur Radio now is available for downloading free of charge from the ARRL Web site. The link is: <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/06/18/8/BPL-and-HF-web.mpg>. The video, BPL and HF: A Primer, runs approximately three and one-half minutes. There have been some sad moments this month as well. I have been informed that the following Hams are now Silent Keys. Ron Ritchie, KA1RMY of Arlington, VT will be missed by all his friends and family in southern Vermont. Danny Goulette N1BUR formerly of Essex Junction retired to New Mexico. Ron told me once that he loved six meters. Greg Abajain KB1AVA, the "Adorable Vermont Amateur" was in poor health for the past several years, but stayed in touch with his friends via the Burlington repeater. Both Danny and Greg succumbed to complications from Diabetes. Here is the May Traffic Report Submitted by Bert Morton W1DFU  
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26/569/21/1642 N1HXC VTNH 31/140/56/337 W1DFU KWN 20/50/199/0 (Kingdom Weather Net) KB1HWB Bruce Bennett wishes to thank Jerry Tallman, Jr. KB1KPO for filling in for the month of May, while he was ill. Bennington County ARES 5/26/0/146 N1SP CVAN No Report (Central Vt. ARES NET) WA1LIE

## **Northwestern Division**

### **Idaho**

MAY 2004 STM REPORT - IDAHO SECTION TO: DOUG V. RICH, W7DVR IDAHO SECTION MANAGER 2035 N. REGAL DR. BOISE, ID 83704 NET REPORTS NET SESS QNI QTC MGR FARM 31 2600 94 KK7TQ NWTN 31 1160 75 KC7RNT IDACD 21 234 7



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May 6-7 at Eagle Island State Park.

## Oregon

Oregon SM: Randy Stimson KZ7T. SEC: KK7TT. SCC: W7WZ. ACC: K7SQ. STM: W7IZ.  
OOC: AB7OC. PIC: W6ABM. TC: WB7UNU: SGL KA7KYQ. I would like to thank every  
one that voted for me. I now will complete my cabinet among other priorities. When I was  
appointed I didn't feel that I should make cabinet appointees. If there was another Section  
Manager he would like to appoint his own. I would like to welcome Lynn Hurd WB7UNU as  
Technical Coordinator and Kevin Curry KA7KYQ as State Government Liaison, both are very  
qualified for the jobs. A couple months ago Bert Younglove WA7H, the EC for Multnomah  
County was asked to help with Earth Day here in Portland. Earth Day is all about saving the  
earth by recycling and conserving. Well, Bert with Pat W7PR and Mike KB7YVM brought  
Mike's Trailer. It is equipped with AIR 403 wind turbine, 600 Watts solar, 12KW of batteries  
and a gas generator. A 2.5 KW sine wave inverter complete the collection. This was a real  
crowd pleaser. I would like to thank Bert and the gang for doing that and they will probably do  
it again next year. Now for the rest of the ARES/MAT article. So this will be part 2 of part 2.  
"ARES Picks Up New, Statewide Mission! Part two of part two By Bruce Bjerke, K7BHB  
ARESMAT DEC The OSFM ARESMAT is not a part of the "hobby" aspect of Ham Radio. We  
have a serious mission to aid in the protection of life and property in support of our Served  
Agency, and they have high expectations of us. Consequently, we ask our candidates to sign a  
participation agreement that details expected levels of participation in quarterly training  
meetings, response times, and on-line training courses. Please email me at k7bhb@arrl.net if  
you would like a personal copy of the OSFM ARESMAT operational concepts, team  
membership equipment requirements, the participation agreement, and an application. Although  
all of the foregoing has been provided already to your DEC, I'm discovering that the  
distribution of these materials has not been well done in some cases in the past. Our next  
scheduled Candidate Training and Evaluation will take place in July, probably around the 3rd or  
4th weekend. Team members will be working with brand new, state-of-the-art commercial  
equipment that the OSFM bought to match our requirements list. Our folks will be involved in  
communications systems planning, path profiles, setting up cross-band repeaters, simplex  
repeaters, establishing HF and digital links back to OEM, frequency coordination, and field and  
organizational level repairs; very challenging stuff. But you don't have to be a Marconi to be an  
important part of the Team. We also need folks who may just need to operate a radio position,  
takes notes and messages, and do administration tasks in support of the OSFM staff at base  
camp. With snow pack at only 70% of normal this year, following several other dry years, our  
forest soils moisture content is at or near historic lows. It promises to be another active fire  
season. And there is no lack of continuing concern about terrorism in our Country. The OSFM

has just recently been made a part of the new Oregon State Department of Homeland Security, and will pick up other all-hazard missions. Do your part; get out of the Barco-lounger, put down the remote, get active and involved. We hope to see you soon as a member of OSFM ARESMAT!" Hal Lock N7HL has agreed to become EC for Deschutes Co. replacing Wayne Jack KK7TT Wayne Jack is still SEC and a mighty fine one at that. Greg Phillips K7GAP has completed EC-001 and Helen Turner W7OLF has completed EC-003. This program is working so well. Traffic; W7RRC 246, W7IZ 189, N7YSS 178, N7CM 141, KD7ZLF 86, KC7SRL 53, KK1A 46, W7VSE 46, KC7SGM 26 and N7APE 7 PSHR; K7EAJ 205, KK1A 115, N7CM 110, N7YSS 110, W7RRC 90, W7VSE 89, W6ABM 81, KD5ONS 81, KL7OR 80, KK7TN 80 and KD7ZLF 80

## **Western Washington**

District 1 Skagit Co. conducted a traffic handler class, four individuals graduated. Snohomish Co. - 16 ARES members participated in the NDMS Puget Sound Hospital Drill. ARES has temporarily moved their Sunday evening net to the Lyman Hill 2 meter repeater. District 3 Lewis County with the assistance of members from Grays Harbor, Pacific and Thurston Counties provided Communications support for the Lewis County Historical Bicycle ride where riders went up to 100 miles through rural Lewis County. Lewis County hosted the Washington State Search and Rescue Conference and ARES provide communications support for the entire event. Thurston ARES provided Communications Support for a YMCA 10k Fun Run and the Capitol Lake Marathon. In a very unusual event, several members were activated for a Tornado Watch/Callout because of a tornado occurrence in the south part of the county. Pacific County has a new EC/RO, Bob Cline, N7CVW, a transplant from King County. We welcome Bob aboard and know that he will do a great job of building up the team in Pacific County. The District also provided support to the Medical Service Team exercise District 4 Clark County - 20 ARES/RACES members provided communications for the bicycle Ride Around Clark County. They had 112 riders that day. The Diabetes Walk also took place that day and we provided communications for that event. The SWMC participated in the hospital exercise with the District 1 Oregon hospitals and Washington hospitals connecting with the Puget Sound area. Three members of our group participated in the EOC to EOC drill on May 29 from our ECC to Camp Murray. Cowlitz & Wahkiakum Counties – 2 members with the Comm-Van assisted an evidence search near Cougar. NU7D, NB7Y and W7WHM participated in the Hospital Communication Test. NU7D and W7WHM represented Cowlitz County in the EOC Communication Exercise. District 6 Members of the Bellevue, Federal Way, and Shoreline teams provided communications for the ADA Tour de Cure bicycle event. 25 participants from Redmond, Bellevue, Mercer Is. and Kirkland held Joint Eastside Comm exercise on 5/11. This proved the effectiveness of 2M simplex with adequate antenna and power. It also alerted city managers of the need to have a procedure to let ARES/ACS members into secure facilities. District M 5/13 - Multi-county exercise - After-Action report to follow; 5/16 - Pierce Co training meeting; lots of planning hours around the exercise for WB9RER and myself; 5/22 training meeting to debrief exercise in King Co. NTS Report Net/QNI/QTC –

CCARESN/111/0, ESTS/71/33, Noontime Net/11191/263, NWSSB/811/36, OARS/3/0, PSTS/31/4, WARTS/3677/171, WCN/226/32, WSN/865/183 PSHR – W7ARC/215, AB7AN/80, W7DPW/82, N7EIE/135, W7LG/100, K7MQF/80, W7QM/110, KJ7SI/93, W7TVA/510, KA7TTY/91 WB7WOW/165, K7YH/42, N7YSS/110 See ya at SeaPac! If you are not going to SeaPac, do Kid's Day on the 19th! As the title of this message indicates, this is a summary of the month's events. It is restricted to 60 lines and is heavily edited. Please see [www.arrl.org/sect/wwa](http://www.arrl.org/sect/wwa) for the complete report.

## **Pacific Division**

### **East Bay**

Hello East Bay Section Amateurs. If you have a Public Service Event or a radio club activity that you would like to see included in the EB Section News, please contact me via e-mail. Also, if you have a club newsletter please add my name and address to the mailing list. I would appreciate receiving one each month. My mailing address is NJ6T@arrl.org ASM's: Jim, KE6QJV; Bob, K6HEW; Dar, K6USW; SEC: David AD6ME; STM: Joe, W6DOB; STC: Dar, K6USW; ACC: Texx, KG6ATH. Please give a warm welcome to the new Section Emergency Coordinator, David Harnish, AD6ME. Dave resides in Hayward and has been involved in emergency communications as a member of the AlCo Sheriff's Comm Team. He has worked with the Oakland and Fremont ARES groups. The May South Bay ARA raffle brought the largest number of winners to date this year (along with the highest attendance and ticket sales) with 8 individual prizes awarded. Join me in congratulating little Isaac Feriante for winning the ICOM IC-2100H 2M mobile (I'm sure that his dad Adam / KG6HDR is going to do a fine job of holding it in trust for him until he gets his ticket HiHI!). The Garmin Etrex GPS & Cable were won by yours truly and the set of Cobra FRS radios went to Mike Studer AB6CV. Minor prizes went to Wayne Springsteen WU6A (ARRL Mini Log Book & DX Engineering Ball Cap), Adam Feriante (ARRL Log Book & Krispy Kreme Donut Certificate) and a Ten Tec active antenna kit to Bill Artelt WB9YVM. Congratulations to all of these winners! East Bay ARC: thank Ed Richie for bringing the San Ramon Valley FD communications vehicle for the presentation at our May meeting. June is Field Day planning. Alan Eshleman K6SRZ is planning to report on his experiences on the T33C DXpedition this spring at the July meeting. Mt Diablo ARC: In April MDARC held its annual auction with great success. One key item that was sold was a full ATV station, which is a rare find. The technical committee has been hard at work this month installing two new antennas for 440 Mhz transmit and receive. A new computer system was installed to interface with IRLP or EchoLink. Our speaker in May was Robert Hampton, KF6FGH. Robert talked about MARS, which is always an interesting subject. North Bay ARA: Thanks to Dave, WA6PEP, for repairing the generator. Roy, W6LRT, gave a discussion on training sessions on the net for Emergency Preparedness. Joe, AD6BO, will contact county officials concerning NBARA emergency work. Wayne, KO6IO, was nominated for the Board of Directors. Amateur Radio Club of Alameda: Election of Officers - The following members were elected as Club officers: President: Allen Sweet KG6HM, Vice-

President: Sandy Lavine KO6JF, Secretary-Treasurer Joe Kohler KL7IDY. Members that participated in the May 20th disaster drill related their experiences. Included were: Alexander Taylor KG6DFQ, Emily Clarke W0EEC, Jay Taylor KF6YQZ, Joe Kohler KL7IDY, Michael John Torrey KF6YRG, Sandy Lavine KO6JF, Steggy Stegmeier KG6QVB and William Lawson AE6HP  
Oakland RCA: Fire Patrols will take place right after Field Day on the 4th of July weekend if not sooner. The early end to this year's rainy season does not bode well for an easy summer. Our region, Alameda County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (ALCO OES), just put out an memo to all Fire Chiefs in the county soliciting their interest in volunteer ham radio fire patrols.  
May Traffic Report: Steve Hawes WB6UZX Orig 0 Rec'd 27 Sent 14 Del 07 Total 48  
Chuck Bridges, AK6DV Orig 0, Rec'd 727, Sent 596, Delivered 9, Total 1332  
W6DOB SENT/186 REC/166 DEL/15 TOTAL 358  
BPL: AD6DV PSHR: WB6UZX: 1/38  
2/40 3/10 4/10 Total 98

## **Sacramento Valley**

EMCOMMWEST 2004: The Nevada group put on an excellent program for the Division Special Conference on emergency communications. The day and a half of several presentations on emcomm was well worth the time spent. Included in the displays outside, was the new Sacramento Area Red Cross communications van. This van has many types of equipment that will operate on most frequencies and modes. It also has a 70 foot collapsible mast that comes out of the center of the van. There also were some sheriff and county van as well as the van of the Tahoe Amateur Radio Association. All very interesting to browse through. The Reno groups are planning for the next one in 2005.  
SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR: As I mentioned last month, Dave Thorne, K6SOJ, will resign the position as of June 30. We need to replace him as soon as possible. The fire season is now with us, and who knows what emergencies that will bring. If you have experience as an District Emergency Coordinator or Emergency Coordinator, you may qualify for the position. A description of the duties of a SEC can be found in the ARRL web pages. Dave has developed a plan for the section and has many of the positions filled; so much of the initial work is done. Dave has also agreed to help out as consultant to the new SEC. If interested contact Dave or myself.  
NORTH HILLS RC; Their annual Hamfest had an excellent turn-out and excellent weather – not too hot or too cold. I am sure they are planning for next year's event – probably, again, in May. Their "Bring a friend" night had a write up in the June QST.  
FIELD DAY; Field day begins in a little over 3 weeks. Most clubs have a site picked out and plans made. Be sure you send a radiogram to me, so you will get the extra points. You can count it sent as long as it was passed to someone else by radio. As usual I will try to visit several clubs at their FD site. Send an email to me giving your clubs location for FD. w6rff@arrl.org.  
MT. SHASTA ARC: Long time club member Ted Graves. W6FKI. will be leaving Mt. Shasta and moving to Grass Valley area, to be close to family members. Nevada County club - keep your eyes open for Ted.  
YUBA SUTTER ARC: The club provided communications for the "Tour de Lincoln" bike tour. Seven hams volunteered their time for this event. Lee, KC6MCI, relayed information on the one injured rider to Net Control. They have been invited to help out next year.  
RIVER CITY ARCS: River

City has announced that their annual Swap Meet will be held on September 25th at the Sutter Middle School. For more info about the club, go to [www.n6na.org](http://www.n6na.org). Their June speaker was Grant, WD6CNF, who talked about software that he writes for amateur radio. VE test on 3rd Saturday, at 8:30 am, at Carmichael Elks Lodge. BIKE RIDE: A bike ride on June 5th, starting at the Fairgrounds in Plymouth will have communications from 7 members of the El Dorado County ARC and 16 members of the Amador County ARC – 6 am until 6 pm. These two clubs combine their efforts several times a year, to provide public service. YOLO AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY: I visited their May meeting, at which they were planning for FD, that will be held at a member's ranch. I talked about the Broadband on Power line and the need to support the ARRL's fight against it. The club moved and seconded to send ARRL \$100 toward the BPL fund. Thanks guys and girls. SHASTA CASCADE ARS: Their President Jim Bremer, KK6MM, wrote an interesting article on "It's All Relative". It discussed license restructuring and the effect it has on different hams – Techs, Extra, VHF, HF, Code/no Code, etc. Jim has been in commercial radio for years, as well as ham radio. TRAVEL: I will visit the Plumas County Radio Club on Friday, June 18, in Quincy. This will be my first trip to this club. 73, Jettie W6RFF.

## **San Joaquin Valley**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of May 2004: SM Charles McConnell, W6DPD- ASM K6YK, ACC W6DPD, SEC K6IN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC KE6IGJ, TC W6TE. Greetings from the ARRL San Joaquin Valley Section. Emergency Coordinators are needed in Mono and Calaveras Counties. Contact K6IN ([k6in@mercednet.com](mailto:k6in@mercednet.com)) or W6DPD ([w6dpd@arrl.org](mailto: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. BPL. All Amateurs are urged to contact President Bush ([president@whitehouse.gov](mailto:president@whitehouse.gov)) to urge him to change his position on BPL. Also, please contact your senators and representative to urge them to oppose the implementation of BPL. Check the ARRL web page ([arrl.org](http://arrl.org)) for more information, sample letters and email addresses. FIELD DAY is the 4th full weekend of June, not necessarily the last weekend. It is the 26th and 27th this year. Be sure you check the rules to be sure you get all the bonus points you can get. Don't forget the message to the SM and the ARRL Field Day message. The bonus points can increase your score. Pacificon 04 is October 15-17 at the San Ramon Marriott. Check [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for information. The Lodi and Stockton-Delta ARCs helped with communications with the Stockton Bicycle Club's annual bike ride. Many SJV Amateurs provided communications for the March of Dimes Walk Across America in May. The Manteca ARC will have a transmitter hunt on July 10. Contact Sheldon, KF6WNL, ([surfram@bigvalley.net](mailto:surfram@bigvalley.net)) for information. It is my sad duty to report the following Silent Keys in the Section: N6BMM, W6POW, WT6X, WD6FRS, and KA6HME. They will be missed. Congrats to those completing the ARECC Courses: Level One WB6MFV, and N6YMM; Level

Two KB6QIT; and Level Three N6EKE. Six hams from Tulare participated in the Baker to Las Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. KG6FEX, KG6PDD, NI6Z, and KD6FFS of TCARES attended EMCOMM West 2004 in Reno NV. Your Section Manager also attended this conference. It was a good one. Traffic for April was zero. PSHR K6RAU 55.

## 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. Many thanks to Gene Marshall, KG4IMC, of Mount Holly (Gaston County) for seeking and securing a proclamation from the Governor's office that declares June 20-27, 2004 as "Amateur Radio Week." This week coincides with our annual Field Day exercise on the 27th and 28th. It's my understanding that the Governor will try to appear at the Gaston County ARES Field Day site at Gaston College. The text for the proclamation can be found at:

[http://www.governor.state.nc.us/Proclamation\\_FullStory.asp?id=956](http://www.governor.state.nc.us/Proclamation_FullStory.asp?id=956) I heard a speech by ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP at the Dayton Hamvention this year that I must admit concerned me a bit. He said that ARRL surveys indicate that about 22% of people who earn a new ham radio license never get on the air. I'm sure this is pretty accurate. This represents a challenge to us, but also an opportunity. All of us were new hams once, and most of us were introduced to ham radio by someone we know. Many more people now become hams by self-study, and they don't have that mentor to help them get started. There are several things we can do to encourage these new hams become an active part of the ham community. Make sure visitors to your club and ARES meetings are welcomed. I don't mean just ask for a show of hands for everyone attending who's a visitor, but make some special effort to talk to newcomers at the appropriate time before or after the meeting. If they are ignored, they won't come back. Some clubs offer "open house" activities which are strictly social, not a business meeting, and are a great opportunity for newcomers to get to know us a little better. Make sure they know about it! VE teams and licensing classes can give information about local activities. If possible, follow up with a phone call in a few weeks to make sure the new ham is on track to get on the air, and invite them to a local meeting. ARRL membership will help the person stay in touch with ham radio, as will membership in SERA, their local club and ARES group. By making new hams feel welcome, they will eventually become the leaders and doers in our organizations. I'm Section Manager today partly because members of the Cape Fear ARS made me feel welcome and helped me when I was a new ham. We should also look on this as an opportunity. Convincing the general public to become hams is hard - only about 1 out of 400 people nationally are willing to be hams. On the other hand, that 22% I mentioned represents a group of people who have already demonstrated an interest by going through the licensing process - all we have to do is persuade them to become involved. Our chances of success should be pretty good, if we will only put in the effort. July Hamfests: Salisbury July 3rd, Cary July 17th, Waynesville July 24th. I hope to see you at one of them. May Traffic: W4EAT 4238 (BPL),

W4DAC 987 (BPL), WD4LSS 454, W0UCE 263, K4IWW 234, K7UGT 131, AA4YW 129, WA4OBR 96, W4LN 85, KE4JHJ 83, AD4XV 54, W3HL 47, K4RLD 39, KG4OQA 36, KE4AHC 33, W4FAL 32, N4JBP 26, WA4SRD 18, K4BMH 17, AG4ZB 12, WA2EDN 12, KG4ISO 8, W4IRE 6, KG4ISP 2. May PSHR: W4EAT 130, K4IWW 120, AD4XV 120, W4DAC 120, W0UCE 120, K4RLD 119, KE4JHJ 110, K7UGT 97, WD4LSS 95, W4LN 90, KG4OQA 81, AA4YW 80, W4FAL 74, N4JBP 77, K4BMH 70. April PSHR: N4JBP 78.

## South Carolina

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators. This is Dr. Jim, N2ZZ with the June 2004 South Carolina Section Manager's Report! Please remember that the SC Section website can be found at [www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/](http://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!\*\*\*Charlie AE4UX, SEC was invited to the quarterly meeting of the South Carolina Emergency Management Association (SCEMA) which was held at the SCEOC in Columbia. SCEMA is the professional association for South Carolina career professionals in emergency management. Charlie was called upon to give an impromptu talk on Broadband over Power Line (BPL) and its potential interference to emergency communications. At the end of Charlie's presentation, the SCEMA voted to have letters from their organization sent to the FCC and numerous other national organizations against the implementation of BPL. They also voted to enlist support of their national organization to oppose BPL. Further, Charlie was asked to be put on the Association's agenda for a future meeting!\*\*\*The South Carolina Emergency Communication Training Day held on May 15th in Columbia was a success, with over 50 participants involved. Feedback was excellent, and hopefully this will become an annual event!\*\*\*On June 2nd and 3rd, a statewide emergency management exercise was held, with a scenario of a 7.7 magnitude earthquake occurring in the Charleston area. Originally, the state was prepared to deploy amateur radio operators into various operational areas around Charleston via Coast Guard helicopters, but the helicopters were unavailable during the days of the exercise. Over fifty operators participated, all the costal EOC's and all major costal hospitals were manned, and most of the shelters were manned as well. There was even a position at WBCD, Channel 2 as media liaison! The emergency management officials were very complimentary about Amateur Radio Support. Thanks to ALL involved! This really gave Amateur Radio a chance to SHINE in the eyes of our Emergency Management Officials! Read Charlie's full report on the [www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/](http://www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/) website!\*\*\*I received a resignation from Adam AF4QZ, STM who has indicated that he will be giving up the Section Traffic Manager position as of June 30th. Adam once spent a great deal of time on the National Traffic System (NTS) nets, but his college responsibilities have made it difficult for him to maintain that schedule. Adam has recommended Peter KG4VDR to fill the STM spot, and he will take over Adam's duties as of July 1st. Thanks go to Adam for his service, and a welcome goes to Peter!\*\*\*Field day (June 26th and 27th) will be here soon, and Charlie AE4UX, SEC and I will be visiting several Field Day Sites around the state. Please e-mail DETAILED driving directions to your Field Day site to me at [n2zz@arrl.org](mailto:n2zz@arrl.org) with a map if possible. We will bring those e-mails with us to guide us to your site.\*\*\*The SC SSB net picnic

was held on June 12th at Dreher Island State Park. I was unable to attend, as I was on call that weekend. From listening to the comments on the SC SSB net, it was a success!\*\*\*On June 19th, The Chester ARES group will be holding a tailgate party at Chester State Park and the Greer ARC will be holding their monthly foxhunt. Further details are available on the [www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/](http://www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/) website!\*\*\*May 2004 National Traffic System Report for South Carolina Reported by Adam, AF4QZ, STM: Net Reports(Net Name/Check Ins/Traffic/Sessions/Reported By:)Anderson Radio Club 2 Meter Net/772/14/31/KD4HEY; BRARS 2 Meter Net/2181/45/31/K4SUG; Carolina's Net/407/146/62/K4IWW; Carolina Slow Net/108/23/31/W4EAT; Columbia ARC 2 Meter Net/135/9/9/K4RKC; Greater Pee Dee 2 Meter Net/880/36/31/K4DTT; Greenwood Friendly Net/572/26/31/W4JAK; Horry County Skywarn Net/46/17/4/KF4HAV; Lancaster County 2 Meter Net/170/20/12/N4WMB; SC Sandlapper 6 Meter Net/65/4/4/K4IRT; SCSSB Net/1218/94/31/WA4UGD; YCARS Net/47/2/4/K4CON\*\*\*Station Activity Reports (Call/Sent/Received/Delivered/Originated/Total): KA4UIV/106/72/11/0/189; KG4VDR/16/11/28/0/55; K3LM/19/16/4/1/40; WA4MIY/18/17/1/1/37; KA4LRM/20/12/3/1/36; WA4UGD/0/30/1/31\*\*\*Public Service Honor Roll:KA4UIV 100; KA4LRM 96\*\*\*Thanks to everyone for a great month! I hope to see everyone out having a good time on Field Day! '73 de JIM N2ZZ South Carolina ARRL Section Manager

## **Southeastern Division**

### **Georgia**

SM: Susan Swiderski, AF4FO; ASM/South GA: Marshall Thigpen, W4IS; ASM/Legal: Jim Altman, W4UCK; ASM/Webmaster: Robert Tyler, KF4VBR; ASM/Youth: Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM; 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. Whew! Time sure flies when you're having fun. Or working long hours. Or having fun while working long hours, like all of us volunteers who were in south GA in support of the G-8 summit. It was an incredible experience at the MACC (Multi Agency Command Center) at that previously "undisclosed location" on St. Simons Island, and I'll tell you all about it in the July newsletter. In the meantime, sincere thanks to each and every one of you fine GA hams who supported these efforts. The number of fine people who put in "sweat equity" makes me proud and humble all at the same time. Special thanks to the folks who were staffing the locations in Savannah, in Brunswick, St. Simons and surrounding area, to the folks at Macon/Bibb EOC and in Wayne county, to John Kraus, KC4ZGQ, who made a special trip down to assist with the digital set-up, and to all of you who were so great about checking in with us during our top-of-the-hour commo checks. Y'all are great. And hey! If you made a contact (including those commo checks!) with K8G, send a QSL card and a SASE to KO4WX to get a nice commemorative certificate. CONGRATULATIONS to JIM COTE, N4PJR, DEC for SE GA, who was given a "combat promotion" to Assistant SEC while we were on St. Simons. Jim has done an



outstanding job as DEC, and with his strong leadership skills, tempered with a great disposition and sense of humor, he'll be an outstanding ASEC, too. CONGRATULATIONS, also, to the officers and members of the West GA ARC, who were recently renewed as a Special Service Club, a designation reserved for those clubs dedicated to excellence in promoting amateur radio and in providing public service. IMPORTANT NOTE for those planning on sending a Field Day message to me via packet through the fine Gwinnett ARES folks: Their callsign has changed to WX4NET-1, so messages would go to AF4FO at WX4NET-1 via W4GR-7:LVL on the 145.77 SEDAN frequency. They'll also be operating on 145.03, the LAN frequency for Gwinnett county, on the LVL digipeater. Questions? Please contact SCOTT HARTLAGE, kf4pwi@arrl.net or EC STAN EDWARDS, wa4dyd@arrl.net. If your group plans to give an amateur radio class, please send me info ahead of time so I can help you spread the word. I often hear from folks who are looking for a class in their area, and it sure would be helpful if I had your information to give them. Just this week... on the 16th... WIN JACKSON, N1TWX, started yet another technician class at Central Gwinnett High School in Lawrenceville. But it isn't too late, if you know someone who'd like to join the class next week. Contact Win at n1twx@arrl.net NOTE: There will be NO VE session at GA Tech this month, because of Field Day weekend, but we'll be back in July. Y'know, the general class question pool changes on July 1st, so if you're ready to upgrade now, why not check out the VE session this coming Sunday at St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Tom Smith Road in Lilburn. Contact HOWIE GOULD, W9HG, for details. (770) 921-8362 Well, that's about it for now. Until next time, this is AF4FO, signing clear. Take care of yourselves. And each other. 73, Susan... HAPPY FIELD DAY!!! QTC May: WB4GGA-502; yup! he did it again!!) K4FUM-325; AF4NS-149; K4BEH-62; W4WXA-54; K4WKT-42; WB4BIK-33; W9NXC-30; KG4WBH-13; K1FP-11; KG4FXG-8; KR4IJ-4

## **Southern Florida**

During June we usually think of Father's Day, graduations, weddings, Field Day, Kid's Day, Amateur Radio Week, Flag Day.... and this June we have something new to think about – BPL. We were recently informed that BPL testing will take place in the SW Miami area. I will use the alert function at [www.arrl.org/sections.SFL.html](http://www.arrl.org/sections.SFL.html) to post BPL related information. If you are in Miami-Dade or want to keep abreast of the test please check in there often. There will be links to the facts about BPL, local contacts for reports and information and other notices. Please do not contact the media, the power company or government officials at this time about this test site. BPL is not entirely bad and all of the equipment does not cause interference. We will have folks who can talk to the media and if we need you to contact third parties I will post the information in the alert section. The alert section is also used if we have a communications emergency, and of course, the Emergency will take priority. I have forwarded the traffic, public service and net reports that I have received to ARRL headquarters. They are incomplete so they are not yet listed here. Thank you for your patience. The section news page at [www.arrl.org/sections.SFL.html](http://www.arrl.org/sections.SFL.html) has been updated with 2 months of news. Please scroll through all of the news because there's ideas for your clubs, a book review, Elmering ideas and more. If

you are holding a hamfest and want ARRL approval you must contact headquarters to make the approval request. (giannone@arrl.org). Approval of your hamfest means you will receive ARRL brochures and publications for door prizes, and ARRL Section leadership will attend to answer questions and conduct forums. ARRL is offering two new services for clubs. Log on to and enter the Members Only area of the web site. Go to the right side of the page in a yellow box and click on an item called New Amateur Reports. The reports provide a monthly listing of new hams by zip code. Invite these folks to a meeting, send them a sample newsletter, or invite them to assist at the next public service event. The other new item is a great PowerPoint presentation for clubs and it's featured on the main news page today – check it out and you'll be glad you did. To everyone participating in Field Day: I wish you success – points, learning opportunities, and camaraderie. Please don't forget those NTS messages to the SEC and me. I will be participating with my local club, Vero Beach ARC, and I will try to check into traffic nets. If you contact the club – W4OT or you here the GOTA station using my call feel free to deliver the message to that operator. 73, Sherri, W4STB

## **Southwestern Division**

### **Arizona**

It is summer time. Most of our community service activities die down and we normally use this time for “On the air training”. The state has various NETS, HF, VHF, and UHF that are used for this type of training activity. These special times help us improve our skills in message traffic flow, directed net operations, and how to be an NCS. If you are not participating in one of the state training NETS, give me a call and I will direct you to one in your local area. Here in Pima County we have a Saturday VHF Net (147.30 +) and a Sunday morning HF NET (3995 khz at 0845 hrs). There is also a state Emergency Operations HF NET every Sunday morning at 0730 hrs around 3992 khz. The Kachina ARC Hamfest on 4-5 June 2004 in Show Low was a success. This was their second year and the attendance was well over from what it was last year. It was only 85 degrees and the smell of pine trees was great. They are already planning for 2005 so mark the 1st weekend of June down. The Arizona State Hamfest, normally located at Fort Tuthill in Flagstaff, is now going to be at the Williams, Arizona Rodeo Grounds, and the 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. 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. ARCA is still looking for people to go on a Monday train ride to the Grand Canyon. Also they have set up a “STAR PARTY” for Sunday night. The observatory in Flagstaff is going to bring out several telescopes for us to use and they will also do a presentation. If you need room reservations and do not know where to go, call me at home because I have a complete listing of all hotel and RV sites in Williams. RV parking will be allowed on the Hamfest grounds (dry camping). Rick Paquette, W7RAP, will be giving VE exams at the elementary school about ¼ miles away from the fairgrounds. P.S. The state convention for 2005 has already been locked in for 8-10 July 2005, not the first weekend (4th of

July). The 2004 ARRL Southwestern Convention that will take place at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort located near Chandler on 27-29 August 2004. All the traveling you need to do is drive/fly/walk to Chandler (Phoenix area). Bob Davies, K7BHM, and his committee are doing a great job on the preparation. Ned Stearns, AA7A, has put together over 30 confirmed talk sessions on almost every subject of amateur radio. Dan Miller, K3UFG, from ARRL HQ will hold a Level 1 Emergency Communication Course on Friday afternoon (27 August) for 35 people. If you want to attend, you need to sign up early. All presentations and vendor areas will be in air-conditioned comfort. The hotel still 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. Make your plans ahead of time to be at this event. If you need additional information or help in signing up for this fabulous event, please call me or go to the convention web site, "[www.hamradio2004.com/swdc2004](http://www.hamradio2004.com/swdc2004)". The Kingman Hamfest will be on September 18th at the Mohave Community College. This is an annual event that is continuing to get larger each year. The Yuma ARC is planning to sponsor their first Hamfest around the mid-February time frame. More details coming later. I have been going around to the various clubs and providing information on the new proposed license structure that the ARRL board of directors sent to the FCC. Call me if your club would like a presentation on this or other ARRL subjects. Another quick note, I will not be running for another term as your SM. My present term ends on 01 April 2005. After 12 years as SM I plan to move on to other activities within amateur radio. My home telephone number is 520-744-9095, and I do have an answering machine to let me know who called when I am away. If I happen to miss your call, please leave me a name and telephone number and I will return the call as soon as possible. I do 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. Just a quick note, I have made plans to take a non-amateur radio vacation (7-day cruise to Alaska) during the later part of June (19th through 28th). 73 from Clifford Hauser, KD6XH; E-mail is [kd6xh@arrl.org](mailto:kd6xh@arrl.org) or [kd6xh@comcast.net](mailto:kd6xh@comcast.net).