

Section News for August 2004

Atlantic Division

Southern New Jersey

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2004 Our hobby can only continue if it regularly has new licensed operators coming into Amateur radio. One of the most rewarding programs is the Instructors program. Those who teach the classes, teach their students with caring and dedication. Of course, many who are licensed have studied without assistance of classes. Along with the teachers we also need Elmers to get the new hams started setting up their equipment and antennas and to learn the ways of Amateur Radio that can not be taught from any book. The Lake County (IN) Amateur Radio Club presents an award to a very deserving and dedicated instructor each year. This year one of our own instructors in New Jersey and in SNJ was chosen to receive it. The recipient this year is a member of the DVRA club in the Trenton area and his name is Don Wright, Jr., AA2F. It was my pleasure to present Don with the 2003 Herb S. Brier Instructor of the Year award at the DVRA meeting for September. It was also a nice treat to meet Don's lovely wife. Check the SNJ Section Manager's website for a picture of Don receiving the award with his wife by his side. On Sept.11, 2004, The Gloucester Township RACES took part in an Eagle Scout project. The project was a clean up of a designated park in Gloucester Township, a part of Camden County. The following Amateurs were present for four hours. The Gloucester hams were Betty Williams, KC2BFN, Dan Williams, N2LGH, Ray Schnapp, WB2NBJ, Stuart Cleveland, N2WUP, Robin Duckett, KM2RF and Bob Snyder, N2KGO. Steve Huston, W2SRH organized this activity to help his brother-in-law with his Eagle Scout project and everyone did a great job. The operation went well and Steve had ARRL literature available for the public. This project, many others like it and JOTA are the perfect way to let the Scout communities gain a better understanding of how the Scouts and Amateur Radio can mesh together for a positive result. It is almost time again for JOTA which will be coming up in October on the 16th and 17th. This will be the last timely newsletter to remind everyone to get on the air with JOTA. Just listening is a lot of fun. There will be a very special activity in Mercer County Park at the Ice Skating Rink on Sat. October 16. There will be signs directing you to the event. It is a Merit Badge Midway and will open at 9am until noon and then again from 1pm to 4pm. DVRA will be doing their part in Mercer County Park and it would be nice to hear of other clubs working with our troops. The Battleship New Jersey also has some plans formulating. Reach out to your local Council to get our Scoots on the air. As we watch Ivan the terrible come into the United States, I am reminded of our SKYWARN Spotter program through the National Weather Service. For our area, the NWS is located in Mount Holly. Information is available on the NWS Mount Holly Home page by going to www.nws.noaa.gov/er/phi. The SKYWARN program is only as good as the trained watchers and there can never be enough trained people in the program. You can also contact the Mount Holly office directly at 609-261-6602. ext. 223 or send an email to joseph.miketta@noaa.gov and Joe will get back to you. There

is still time to register for the DVRC entry level class starting September 27, 2004. To register, call the Haddon Township Adult School at 869-7750 ext 7316. For more information call N2FZ (Bill) at 256-8380 or see their website at www.ragchew.org. There will be one more hamfest in SNJ. It is presented by the Jersey Shore Amateur Radio Society and will be held on November 28, 2004 in Bayville. It is outdoors only so dress warm. The Battleship New Jersey is heading up a very fine project for our military folks in Iraq and Afghanistan. Saturday 11, 2004 saw the beginning of a non-profit program called "Touch of Home Campaign". People can drop off items needed by our military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan. There is a drop-off point in the Visitor Center on the pier just before you enter the gates to visit the Battleship New Jersey. Items that badly needed are global calling cards, eye drops, wipes, chap stick, sun block, OFF pump bug spray, foot powder, candy and gum, Slim Jims, Beef jerky, powdered drinks, batteries, writing items and coffee/filters, creamer/sugar items. We all wish that we could do something for them and this is a great way to let them know we appreciate them. While you are there, take a trip aboard the Battleship and see a great piece of history. For those who may not know, she is located in the City of Camden along the waterfront near the Aquarium. There is more restoration taking place in the transmitter room on the Battleship New Jersey. This will be a compartment filled with old military radio equipment that some of you operated during WWII. As time and resources allow, more areas of the Battleship are being restored. Anyone can volunteer at any time to help with much of the restoration. Just contact the Home Port Alliance and let them know. Also the BNJARS radio club is still booking trips to the ship. Contact Dave Burgess at wa2tvs@arrl.net. Section Traffic Manager Report for August 2004 STM is K2UL QNI reports NJM 68 N2GJ NJPN 223 W2CC NJSN 169 K2PB NJN(E) 206 AG2R NJN(L) 171 AG2R The above nets are dual section nets of both SNJ and NNJ. Liaisons with 2RN. Local nets reports JSARS 361 W2HOG SJVN 362 WB2UVB SJTN - NO REPORT Individual station Activity reports (SAR) orig/recvd/sent/delvd WA2YL 288 WA2CUW 92 AA2SV 69 K2UL 47 WB2UVB 35 K2GW 31 N2VQA 31 W2QOB 28 KB2VYZ 21 WA2NDA 19 KC2IYC 15 N2ZMI 3 W2QOB 4 (JULY) Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) WA2YL 160 WB2UVB 135 K2UL 120 N2HQL 113 K2GW 103 W2QOB 97 WA2CUW 90 N2VQA 81 AA2SV 80 KA2YKN 75 KB2VYZ 66 KC2IYC 65 WA2NDA 53 W2QOB 43 (JULY). I have agreed to take Section Manager again for another 2 year period. I hope I will be able to visit many clubs, present awards and meet with many of you at the various hamfests. I enjoy the position and like meeting Amateurs I haven't met before. I also enjoy doing the newsletter but I also need the news from around the section. If you have something going on, please send it to me by the 12 of each month. Until later, Jean These lower lines are empty but with the expansion of possible lines for the newsletter, I have about 30 more lines I can utilize. If you have an event that your club worked, send me a write-up, Did someone do something of interest? Write it up. It does not have to be perfect. Just write is as if you were telling me in person. I can always polish it up. If you want to send me raw info, I can write it up for you. I will be look for a lot of information to come in for the next newsletter.

Western Pennsylvania

Hopefully everyone had a great summer. I know what summer? You know that 1 week when it

didn't rain and was actually over 80 degrees! I guess we shouldn't complain too much. It was a quiet summer for the most part as far as severe weather goes. Count our blessings and hopefully winter is kind to us as well. Our good fortune in severe weather has been other's bad fortune. I as many of you have relatives in the sunshine state. Nothing worse than not being able to communicate with loved ones when danger approaches. But as amateur radio operators we have an advantage! Yes that's right once again amateur radio worked when all else failed. Thanks to a dipole I built my father-in law in May during my visit he was able to get back on the air even before power was restored after hurricane Charlie! To my family's relief all was fine with the exception of property damage. Even the "Lamp Cord" dipole I made survived Hurricane Charlie and now Frances as well! Gee how come I can't make them last up here? Also don't forget our ACE in the hole in our section. We have a fine Phone and Traffic net held nightly on 3.983 at 6:00 pm local time. They can get your traffic down to places like Florida and other destinations and are happy to do it! Even if you don't have HF privileges you can still get your traffic through on 2 meters every night at 8:00 pm on 146.88 machines. Chrissie and her folks who are always there on the Western Pa Phone and Traffic net are waiting for your traffic. They do a fantastic service for our section and you are always welcome to join in! I have enjoyed the many visits to Clubs and or Hamfests as well over the summer. I know I have many more clubs to visit and I'll sure try my best to get to yours as well. With the Hamfest season winding down and fall in the air I hope to be able to get to as many areas as I can before winter sets in and cabin fever as well. Also I'm aware of some E-mails falling from through the cracks due to Spam checkers and the lot. If you sent an email out to n3srj@arrl.org and for some reason you don't hear from me. Please try smwpa@verizon.net directly. Hopefully this will help eliminate some of the problems we all face. Our SEC Larry KA3HUK also advises me that we have some openings in the section for EC's and 1 DEC if I'm not mistaken. For more information please contact Larry directly by email ka3huk@nauticom.net Larry and Chrissie are working on this year's SET as well and more news will be posted on that as soon as it is available. The Western Pa Section is always ranked in the top 10 each year for the SET. Lets try for #1! Also keep in mind BPL is still rearing its ugly head around the nation. Last word was that the Cincinnati area was going up for testing. Getting a little too close to home. Remember this is a grass roots campaign to educate our fellow amateurs in what this is all about. I still have the power point presentation available to show and or to share as well. Till next time further down the log page! 73 Rich Beaver N3SRJ SM WPa

Central Division

Illinois

Our Illinois Section has been well represented during the recent hurricanes in Florida. Our ASM Brad Pioveson, W9FX, has acted as net control on 14.325. Bart Jahnke W9JJ the ARRL VEC was at the Hebron Harvest Fair in CT. with a booth set up with a W1H special event station.. When they were not making contacts they had the radio set to 14.325 to listen to the HWN traffic. I quote Bart, "Visitors were truly impressed by the net traffic content, protocols and

professionalism. I personally observed several hundred passers by listening in as the familiar W9FX call sign called the net last night." (September 11th). Keep up the great work, Brad. Also Eldon, KB9OEX, was involved in the Hurricane Charley efforts. It was via Echolink, and he put in 5 hours on August 12th as NCS to give the net manager some relief. The following day he put in 3 hours as NCS to again give the NCS a break. Great work, and both of you deserve our thanks for the work you do. On August 16th a contact was made with the International Space Station via amateur radio with youngsters gathered at the Challenger Learning Center at Prairie Aviation Museum in Bloomington, IL. Members of the Central Illinois Radio Club set up the equipment for the VHF contact, and the club loaned its call sign for the occasion. Fourteen year old Roxie Able, KC9CSV, was at the W9AML, microphone for the contact. Other members of the team that made this contact possible were John Chubick, KB9LNS, Dr. Grant Zehr, AA9LC, and Ralph Bellas, K9ZO. Roxie is a youth member of the CIRC. This is a moment that will be remembered for a long time. The morning of August 31, Dick, AH6EZ, who is Vice President of the Fox River Radio League and Zach, KC9CLR, (FRRL Secretary) were interviewed on a 8:30 A.M. live KSPY-TV program called Fox Valley Today. They answered questions on a wide variety of topics relating to ham radio and provided a Kenwood dual band portable for Satellite and ISS discussion as well as an Elecraft KX1 transceiver for discussion of CW, QRP, and emergency preparedness. The program was aired at 6:30 and 10:30 P.M on the 31st. It was agreed to have another broadcast before ARRL Field Day next year. Eight members of the Rockford Amateur Radio Association provided communications for the State Street Mile on August 14th. Those participating were, KA9PMM, K9RNR, KC9CYR, K9PK, W9TQ, KC9ATR, N9SH, and WB9MMM K9DEB reports that the Lake Zurich Alpine Runner's 10K/5K event was held September 12. Thanks to K9IJ, K9KRY, K9LEE, KA9LQH, KB9TAR, KC9GHZ, N9NLC, N9YMW, W9AUM, W9GWP, W9JFL, W9QL, WD9HBG, & K9DEB. Everything went well and everybody had a good time. A special event station was held by the Kankakee Area Radio Society as part of that club's 80th anniversary celebration. I think congratulations are in order for 80 years. Next week end, September 18 and 19 will be a busy one. Look for Ron Morgan, KB9NW, Illinois ASM at Radio Expo on Saturday and Sunday. W9GIG and K9KM will be at the NIDXCC convention. W9GIG will attend Radio Expo on Sunday. Brad Pioveson, W9FX, and I will be at the Peoria Superfest and Illinois State Convention. We hope to see you at one of these hamfests. Traffic for August:W9HLX-66; KA9IMX-11; WB9TVD-7; NCPN 26 Sessions, 247 check-ins, 20 pieces of traffic. Illinois Phone Net QNI 149, QTC 17, sessions 26.

Wisconsin

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG. BWN 3985 0500-0715 W9IXG. BEN 3985 1200 KE9VU. WBSN 3985 1730-1800 K9FHI. WNN 3723 1800 KB9ROB. WSSN 3645 1830 WA9ZTY. WIN-E 3662 1900 WB9ICH. WIN-L 3662 2200 W9UW. (All times are Central) ** With regret, I inform you of the passing of Paul Davig, WB9UKU, 68. Paul was active in ARES and public service events. Ed Stobbs, KC9EFR, 83 is a Silent Key. Ed was a member of the Lakes Area Amateur Radio Club and ARES. ** The Walk for Sarcoma Fund Raiser Event on August 28 used APRS - (automatic position reporting system) to monitor the progress of Rich

Nesbitt, N9MO, and his relay team. It took the relay team 15 hr 30 min to walk the 45 miles from Marshfield to Wausau, WI. While they were walking a group of volunteers were manning the W4S - Walk for Sarcoma Special Event Station in Wausau, making contacts with other amateur radio enthusiasts across the county and into Europe. They achieved 96 contacts on the air yesterday. Rich was interviewed on the walk by the Marshfield News Herald and videotaped for the 10:00pm news on Channel 9. A special thanks to the Marshfield Area Amateur Radio Society, Wisconsin Valley Radio Association, and the Rib Mountain Repeater Association. Rich says: "The fact that all three groups are joining together to help me in this effort is very appreciated." We congratulate Rich and the team for this achievement! ** STM Report from Denny, K9LGU: FAQ #32 Is the system working? Our section nets meet on schedule. The Badger Weather Net starts the day early on 3985 KHz and handles lots of traffic. The BEN meets at noon, distributes traffic from Late WIN and other sources, and sends traffic off to the Daytime Ninth Region Net. When the WSBN meets at 5:30, a rep from D9RN can bring traffic for passing and out-of-state traffic will be sent to the Wisconsin Intrastate Net for relay to the evening sessions of 9RN. The Novice net and Wisconsin Slow Speed Net offer training grounds for CW traffic handling and do their share of routing traffic, too. In addition, NTSD, local nets, severe weather nets, ARES/RACES nets, and others meet as needed and can handle traffic of various forms. We know that the nets flow quite well, but, to fully answer FAQ #32, we need to test the system, the operators, the net controls, liaison stations, equipment, and every part of each net. >>> The Simulated Emergency Test scheduled for October 16 will try to do just that. Details can be found at <http://www.wi-aresraces.org/> or from our SEC, KB9ENO. Please plan now to get involved. Practice serving as NCS or liaison. Compose a message in proper form and send it on one of the nets. Check with your EC. Handle some traffic. Let's give the system a real test. ** On Saturday, September 11, 2004, the Polk County Amateur Radio Club, using the club call KC9DMY, will set up at the "Wheels and Wings" celebration at the airport in Osceola, WI. Starting at approximately 8AM and ending about 2PM, they will operate on the 40M and 20M HF bands using either various digital modes or voice. HF communications will take place around the three satellite passes. We will have a portable satellite station in use. The local 2M repeater, 147.195+ (PL 110.9), will be demonstrated along with Twin Cities and other repeaters. Contact Chuck Braun for more information: wd9gwg@arrl.net ** The Wisconsin ARES/RACES net has moved to Sunday evening, 6 p.m. Central, on 3996 KHz primary, 3975 KHz secondary. ** Congratulations to Jim Humphrey, W9AVM, for earning the WAS award in the 90th anniversary in only 21 days! More can be found in the September QST issue. ** WVRA's 444.100 W9SM repeater will have a regular CW practice net. Contact Jerry Graebel, W9GLG, w9glg@arrl.net for details. ** A reminder to please keep me informed of any Silent Key notices. I will, also, need an official obituary to forward to ARRL for posting in QST. Thanks. 73, Don, W9IXG

Dakota Division

North Dakota

NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Kent Olson, KAØLDG -Our condolences go out to Art Ekblad, KØQQ and his family at the passing of his wife, Gladys, WØNGN. Also our condolences to the family of Harold Jacobson, KØHJ, of Flaxton, ND. Harold was active in the Weak Sisters Net & enjoyed working with antennas. Please keep them in your thoughts. Harold, WAØYSF, reports that the Pembina ARC recently participated in a terrorist exercise up at the Pembina border crossing. The drill went off very well, but he was unable to pass traffic to me or Doc, KØGRM, the SEC, as no one on the Data net would accept it. Please remember that nets are designed for the passing of traffic, and his message was a fundamental type of traffic that should have been passed. Former Shuttle Astronaut and West Fargo native, Tony England, WØORE, is slated to be the guest speaker at next years Dakota Division Convention. This will be an event that you won't want to miss. 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 August: Goose River Net, 5/41/3; WX Net 25/611/11; Data Net 23/443/9.

South Dakota

I will open with news that I am sure everyone has heard, but still warrants comment. Stan Burghardt, WØIT (ex-WØBJV) became a silent key on August 22, 2004. Licensed in 1931 as W9BJV (which became WØBJV in 1946), Burghardt remained active on the air--especially on 6 meters--until his death. He also had been active in satellite work and was a member of ARRL, AMSAT and SMIRK. Burghardt started out selling ham radio parts in 1937 and in the 1950s expanded his Watertown operation into a popular Amateur Radio equipment supplier.

Mobridge: The Dakota Chapter of the QCWA met in Mobridge on 7 August with 12 hams and several spouses in attendance. An afternoon lunch and a dinner preceded the business meeting where new officers were elected. The event was organized by Roland Cory WØYMB and BHARC member Frank Shaw NUØF.

Huron: Huron has renewed its Special Service Club Status with the ARRL. Good job up there folks! If your club would like to know more about SSC please contact: Affiliated Club Coordinator Lloyd V Timperley Jr, WBØULX Po Box 205 Huron, SD 57350 (605) 353-9244, (605) 352-7896 wb0ulx@arrl.net

Pierre: Discussion on tower legislation resulted in inviting some members of the legislature to a club meeting to foster better understanding of information presented around this issue. School demonstrations and speakers bureau was discussed as well.

Prairie Dogs (Yankton/Vermillion): PDARC helped the Boy Scouts in this weekends Lewis and Clark Festival. We are asked to provide communications between the lake area and the downtown Yankton area. A Special Event Station was operated. For the scouts to experience Ham Radio. The new trailer was on hand and we had from friends and members of the PDARC. Members and friends of the Prairie Dog Amateur Radio Club often get together Saturday mornings at 8 a.m. for breakfast/coffee at Yankton's Fryn' Pan restaurant for fellowship and to prepare for various club projects.

SEARC: The business meeting time has been changed to 7:30pm now on the 1st Tuesday of the month. This is 30 minutes earlier than it has been in the past. In addition the ARES meeting has been moved to the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm as well. Plans to assist Emergency Management in installing the last section of the tower at the building are underway. We will be asking folks to participate in a mini-tower party to finish this off. We will be getting space on the tower so we would like to

have it up and antennas installed before the snow arrives. MS 150 went quite well with 14 operators. The changes in having operators driving SAGs was an improvement in the speed at which they could be dispatched. The MS Society was very please with the skills we brought to the table and will be looking for continued support in the future. During the last storm the club tower trailer was damaged by falling trees, however do to fortunate circumstances we will be taking possession of a new crank up tower. Plans to install it on the trailer will be made once we know the delivery date. Testing session for SEARC will now be held on the 2nd Tuesday 7pm at the Emergency Managment Building. Deuel County: Net on 28.400 SSB and 29.600 FM on Thursdays at about 830pm. Black Hills AREA: In August, all clubs and nets operating in SD will be contacted about the publishing of the 2005 edition of the "Who's Who in SD Hamdom" book. The goal is to have a high percentage of active SD hams submit their photos and bios for the book which will be available at the Sioux Falls hamfest in April '05. Several hams will be participating in the 2004 Hill City Rail and Trail Rendezvous including operations of a special event station from the 1880 train September 18th & 19th. A regenerative receiver design class will begin on 13 August, and will be held monthly for 3 months. The purpose is to review electronic design concepts applicable to regenerative receiver design, and to encourage members to participate in the regen receiver design contest which will be held in February 2005. Black Hills amateur radio operators provided support for the Mt. Rushmore Century Bike Ride. The event was sponsored by the Rapid Valley Lions Club and local business The Two Wheeler Dealer. Support consisted of communication, mid-route bicycle repairs, and first aid. The Century Ride consisted of 26 mile, 100 K, and 100 mile bicycle routes. Fifty six bike riders participated in this annual event, and many commented on the excellent support provided by the ham radio group. Black Hills amateur radio operators provided support for the Southern Black Hills Triathlon. The event was sponsored by the South Dakota Scholarship Foundation. Support consisted of event communication and assisting the event organizers with administrative details. The Triathlon consisted of a 1/2 mile swim, 28.4 mile bike ride, and a 3.4 mile run. Sixty seven participants entered this annual event. Northern Hills: Events on the public service calendar include the Mount Rushmore Century bike run, and the Multiple Sclerosis bike event in WY, both on August 21st. The latest information is always posted at <http://www.w0blk.org> The event was covered by 4 Hams and a 5th on Sunday morning, I think we did an excellent job of covering all rest stops and being able to stay ahead of the Bike Riders. The crews manning the rest areas did a wonderful job of supplying the riders with refreshments and treats and they kept up the cheering and moral support throughout the entire event. A special thanks should go out to all the people who supported the event through communications, rest stop support, SAG Vehicle operators, and all those who supported the event financially. The club is now actively recruiting a Public Information Officer. The PIO duties will be modeled to some degree on the position description provided by the ARRL (<http://www.arrl.org>) but with some modifications that will provide a strategic fit into the greater Black Hills community.

Delta Division

Arkansas

Upcoming events: September 18 – Arkansas ARRL State Convention, (All-Arkansas Hamfest) Jacksonville. Mark Barnhard, KD5AIV. Mbarnhard@aristotle.net September 25. Bentonville hamfest. Buster Morrow, AD5AM. Ad5am@arrl.net Arkansas QSO Party - September 25 and 26 – see www.arkan.us and September QST ARKAN Parkfest–October 9, 2004. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. McClure Park, Lowell, AR. John Robinson, KD5NFX, 479-839-8112, johnr83@alltel.net WINLINK FORUM AT HAMFEST: At the Arkansas State Convention in Jacksonville, J.M. Rowe, N5XFW, Assistant SEC and digital coordinator for ARES/RACES, will give a presentation on WinLink2000 and the future of digital EMCOMM in Arkansas. Mike Nettles, KB5WBH, State RACES Officer, will be there to answer any questions that he may have insight into. He has set up a new Telpac node for everyone to try. The Arkansas Packet Network is a real asset in ARES/RACES communication, and Winlink 2000 will utilize this network and build on it. J.M. Rowe, Mike Nettles, Kevin Manzer, and others deserve our thanks for working hard to set up a packet network which covers much of the state and is constantly being upgraded. BIG PROJECT GRANT FOR BISMARCK. Stony Evans, KB5IRC, received a “Big Project” grant for a club station at Bismarck Middle School. Stony says “I got the station up and running about two weeks ago. Looks like I will have 6 students in my daily radio class. Small start, but the kids seem very excited. I am letting them ease into ham radio with PSK31- they are learning fast.” EVENTFUL FOUNDERS DAY IN WHITE HALL -WB5UGJ, KC7AKN, N5VGJ, and N5RN set up a booth to demonstrate ham radio at White Hall Founder’s Day. Here is part of Glenn, N5RN’s report: “Just a few minutes after we completed our “Hi, how are you” conversations, we heard the cries of a girl and an adult looking for some medical help. The local medical service hadn't completed their setup and were away from where they were setting up. It was obvious that the girl needed some medical help. We were suddenly put in a situation where we needed to find the girl some help. We found a local police officer and told him the situation all the while we had someone in this small group hams placing phone calls trying any means available to them to find this young girl some help. Finally, we got word that the ambulance was on its way. Suddenly, our roles had changed from finding help to that of providing traffic control watching for the ambulance and getting it to the location it was needed. The role of traffic control continued as the ambulance had to block one lane of street that was being used for the parade and for the public to find parking. As we provided the traffic control support, the Mayor of White Hall and the White Hall Police Chief stopped by and talked to us about what a great service we provided. They both expressed their appreciation and asked if we would become more involved. Of those hams there, there was an emphatic “yes”. As the morning progressed, we again found ourselves working to get help for a diabetic that had become overheated, As this situation calmed down, John Gaines, N5VGJ, was greeted by Congressman Mike Ross who expressed his appreciation for what we were doing in the name of Amateur Radio and public service.” Sebastian County EC KC5YAF reports that the Fort Smith Regional Airport is planning to conduct a full-scale emergency response exercise this month and have requested the assistance of the amateur radio community. Assistance will be required with communications at various locations in Fort Smith, including the 2 hospitals, a to-be-determined triage area, on buses transporting patients and participants, various airport facilities, shadowing officials, etc. Sebastian County hams will be taking CERT training from the Sebastian County

DEM. AD5D reports from his CERT meeting: "I'm sure you are aware that I'm learning as we go along...but we've been given medical supplies, blood clotting bandages, triage training, search and rescue, morgue plans and in depth guidelines to follow. Someone mentioned that CERT was a step above the Neighborhood Watch Program and to be honest...the training we've received is a whole lot more than that." We received a report of a possible BPL test in Forrest City. I checked and they were using wireless 2.4 Ghz technology instead of BPL. However, it did give me an opportunity to discuss the shortcomings of BPL with the company. I appreciate the report - please let me know if you hear of any other tests. CLUB NEWS: ADXA member AI5P will be operating soon from Cook Islands, Fiji, New Zealand, and Australia. The ARKAN Club made "tape-measure yagis" for 2 meters at their Second Saturday technical session. There will be a joint meeting of the Benton County Radio Operators, Inc. and the ARES/RACES members September 15. This meeting will be in the usual meeting place in the county administration building. There are several important matters to discuss. The annual "Ham Fest" will be the 25th of this month, and this is the last meeting before that date. Hams have been asked to furnish communications for the bicycle "Tour-de-Cure" sponsored by the diabetic association. 2-METER SIMPLEX NET. KD5RUJ reports good participation in the 2 meter simplex net. The net was especially important because the local repeaters was out of service for a time but wide range communication was maintained via simplex. A total of 54 stations, from all over Arkansas, participated during August. MS150 TOUR. Steve, N5JPL, sent a report on the recent MS150 bicycle tour. "The weather was perfect and the scenery was gorgeous as bicyclists from around the nation assembled at Petit Jean State Park on Saturday, September 11 for the MS150 Bike Tour. Ham operators from across Arkansas also converged on the scenic mountain to ensure the safety of the cyclists. The MS150 Bike Tour is a 2-day, 150-mile event that benefits the Multiple Sclerosis Society. The Arkansas River Valley Amateur Radio Foundation (ARVARF) and the Central Arkansas Radio Emergency Net (CAREN) teamed up to provide communications for the event. The tour director said "We have a super group of ham radio operators here with us today". Throughout the event, participants expressed their gratitude to ham operators. Sincere comments such as "thanks for being here" and "we're glad that you're here" were heard repeatedly. Over 300 man-hours of volunteer communications time were provided by more than a dozen ham operators during the event, many of whom drove 1 to 2 hours to and from the event each day. Although there were several close calls during the event, there were no serious injuries or accidents, and no riders were lost, all due in part to the diligence, determination, and dedication of the radio operators. CAREN and ARVARF have a history of cooperation for special events that benefit charitable non-profit organizations. With the 146.82 K5PXP and the 146.94 W5DI repeater systems linked together, a large portion of Arkansas can be covered." August net reports from STM WB5HIL: Arkansas Phone Net: QNI 448, Traffic 21. Manager W5SXV. Arkansas Mockingbird Net: QNI 405, traffic 19. Manager: WB5YLI Arkansas Razorback Net: QNI 1796, Traffic 65. Manager: K5BOC. OZK CW Net: QNI 24, Traffic 4. Manager WA5JAN August traffic: K5BOC 35, K7ZQR 25, WB5HIL 14, AB5ZU 3, KB5ILY 2. Public Service Honor Roll: KB5ILY 177.

Louisiana

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – AUGUST 2004 Thanks to the efforts of KD5WDY, W5EW, and other club members, the Thibodaux ARC (W5YL) is the new sponsor for the 2005 LA QSO Party! The operating time for this event will be the 12-hour period from 1500Z on February 12 to 0300Z on February 13. Full details are available on the LA QSO Party website at <http://laqso.w5yl.org/> Speaking of QSO parties, they are a great introduction to the world of contesting because they are much more low-keyed affairs compared to such major operating events as the November Sweepstakes, Field Day, and the big DX contests. However, we would like to have as many LA hams as possible to be active during our QSO party to keep the non-LA stations reasonably busy. Even if you can operate only for a short period of time, please try to activate your parish during next year's LA QSO Party. Besides making some parish hunters happy, you will likely enjoy the experience and increase your operating skills at the same time. Amateurs interested in additional training opportunities for emergency communications should particularly be interested in our upcoming QSO party (and other contests!). The ability to communicate succinctly is a vital skill that all good testers and emergency communicators possess. After serving our section for nearly two years as Section Emergency Coordinator, WA5LQZ has stepped down because of family obligations. We have also lost the services of AC5VN as Assistant Section Manager and Northeast District EC due to some minor changes (marrying and moving to TX!) in his personal life. I am truly grateful to both Alan and Ron for their excellent service these past several years. Our new SEC and NE DEC are K5GLS and KC5LFB, respectively. We are fortunate to have Gary and David volunteer to serve in these very important leadership positions. ARRL Headquarters recently doubled the number of allotted lines for monthly section reports. Therefore, beginning this month each ARES group that submits its report will be listed by parish/EC. If an EC consistently fails to send timely reports to the SEC, the EC's appointment will be cancelled. Along with building up and leading his local ARES group, preparing and sending monthly reports are the most basic duties of an EC. (Everyone holding an ARRL appointment is expected to be active and submit regular reports for that matter!). K5DPG has made it very easy for ECs to use the on-line form on the section's website (www.laarrrl.org/ecreport.htm) to submit their reports to the SEC. In addition, each EC who has not yet developed a local ARES plan (and sent copies to the SEC and his ARES members) is strongly encouraged to do so in a timely manner. ECs should review the criteria for the LA Section ARES Award Program at <http://www.laarrrl.org/aresaward.htm> and be ready to submit their 2004 reports next January. Claimed points, along with supporting documentation, should be indicated for each of the nine categories. For example, an EC claiming four points for category six should list the call signs of his ARES members who have completed the Level I emergency communications course. The ARES group with the highest total score will be presented a plaque at the 2005 LA State Convention in Rayne next March. I'm sorry to report that Jack K5EGW is now a Silent Key. Upcoming hamfests include Pineville on October 16, Monroe on November 13, and Minden on December 4. Traffic totals: K5DPG 231, K5MC 168, AE5V 59, W4DLZ 56, NF5B 44, W5PY 25, AC5VN 14. Public Service Honor Roll: K5DPG 135, NF5B 110, W5PY 110, K5MC 110, AE5V 102, AC5VN 90, W4DLZ 82, WB5LBR 11. Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 30/299/110. Louisiana CW Net: 31/125/73. Louisiana ARES Net: 4/78/0. Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Ouachita Parish ARES Net: 5/99/0. Richland

Parish ARES Net: 5/65/0. Northeast LA ARES Net: 5/66/0. AARA Net: 5/165/0. AARA Net (July): 4/104/0. ARES reports: parish/EC. Allen/KA5NXT, Ascension/KM5IX, Bossier/K5VXT, Calcasieu/KC5FGO, Cameron/AF5AA, Claiborne/KD5JJP, East Baton Rouge/N5ULA, Franklin/N5ASA, Lafayette/KN5LSU, Red River/KD5IUZ, Richland/KC5RJY, St. Charles/K5CFJ, St. Bernard/KD5BPW, Terrebonne/KB5UOO. 73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Manager Email: k5mc@arrl.org LA Section Website: www.laarrrl.org/

Mississippi

SM: Malcolm Keown, W5XX. Section Web Site: www.arrlmiss.org. Web Master: w5kwb@arrl.net. DEC: KD5CKP, K5FUR, KA5ICO, AB5WF, W4WLF, N5ZNT. EC: W0CIR, KD5CKP, WB5CON, WV5D, K5DMC, AD5DO, K5DSG, K5FUR, KD5GWM, W4HOZ, KA5ICO, KC5IJP, AD5IS, AD5IT, N5JGK, KB5JN, W5JVK, W5LMW, AC5MR, KD5NSP, AE5RM, AC5SU, WA5TMC, KC5TYL, KU5W, W4WLF, KM5WX, AC5Y, AG5Z, KB5ZEA, N5ZNT, and KB0ZTX. Mississippi Hams have a lot on their calendar in the days ahead. On September 18 the Southwest Mississippi ARC will host our Annual "Day in the Park" at the Sports Complex in Brookhaven. In addition to food and fellowship there will be tailgating, DXCC card checking, and tours of the W0XV Antique Radio Museum. Contact WB5ASP or W5XX for more details. The Annual Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be conducted on Saturday, September 25th in cooperation with the Louisiana and South Texas Sections. Activities will begin on 7285 at 0800 and continue until 1100 or until we have finished. DRN5 will be operating on 7280 to handle health/welfare traffic. The overall scenario will involve a winter storm moving in from the Central Plains compounded by two low-pressure systems in the Gulf that will cause flooding along the coast. Parallel with this overall scenario District Emergency Coordinators (DEC) and Emergency Coordinators (EC) will organize local scenarios that go along with the overall scenario. Note that if conditions don't improve on 40 we will have the SET on 75. There will be plenty of announcements to this effect ahead of time if we do have to change bands. Want more info? Contact your DEC or EC. The Vicksburg ARC was busy in August supporting local events. VP K5NRK reports that communications support was provided for the United Way Parade. Those participating were KD5WCR, W5WAF, KB5YEE, KD5ZIB, W5XX, and K5NRK. Following that event the VARC mobilized for the 16th Annual "Over the River Run" with over 600 participants. A major problem developed when the "water stations" strung out at ½ mile intervals across the Old Bridge seem to simultaneously run out water with most of the runners still on the Bridge. There seemed to be no contingency plan for this problem, but through the "persistent" efforts of VARC members, the water stations were resupplied. Those participating were N5KWT, K5NPK, W5WAF, KD5WCT, KD5WCR, KD5WCO, KD5ZIP, KJ5RC, KC5QZW, and W5XX. Gulf Coast DEC W4WLF has deployed to FEMA in Atlanta on volunteer temporary duty in support of the recovery operations in Florida. Good Show, Tom! The Pine Belt Repeater DX Association has been organized in Laurel with President N5PA, VP N5NQ, and S/T KD5UJH. If you live in the Laurel Area and are interested in joining this group, contact N5PA. Have you ever wanted to get a listing of the hams in your city or county? There are two ways to do this using zip codes. The first is the University of Arkansas Database at <http://callsign.ualr.edu/callsign.shtml>. The second is by going to

QRZ.com. Then go to "database" in the left column menu and then enter the zip code in "name search." Welcome to KC5IJP as EC for Ponotoc County and WV5D as EC for Jones County and to W4TUP, KD5RTF, and WB4VYB as Assistant ECs for Lee County. Also welcome to new ARRL members KE5BOD, KE5CAO, AA0GD, WD5HAZ, KC5IJP, N5JPX, K4KCB, KA4LDU, WB5LEO, KA5NDD, KC5TGM, KD5YVX. Congratulations to the Meridian ARC which was recognized by the Key Chapter Red Cross for communications support in 2003-2004. Mentor W5WAF notes that Jackson County EC, KD5CQT, completed ECC-001.

Congratulations Darryl! Also, congratulations to KA5NDD on her upgrade. Welcome to New Mississippi Hams: KE5BXL, Kevin - Horn Lake; KE5BYG, Thomas - Columbus; KE5BYB, Kevin - Edwards; KE5BYD, Johanna - Hattiesburg; KE5BYF, Phillip - Columbus; KE5BYY, Bobby - French Camp; KE5CAO, Charles - Hattiesburg; Regret to report the passing of W5SGL of Biloxi, N5ZDF of Hazelhurst, and N5KQP of Hernando. OBS Report: W5KWB OO Report: K5XQ DEC/EC Report: KD5CKP, WB5CON, KD5GWM, W5LMW, AC5SU, N5ZNT Net reports: sessions/QNI/QTC MS Section Phone Net 31/2762/52 MS Section Traffic Net 31/147/23 Magnolia Section Net 31/1315/7 Pine Belt Repeater Assc. 31/781/2 MS Section Slow Net 22/57/2 West Coast MS ARES 9/58/0 Monroe Co. ARC 5/57/0 Hattiesburg EM Net 5/62/0 Metro Jackson ARES 5/77/0 MS Baptist Hams Net 5/49/0 South Central WX Net 5/51/0 Meridian Area EN 5/51/0 Jackson ARC EN 5/72/0 MS/LA EM Net 5/61/0 Itawamba Co ARES Net 4/69/4 SW MS ARES 4/57/0 PSHR: W5XX 192, WB5ZED 140, AC5SU 138, AD5IS 110, Traffic: WB5ZED 2117 (BPL), AD5IS 112, W5LEW 31, W5XX 5 Compilation of Traffic Statistics provided by AD5IS, Mississippi Section Traffic Manager

Great Lakes Division

Michigan

September 15, 2004 Two major events are ahead of us in the next few weeks. The first is the annual Simulated Emergency Test (SET), and the second is the Michigan State ARRL Convention. ARRL President Jim Haynie W5JBP to visit Michigan. Please join us as the Holland ARC hosts year's Michigan Convention. This event will be held November 6 and 7. We are be especially pleased this year as ARRL President Jim Haynie W5JBP will be our guest speaker at the Friday evening banquet and will also moderate the ARRL Forum on Saturday. The Friday evening banquet will also include (in addition to a great meal) awards for the winners of the Section Newsletter Contest, special presentations for NTS awards, and other special honors. Saturday's activities will include forums and meetings including NTS, US Coast Guard, ARES/RACES, CW, Great Lakes Net, and MARS just to name a few. Check the web page, <http://superswap.hollandarc.org> for the latest information. Last year's event was recognized as outstanding. Be sure to make your reservations early. The annual SET calls us all to practice our efforts at being emergency communicators. This year's SET will be held on the weekend of October 2 & 3. This is the time for your ARES/RACES group to test its communications expertise by working with local agencies. It is also the opportunity to develop working relationships with new agencies and community departments. Each EC should examine

the need of becoming familiar with the many organizations in the community and learning how amateur radio would be in a position to assist their communications needs in a disaster. Far too often we can become complacent with the familiar organizations with whom we work frequently while others may also have a critical communications need. It pays to know the leaders of these groups. They also may hold the keys to receiving future financial grants and assistance. ECs should target community contact also for the positive impact this good Public Relations opportunity affords. When one examines SET goals and objectives, it is clear the contacts with community officials rank high and should be a key part of the drill. The Great Lakes Division is asking for nominees for three awards to be presented at the GLD Convention in Toledo, OH in March of 2005. If you are aware of any one you feel meets the following criteria, please enter a nomination. Most assuredly we need to recognize those individuals who do so much to make this the excellent hobby-service it is. Please lend some serious thought as to who may qualify for these awards: 1. George S. Wilson W4OYI Great Lakes Division Award. This award is presented to an outstanding amateur whose lifetime achievement merits recognition for outstanding contributions to the amateur radio service. 2. Amateur of the Year. This award is for outstanding service by a radio amateur during the year preceding the nomination. 3. Technical Achievement Award. This is presented to the outstanding amateur(s) whose technical excellence exemplifies "continuation of the amateur's proven ability to advance the radio art" and who exemplifies the highest dedication to service to others and to science rather than self. Nominations should include the name, call and address of the nominee as well as a one page statement of support. You may e-mail nominations to Vice Director Dick Mondro W8FQT@arrl.org or mail them to Dick at 800 Dover Drive, Dearborn Hgts., MI 48127. The deadline is February 11, 2005 at 5:00PM. These awards are presented at the discretion of the Awards Committee and Director, not necessarily every year. Thanks to everyone who reported their SARs for August: K8KV 225, VE3EUI 217, K8AE 174, WB8RCR 164, K8XKW 157, K8LJG 113, W8RTN 111, WD8USA 95, W8RNQ 44, KK5KZ 42, WB8TKL 41, WB8YPG 37, K8UPE 26, N8UN 21, WI8K 21, WA8EFK 18, KC8UKM 13, KC8MLD 12, K8AMR 10, K8ZJU 10, K8YB 9. Thanks everyone, & 73. Dale WA8EFK, And now let me introduce our Area Club Coordinator Dan KB6NU with some special MI Section Club News - September 2004 New Clubs - Several clubs have been accepted as ARRL affiliated clubs recently, and there's another that, while not ARRL-affiliated, deserves mention. The first is the Michigan VHF-UHF Society (MIVUS). Based in White Lake, west of Pontiac, the club promotes VHF-UHF activities throughout the State of Michigan, including equipment construction and operating techniques. The Michigan VHF-UHF Society will hold four quarterly meetings, with the annual meeting being held at the Annual Milford Swap in April of each year. Officer nominations and elections will be held at the annual meeting. The place, date, and time of the next meeting will be held at Groves Restaurant, Duck Lake Rd., and M-59, in Highland township, September 25, 2004, starting at 10:00am. Dues are \$5.00 a year. Bob K8KZJ reports that several members met to September VHF contest and had a lot of fun. For more information, contact Robert G. Lang K8ZKJ. His e-mail address is k8zjk2@yahoo.com. The second club I want to mention is the University of Michigan ARC. It's an old club, perhaps one of the oldest in Michigan, but for several years has been inactive. Now, under the leadership of grad student Chris Galbraith KA8WFC, and with the support of several faculty members, the club has been revived. They

now have a shack in the EECS building on U-M's North Campus, and are going to actively begin recruiting new members. Listen for their distinctive callsign, W8UM, and give them a shout if you hear them on the air. For more information, contact Chris by emailing him at cgailbra@umich.edu. Tech Classes Begin - The Motor City Radio Club will once again be conducting Tech classes at Trenton High School. Registration is on Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00 PM, and classes start on Thursday the 30th also at 7:00 PM. There is no cost to take the class, but students will need a copy of *Now Your Talking*, 5th edition. For more information, visit the MCRC website at <http://www.w8mrm.org> or e-mail Gary N8ZFH or Dave KC8OBH . If your club doesn't offer classes, you may want to think about doing so, either in January or next fall. Holding classes is a great way to attract new members and a good way to promote amateur radio. The ARRL offers support for volunteer instructors (<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/instructor/>) that can help you get started. If your club doesn't offer classes, you may want to think about doing so, either in January or next fall. Holding classes is a great way to attract new members and a good way to promote amateur radio. The ARRL offers support for volunteer instructors (<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/instructor/>) that can help you get started. Do you have some news about your club and its activities that you would like me to highlight here? If so, e-mail me at kb6nu@arrl.net 73, Dan Romanchik, KB6NU MI Section ACC

Hudson Division

Northern New Jersey

SM Bill Hudzik-W2UDT, ASM-N2WZB, STM-WB2FTX, ACC-N3RB, SEC-K2SO, OOC-K2ZD, PIO-WB2CRD, TC-NR2H NNJ Webpage: www.hudson.arrl.org/nnj MONTHLY ARES NET: Second Monday of each month (unless first Monday is a holiday then Net is third Monday) at 8PM on the Morris County OEM Repeater; WS2Q 146.895 (PL 151.4) minus 600 Hz. Under the auspices of the Department of Homeland Security, starting September 9th, September has been designated as "National Preparedness Month". The objective is to make citizen preparedness a priority for every town and home. Many volunteer organizations and agencies are being asked to plan demonstrations to make citizens aware of what services exist in their area. In its part, ARRL has designated September 18th as "Amateur Radio Awareness Day". HQ has already sent out announcements to affiliated clubs and ARES volunteers outlining suggestions for demonstrations and how to obtain public service handouts. I'm already aware that several NNJ clubs have planned participation in public service events that weekend. If your group has not scheduled anything yet there is still time to obtain information from the ARRL. Requests can be obtained via e-mail at: clubs@arrl.net. Also, National VE Examination Day is September 25th. A number of NNJ clubs are starting up licensing classes and VE sessions for the fall months. Please post your information on our Section webpage and make sure your club link is updated. Just e-mail our webmaster Mark, N2WZB with your information. Current links are particularly important as we get requests each month for location and dates of VE sessions as well as licensing classes. Let's make it easy for prospective hams and new licensees to find your

club. It's a great way to attract new members. As evidenced by the current very active hurricane season amateur radio is continuing to be, in many cases, the only means of communication from the affected areas. Many of you may have already read on the ARRL homepage requests from FEMA and Florida for help. Our SEC, Steve Ostrove-K2SO, has been in contact with coordinators in Florida to offer ARES support if needed. What has been stressed is that coordination is done through agencies and that trained volunteers should only apply. Here again, the need for formal emcomm training is paramount. During hurricane Frances, our NNJ Liaison with the Salvation Army, Dick-N3DV did a superb job as NCS on the 20Mtr SATERN Net and it was evident that his emcomm training paid off. By the way, ARRL still offers on-line Level I courses each month and has just received another grant to continue the program. This offer is one of the best "money back" learning opportunities around. Please take advantage of it. Also, the annual Simulated Emergency Set is scheduled for October 2-3. Our ARES group has a number of scenarios being planned to test the network. The 10-70 Repeater Association is still active with the USS Ling submarine at the NJ Naval Museum in Hackensack. They recently located their all band antenna to a better site and added simulated sonar pings to the forward torpedo room! If you are interested in visiting the Ling and its period radio room or, willing to help out, let Howie, WB2AWQ know. At the other end of the section the Garden State ARA is planning a special event in October from K2USA at Fort Monmouth. As we all know K2USA was very active handling phone patches during Vietnam and the Kuwait war. If you would like to help, or just visit the station, contact Marty Szumera, WN2DX. By the way, the Army no longer supports the station and all work is strictly done by volunteers. Congratulations to our Hudson Division Vice Director, Joyce-KA2ANF for completing the Level III EMCOMM Course! We now have a number of ARES members with Level III certification and others working on Level II. It is sad to note that the section has lost another active volunteer. Jack Smith, N2RCT became a Silent Key in August. He was a mainstay of the Splitrock Repeater Association for years and will be missed by his many friends. 73, Bill Hudzik, W2UDT

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Midwest Division

Kansas

Kansas Section News Summary-August 2004 SM, Ron Cowan, KB0DTI-- SEC/OOC: Robert Summers,K0BXF ASM: Orlan Cook,W0OYH SGL: Steve Hamilton, KB0JYL David L.

Fayman-WØGI of Lawrence is now among the Silent Keys. David was an ARRL Diamond Club member. Fall is just about here, leaves are beginning to swirl and school has started up. Summer was filled with Field Day, special events and public service activities. CKARC put together another great convention for us. The fleamarket was full and I saw plenty of gear going out the door--before the main prize was drawn. The Red Cross ERV made the trip from KC and was on display in the exhibit hall. Jim Andera-KØNK and Buddy his faithful pak dog were there with Jim's display of hiking and camping gear. Joseph Plankinton-WDØDMV is this years recipient of Ham Of The Year award. Joe is our State RACES Officer. KØNK gave us a report and summary of the first Emergency Communications EXPO to be held in Kansas hosted by Johnson Co. ARES. Bob-KØBXF reminded us that we may need to call on our neighbors in an emergency and to keep the lines of communication open. CKARC issued buttons for the show this year bearing the clubs familiar C emblem that were used for admittance. They may become a collectors item. Thank you to all of you that attended our Kansas Convention. Crown ARC operated the Pony Express Special Event Station. Marshall County ARC also helped out with the station and everyone had a great time. Hope you worked them on 40 as I did. NØLRF-Paul and KCØGSF-Nancy hosted a tailgate and rocket launch at their farm for DCARC. Johnson Co. RAC provided communications for the JoCo. fair parade. This was a new event for hams and we have a newly licensed ham on the parade committee to thank. Sand Hills ARC will have their annual SHARC Fest September 19 th. KØFJ has a WinLink 2000 TelPac node configured on 145.03 VHF Packet registered as KØFJ-1. Simulated Emergency Test will be October 2 & 3. There will be extra sessions of the Phone Net at 1PM each day. This is a great opportunity to get everyone in your group together and try out the emergency program for your county. Be sure to contact your county and any other agencies that you may need to work with in a real emergency now so you will all know each other. Put your NTS/HF Liaison to work and have them check-in to the Kansas nets. ECs, please send your reports each month to Bob Summers-KØBXF. This should include your A.R.E.S. net report and any other pertinent information such as number of active members or group activities conducted. The Net report can be sent over the air by your HF station or relayed on VHF to an HF station. This has an added benefit of testing the NTS links out of your area. Kansas Slow Speed Net starts back up Monday September 20 th on a Monday-Wednesday sked at 7:30 PM on 3.710 MHz. Better make that 7:30 plus, I run late. Hamfests by Valley Center ARC and Chanute ARC will be held on October 9 th and Jamboree On The Air will be held October 16th. Pilot Knob is starting a class the middle of September. Jim Gorman-WAØLYK, Topeka, has been appointed Manager of QKS, the Kansas CW net. Effective August 1st Jim took over the management duties of our CW traffic net that he has been a regular participant in for almost 2 years. Jim is also a 10 th Region CW Rep and takes traffic to and from the higher net. SEC JUNE: Zones reporting: 13; ECs: 9; Sessions 85; QNI 889 QTC (messages) 86 Reporting Zones: 1E, 2B, 3A-D, 3E-F, 4A, 4B, 4D, 6B-6D, 6F. July Sessions/QNI/QTC/Mgr: KSBN/31/866 / 98 /NØKFS KPN/22/221/17/NØKFS KMWN/31/598/501/WBØYWZ KWN/31/ 790 /579/WBØYWZ CSTN/27/1664/113/ AB5PA QKS-SS Resumes September 20 th. TEN: 62 sessions, QTC 179 , KS 85 % with WAØLYK KOPY ABØWR WØWR NBØZ . Dave WØSS/Mgr. (CW Net) Traffic: WAØLYK 330 ABØWR 195 KCØHHO 94 KIØBK 36 ABØUY 29 WØOYH 24 KBØDTI 19 NBØZ 19 KØRY 17 KCØMRJ 13. 73- Ron To receive or contribute to Orlan's Kansas Amateur Radio News E-mail News

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Missouri

SEPTEMBER 2004 MISSOURI SECTION NEWS CONVENTIONS & HAMFESTS The Missouri State ARRL Convention and the Central Missouri Radio Association Hamfest was held in Columbia, MO on August 21, 2004. The attendance was about like that of 2003, but there seemed to be lots of commercial and flea market selling going on. Don Moore, KMØR, MO SEC, gave a program on Winlink and ARES Applications. Wade Walstrom, WØEJ, Midwest Director was unable to attend because of a bout with the flu. At the ARRL Forum Dale Bagley, KØKY, MO SM, brought those in attendance up to date on Amateur Radio Legislation that passed this year and he presented plaques to George Schindler, WBØIIS and Roger Volk, KØGOB for their efforts in the development of the Missouri Emergency Packet Network on 6-m & 2-m. A MARS Forum and the annual Repeater Council meeting were also held at the ARRL MO State Convention in Columbia. Chuck Skolaut, KØBOG, ARRL HQ Representative and the featured speaker at the forum explained the operation of the Official Observer program and of his other duties as Field & Regulatory Director for the ARRL. The Section Manager and Section Leadership expresses its great appreciation to the CMRA for hosting this years State Convention. The St. Charles ARC Hamfest on Aug 22, 2004 had excellent attendance and a great outdoor flea market. They even had to add tables to accommodate the large number of vendors inside. This year's St. Charles ARC Hamfest had more door prizes than almost any Hamfest. The St Charles ARC did its usual great job organizing and running the Hamfest. Jim Harrell, NØOSV, OOC for Missouri announced that Gary Jones, KBØOFD, of Forsyth, MO has successfully passed the OO exam and has been welcomed into the Amateur Auxiliary OO program. Congratulations to Gary on his Amateur Radio volunteer spirit and thanks for becoming part of a great MO Section OO program. Glen Briggs, KBØRPJ, is organizing a Booth at the Missouri Days Celebration at the North Central MO Fairgrounds in Trenton, MO. He needs some volunteers to help at the Booth on Saturday October 16th from 9:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday October 17th from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. If you are in the area or are planning to attend Missouri Days, please contact Glen for more information via his e-mail address kbØrpbj@arrl.net so that he can make a schedule for the Amateur Radio Booth.

AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS KEITH HAYE, WEØG, ACC Ed Brockelmeyer, KØEB, Macon Area Repeater Council President, has affirmed that the M.A.R.C. will be sponsoring on of the MO Emergency Packet Network nodes. Mr. Borckelmeyer reported to Roger Volk, KØGOB that much of the needed material has been aquired and a site for the system is available. The assembly of the node will be beginning soon. Other nodes will be going up in other areas of MO as the system grows to meet the emergency communication needs of our state. Larry Staples, WØAIB, reports that Paul Watts, KCØDDZ, will be leading the effort for the "Toughest Athletic Event" ever held in the Kansas City area. Paul will be needing 16+ Amateur Operators to provide communication for aid stations and traffic control. The September 25th event is sponsored by the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation of Columbia, MO and will require participants to swim 2.4 miles, Bike 112 miles and run 26.2 miles. If you can help contact Paul

at lghtblb@mail.com or phone him at 816-751-1318. The Callaway Radio Relay League reported that Wanna Meador, KBØHKN has donated to the Fulton Public Library 12 Amateur Radio Books in Memory of Blair Carmichael, WBØPLY, a long time CARL member and the Elmer for many area Amateurs. The St. Charles ARC Newsletter reports that Jim Kramper, Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in St Charles has asked the local amateur radio community to participate in an open house at the NWS office on October 9, 2004. He suggested a display and someone to talk to visitors about Amateur Radio and weather spotting and/or a mini version of a Field Day operation. Joplin ARC Vice-President Andy Gabbert reports that the JARC has found a new meeting room at the Local Red Cross Chapter building located at 4th and Jackson in Joplin, MO. The Local Red Cross is now under new leadership that is eager to work with the Amateur Radio Community. This is a great opportunity for the JARC and perhaps later an EOC that includes Amateur Radio can be established at the site. SECTION ARES REPORT DON MOORE, KMØR SEC To view this and other Monthly Section ARES report for 2004, go to <http://www.ares-mo.org/currentsec.asp> SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS FOR AUGUST 2004 DALE HUFFINGTON, AEØS, STM Dale Huffington, AEØS is in Florida helping with Hurricane Relief and has not been available to collect and forward the net reports for the month of August. I know that we all are looking forward to Dale's safe return and we also know that those that he assist in Florida will be well served. Because of Hurricane Francis Dale's return may well be delayed. For the time being, if you want to pass on your net report to the Section Manager, just e-mail it to kØky@arrl.org or pass it on the MO SSB net or the MON-CW net. NET REPORTS MO Phone Sessions 31 QNI 530 QTC 73 NM KØDAT MESN Sessions 4 QNI 68 QTC 0 NM WØHL for AEØS Audrain AARC Sessions 4 QNI 52 QTC 4 NM KBØKWC Hickory Co Sessions 10 QNI 67 QTC 2 NM KCØFDF WAARCI Sessions 5 QNI 156 QTC 0 NM NØVJ Macon Cty ARES Sessions 4 QNI 39 QTC 0 NM KØKY 10th Reg Sessions 60 QNI 193 QTC MO 35% NDØN, W7FB, K9ZTV NM WØSS

New England Division

Connecticut

Section Leadership: ASMs: K1STM, KY1F, NK1J, W1AGP, N1FNE, K1BRF N1YAE; Bulletin Manager KD1YV; Official Observer Coordinator W1GC; Public Information Coordinator W1FXQ; Section Emergency Coordinator AB1CR; State Government Liaison K1MK; Section Traffic Manager K1HEJ; Technical Coordinator N1KHB. Don't miss the twelfth CT State Convention sponsored by The Meriden Amateur Radio Club on Sunday, October 10 at Mountain Side Resort Wallingford. Nutfest will give away these major prizes every 30 minutes starting at 12 Noon: ICOM V-8000 High Power 2 Meter Mobile Radio --with the kind cooperation of KJI Electronics; Yaesu FT-2800M High Power 2 Meter Mobile Radio --with the kind cooperation of Lentini Communications; MFJ 4245MV 45 Amp Power Supply --with the kind cooperation of East Coast Amateur Radio. Winners must be present to claim all prizes Schedule of Events 6 AM--Doors open for Vendor Setup & Tailgate sellers Get info

vendors@nutmeghamfest.com 8:30 AM--VIP attendees (register by Sept. 12) admitted to inside exhibits 9 AM -3 PM--Open to General Public Only Vendors are permitted inside the building prior to 8:30 AM. 9:30 AM--ARRL Forum: Betsey Doane, K1EIC - CT Section Manager; Tom Frenaye, K1KI - ARRL New England Division Director; Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF, N.E. Div. Vice Director 10 AM--VE Session. Contact Joel Curneal, N1JEO for info at N1JEO@jonal.net 10:30 AM--NASA Solar System Ambassadors Andy Poniros & Dave Johnson Engineering Problems and Solutions of Space Flight 11:30 AM--ARRL CEO Dave Sumner, K1ZZ -- How ARRL is fighting spectrum pollution from BPL For full information go to <http://www.nutmeghamfest.com>. Recently, NARL had as their guest Ted Hart, inventor, retired engineer, radio "ham", who came from Eatonton, Georgia to speak and to demonstrate how to construct radio antennas of a type that the world has never heard of before, at the Senior Center, Newington. Hart presented the new EH concept in antenna theory that allows antennas less than 1% of conventional length to out-perform present antennas. The EH Antenna is designed to be more efficient, have wider bandwidth and to minimize unwanted interference. This antenna is based on theories developed by a Russian physicist. Its AM Broadcast version eliminates the need for radials, thus saving both real estate and construction costs. For radio hams it is a "dream come true"! Mr. Hart was a featured guest speaker at the National Association of Broadcasters Convention last April in Las Vegas. Members of NARL participated in staffing an Amateur Radio booth at the Hebron Fair. Mark your calendar early! June 11-12 is the date of the NARL Ham Fest. Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH has agreed to be a speaker on the program so don't miss out—mark your calendar now! NARL held their large picnic at Churchill Park in Newington—yes, even in the rain! John, KB1KIX held a home brew session at ARRL Hq and plans to run an antenna class in October. Speaking of classes, TC N1KHB is hoping to run a "how to" course after the holidays somewhere in the center of the State. If you have any ideas about place or content, please contact Joe n1khb@arrl.net. Congrats to Public Information Coordinator Al, W1FXQ, who has received a George F. Hixson Fellowship from the Kiwanis International Foundation Board of Trustees. The award, in honor of George F. Hixson the first President of Kiwanis, is made in recognition of significant contributions to Kiwanis.

Eastern Massachusetts

"A MIGHTY WIND": Hurricane season is in full swing along the Eastern Atlantic and Gulf Coasts. Hurricane Francis gave us pause; fortunately we were spared any serious threat in our area. Ivan slammed into the Gulf Coast early this morning, and threatens to dump above-average precipitation in our area in the coming days. And who knows where Hurricane Jeanne will end up? Right now she's bearing down on the Bahamas. Please remain vigilant. Monitor the EMA ARES web site for late-breaking news about mobilizations in our area. CONGRATS TO SM-ELECT W1MPN: ARRL Headquarters announced this week that it is in receipt of the nomination petition for Mike Neilsen, W1MPN. As Mike's petition was the only one received, W1MPN will be declared elected the new Section Manager beginning January 1, 2005 for a two-year term. The current SM, K9HI elected not to run for a third term. Temples has served six of the past 10 years as EMA's Section Manager. YOU MAY SAVE A LIFE: Framingham ARA is sponsoring CPR classes beginning October 9. The classes will be held in FARA's regular

meeting room at the Danforth Museum in Framingham. The class instructor is KA1EZH. Certification can be earned in only four hours. Contact W1VIV for more information.

WALPOLE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY is hosting four American Red Cross disaster services programs in September and October. These free informative programs are open to all and will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings at the Walpole Senior Center located in the Walpole Town Hall 135 School Street, Walpole. The programs will provide an in depth overview of Disaster Services, Mass Care, Shelter Management and Disaster Assessment. To pre-register and for information about these programs, please call Roger Turner, W1ZSA at 508-660-7365.

IT'S HOSS TRADIN' TIME: Mark your calendars for the bi-annual Hosstraders Hamfest. It happens October 1-2, 2004 at the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds, off I-89, Exit 7, in Hopkinton NH. See <http://www.qsl.net/k1rqg/> for additional information.

NESMC SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR OPEN COORDINATOR POSITIONS: The New England Spectrum Management Council is seeking applicants to fill the 222 Mhz and 440 MHz frequency coordinator positions. The ideal candidates will have a strong familiarity with the existing systems that are on the air, technical knowledge about VHF and UHF propagation, and good verbal and written skills. For additional information, visit <http://www.nesmc.org/coordinators.html>.

CHARLES RIVER REGATTA COMMUNICATIONS: Jeff Arnold, N1FWV seeks a few more volunteers for the annual Charles River Regatta event on October 23-24. "I still have openings for land and boat positions. Please pass the word around to those who you think may want to help us this year." You may contact Arnold at RWJeffA@comcast.net.

"UNTSCHOOLERS" LEARN ABOUT HAM RADIO: Attendees at a local area "Unschooling" Conference were introduced to Amateur Radio in a "non-teaching way." The Third Live and Learn Unschooling Conference held August 27-29 in Peabody, MA featured an Amateur Radio workshop facilitated by attendee James Colburn, W6HJC of Playa Del Rey, California. "I came up with the idea of an 'Amateur Radio Funshop,'" said W6HJC. "I scheduled three hours to show off ham radio in a 'non-teacher' kind of way. We are unschoolers." Colburn enlisted some local help from Rick Meuse, N1HID. "Rick brought with him his portable satellite antenna. Unfortunately, there were no good passes that day," remarked Colburn, who added, "next time perhaps we can set up an ISS contact." "In a word [the funshop] was great," concluded W6HJC. "Hopefully it will be much better the next time around." 73, K9HI

Rhode Island

Greetings fellow Rhode Islanders: Welcome to cooler weather. Ideal weather for finishing antenna work and I know of many who are busy working on them. They'll be ready for the contests and winter DXing. The rest of us will keep our heavy sweaters and gloves handy for our January antenna projects. I'm extremely pleased to announce that we've been successful in filling the vacancy for our Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC). I felt that we needed the strongest and most capable person we could find to fill the job, not just a place holder just so the post would be filled. We're very fortunate to have Sean Brennan, KE1AB take up the challenge and step up to take the post. Sean will be leading our effort to rebuild an effective ARES

program, establish regular net operation and recruit DEC's and later, directing the recruitment of many EC's within our state. Sean has a very tough job to do and one that no one could possibly perform alone or quickly. I've had long talks with Sean and am convinced that he understands what he is facing and is already busy establishing his lists of priorities. It will take time to build an organization that we'll be proud of. Please give Sean any help he may ask you for. He cannot possibly accomplish results by himself. I've already submitted my ARES registration form and I'm asking every one of you who might be able to perform ANY task in an emergency to do the same. Not all tasks require 24/7 dedication and sacrifice of all personal comfort. All I'm asking is for you to join me in being trained and prepared to offer help within our limitations. You may obtain your own FSD-98 form at www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/fsd98.doc . Please contact Sean at ke1ab@arrl.net or myself at w1yrc@arrl.org if you need help in obtaining an ARES form. Completed and signed registration forms should be sent to Sean at the address shown on our section website, <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=RI>. Now that we have an SEC, it calls attention to the fact that RI section has no representation in the National Traffic System or NTS. Further, we have no traffic handling leadership to staff the Section Traffic Manager (STM) appointment or for that matter, we have no active traffic operators to hold Official Relay Station (ORS) appointments. The NTS is very comprehensively structured and more interesting reading may be found at website <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/pscm/sec2-ch1.html#1> . If I sound dejected about not having one single ham doing traffic handling, it's because I am. The NTS is designed to function in harmony with the ARES Emergency Communications activity within a section. ARES will be handicapped without NTS outlets for its messages and a means for RI bound messages to be processed within our section. In an appeal to new Amateurs, please read some of the NTS information at the website above. If this sounds like something you'd like to try, notify our SEC Sean, KE1AB. Learning how to efficiently handle traffic will certainly improve your operating skills that you will be able to use in contests, DXing or just general operating. In another personnel matter, I must announce the retirement of RI's OO Coordinator, Vin Catalano, W1AOM after more than 14 years of service as an OO and OOC. Vin reached this decision based on some health problems which made it necessary to make some major changes in his activities. I'd like to extend my thanks and best wishes to Vin and his wife Val, WA1ZZ for these many years of dedication to helping our fellow Amateurs. Long time OO, Walter Lototski, WA1MKS offered to take over and I've appointed Walter to fill the vacancy as our new OOC. As I said previously relative to our new SEC appointment, please offer Walter any cooperation he may ask for. These are both tough jobs and the pay is pretty low. Walter has served nearly 15 years as an Official Observer and is very well qualified to step up to the leadership post. Walt is planning to be very active in leading our RI OO team and offering responsible service to all amateurs while operating their stations. If anyone is interested in learning more about how they may become an OO, please contact Walter to learn first hand of the requirements. He'll be happy to hear from you and will brief you on the requirements of becoming an OO. His address, e mail and phone number is listed on our RI website, <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=RI> . BVARC members are going to enjoy quite a treat. The club's trustee, Dave W1HW just happens to be Chief Engineer at Boston's Channel 2 and 44 PBS TV stations. Dave has kindly invited club members to take a special tour of the transmitter site in Needham, MA and enjoy seeing the multitude of transmitters, ranging from a few KW to

??KW. Looking straight up the 1400 ft tower should be a fantastic treat. The show and tell is scheduled for Saturday, October 2nd. Next Saturday, September 18th, is the now once annually held '76 Flea Market & Auction. Even if you don't buy anything, it's a great social event to see old friends and enjoy pancakes, hot dogs, and burgers personally made for you by our Asst SM and Chef, WA1RI. The event is held at the same place as in the past, the VFW Post in Forestdale. Talk-in on 146.76 repeater. I'll see you there. Another event is planned for the 18th. This one is targeted to the public rather than the flea market crowds, so the conflict will be limited. Pawtuxet Valley ARC will hold a "HAM AWARENESS DAY" Saturday, September 18th at the West Warwick Public Library on Main St. They will set up and operate HF and VHF stations outside the library from 10 AM until 2 PM. Club members will distribute brochures and be available to meet and greet the public to answer all their questions. Fidelity ARC held a couple of similar events outside the Lincoln Public Library recently. It drew lots of attention from library patrons of all ages. Great idea guys! Good luck with it and please plan now to do a repeat of this kind of PR exhibition as often as your resources permit. Boxboro 2004 is now history. It's an awful lot of work to put on the convention. Thanks to Chairman Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF. In reading some comments on the web, there are the usual people complaining about the dates, that it's not as good as the conventions of old, even comparing it with the old Swampscott Convention. If the Ocean House in Swampscott hadn't burned down four decades ago, I'll bet we'd still be holding our Division Convention there. But, it burned and we lost a perfect hamfest site. I've long ago accepted that as a fact. I even read one comment on the web from a fellow who was surprised to learn that the event had already happened. People never cease to amaze me. Once again this fall, I will provide a valuable selection of ARRL publications for each of our nine ARRL Affiliated Clubs to donate to a public or school library of their choosing. If fully implemented, my plan this year will put close to 100 books into the hands of the public and potential new hams. Last year was a great success and I intend to repeat it annually. My term as Section Manager ends next June 30th. Nomination papers need to be filed in January. Please let me know if you want me to run again or step aside. I'll do what you wish. This isn't a popularity contest. The Section Manager should deserve to hold the job and you are the ones who should decide. Thanks again for your activity and news, Bob Beaudet, W1YRC RI Section Manager

Vermont

I took a month from writing the Section News Summary for various reasons, mostly because the cutoff date came and went before I knew it (oops). I attended the Boxboro Hamfest and ARRL New England Convention in Massachusetts in mid August. I attended several forums and browsed through the flea market. My Section Cabinet was well represented there, too. I saw our ASM Matt Atwood WE1H, Deb Clark NN1C, who is our ACC, Linda Robinson W1MP our OOC, Carl Phillips KC1WH, the SEC, and Mitch Stern W1SJ, our TC. I also saw several other Vermont Hams taking in the atmosphere. If you don't know what these initials are for yet, please visit the ARRL Field Organization web site at: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/>. In club news, the Connecticut Valley FM Association, (CVFMA) will be providing communications for an event called The Vermont 50 Mile Ride and Run. It takes place on Sunday, September 26

at the Mount Ascutney Mountain Resort in Brownsville. CVFMA is based in Reading, Vermont, and is very active in Windsor County, Vermont as well as the Claremont, New Hampshire area. The Green Mountain Wireless Society, (GMWS) recently provided communications for the MS150 Green Mountain Getaway Bike Tour on August 7 & 8. This year, it started and ended at Castleton State College in Castleton, Vermont. It previously ran from Milton to Johnson, and back again the next day. I was the Ham organizer for the previous four years, and I was sad to see it move south. However, I informed the MS Society that we had a great team in the area that was willing and able to take on the challenge. And take it on they did! John Gladding N1HLG and a crew of 17 other Hams manned seven check points, provided shadows, SAG support, and rode with repair vehicles each day. It was a large undertaking that involved VHF, UHF, and a temporary repeater at the QTH of Deb Clark NN1C in Pittsford. Since John is president of the Northeast FM Repeater Association, the repeater coordination went extremely well. I say large undertaking because there were three courses each day for the riders to choose from. There were a 40, 75, and 100-mile route to cover each day, and one day the ride went north and the other day it went south. So you can imagine that it was very tricky to plan repeater coverage in such a large and hilly area. Martha Richardson at the MS Society was so pleased with the communications coverage, that she told John, "We hit the nail on the head!" and, "We couldn't have done it without you". My hat is off to John and the rest of the crew for a successful event! GMWS also sponsors a great ARES Nets on Mondays at 7:30 PM on the 147.045 Repeater in Rutland. The Southern Vermont Amateur Radio Club (SOVARC) had a few projects in progress this summer, too. Art Haytko K2IIR was involved in putting together a Ham Radio display for the local library in their display case for the month of July. Chuck Watson WA1NBU and others have been plotting a work party for repeater antenna improvements. Bob Hain WA2VYZ has been busy pricing out a club banner. Good thing you guys are getting this out of the way while the weather is nice. The Central Vermont Amateur Radio Club (CVARC) has several things going on as well. Chris Knox N1GGB and friends will be providing Ham Radio Communications for the Vermont State Kids Coalition Bike-A-Thon on Saturday, September 11. It's always good to show off what we do well at these events. One of CVARC's repeaters has gone silent. The Cabot repeater has not been heard since about August 8. Plans to repair it and maybe even link it to the Williamstown repeater are in the works. The Radio Amateurs of Northern Vermont (RANV) have had a busy summer schedule. On August 7, they held their annual summer picnic, at a new location: Kill Kare State Park in St Albans Bay. I was there myself. In between hamburgers, we contacted several lighthouses on 40 Meters. Others were busy doing a lot of 2.4 GHz WiFi file sharing beneath the shade tree. On August 20, RANV held a Fox Hunt with me as the Fox. Hiding near Sand Bar State Park, I was found pretty early by Mitch Stern W1SJ. Mitch will be the Fox on October 15; the last hunt of the season. The St Albans Amateur Radio Club (STARC) held their annual picnic on Saturday, August 21 at Ferguson's Pond. This was a rain date, as the earlier date at Lake Carmi was rained out. That rainstorm also knocked out the St Albans 2 Meter repeater for a while. I am happy to report that it is back up and operating again. STARC provided communications for The Fairfax Egg Run and Walk on Saturday, July 31. Participating this year were Brad KD1BL, Richard KB1KRT, Adam KB1LHB, Earl K1YLB, Dave KB1JME, Steve N1FRQ, Steve N1UKT, and Dan N1NZH. Nice work guys! The West River Radio Club, Vermont's newest Ham Radio Club, has

a new call sign; W1RRC. Already the folks at WRRC are making headway. On Saturday, September 4, they held their very first VE Session and on Saturday, August 7, they held a Special Event at Grace Cottage Hospital's Fair Day to promote the club and the awareness of Amateur Radio in Windham County. Tim Bell, the club president reports that several contacts were made on 40 Meters that sunny day. At the VE Session, one Ham passed the code test and another became a new Tech. Congratulations to Ed KB1KSR and Chas Baker. WRRC has applied to be an ARRL Affiliated Club. The application has been approved by Deb Clark NN1C, Tom Frenaye K1KI, and myself. The application is now in the hands of the ARRL executive committee. Amateur Radio Associates (ARA) has also been helping out their local community. On May 23, Jack K1KJF, Ray KC1BT, Betty KC1YW, Robert N1QMX, Steve N1EQP, and Avi K1AKF all helped with communication support at the Waterbury Crop Walk. Planning paid off and the Crop Walk was definitely popular with the third consecutive year of increased participation by the community. The following weekend four ARA members assisted with communication at the Vermont City Marathon. ARA participants included Betty KC1YW, Ray KC1BT, Steve N1EQP, and Avi K1KAF. Then on August 24, ARA held their annual summer potluck picnic at Ray and Betty's house, where I'm sure a lot of eating and rag chewing went on. The president of Twin State Amateur Radio Club (TSARC) Ed Feustal N5EI is forming a speaker committee, whose members will seek out and invite interesting and knowledgeable people to join them during club meetings to offer presentations and training. I'm sure that once they have a list, clubs from all over the state will solicit them for the list (tee hee). Using the club call sign of W1FN, the club finished first place for Vermont for the January VHF QSO Sweepstakes. Congratulations to the team of operators and back up crew that braved sub zero temperatures to pull off the win! Although it is late, here is the July Traffic Report. Submitted by Bert Morton W1DFU NAME/SESSIONS/QNI/QTC/MINUTES/MGR VPEN 4/20/0/132 KC1YW GMN 27/499/21/1450 N1HXC VTNH 31/177/85/369 W1DFU KWN (Kingdom Weather Net) 21/115/0/464 KB1HWP Bennington County ARES 4/15/0/24 N1SP CVAN (Central Vt. ARES NET) 4/35/0/137 W1AAT GERITOL NET (Via Tom K1VG) 22/173/0/2328 VE2MTM For this and other news, be sure to check out the ARRL Vermont Web Page at least once a month at: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/VT.html>.

Western Massachusetts

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS: SM: William C. Voedisch, W1UD, w1ud@juno.com - ASM N1VRC, KD1SM (digital) STM: WB1CHU, SEC: K1VSG, OOC: N1FL- Kids are back to school, the US Open is over, football games are on TV and our clubs have had their first meeting. Another ham season has started. Before the snow starts to fall, it will not be too long, now is the time to check out your antenna system. Mother nature has a bad habit of attacking what we put up. Check all guy wires on your tower, ground rod clamps for oxidation, hold down clamps for your co-ax cable and any other parts of the system that might need replacing or repairing. It is easier and more comfortable to do in pleasant weather than when it is freezing. I've discovered, with the loss of 10 meters and only marginal propagation on 15 meters, the 17 meters is a fascinating band. It opens up similar to 10 meters and on a regular basis. All parts of the world are assessable during these openings. This months QST has an excellent article for a

17 meter antenna using a loop with horizontal propagation. It's not difficult to build and should produce excellent results for both DX and near contacts. You should be able to cover the full 17 meter band without the use of an antenna tuner. I don't know what happened to the gentleman's agreement we had regarding band usage? Each Friday evening I pick up traffic from the Eastern Area Net and send it to the Central Area Net on the CW end of 40 meters. I have consistently run into two problems. One is Canadian phone stations operating on 7.050 Mhz and the other European phone stations during contest weekends. Have you ever tried to copy code through a phone station? Possible but difficult. The contest stations are the worst. They call on the 40 meter CW frequency and listen for contact up in our phone allocation. During the next international conference I hope our people present this problem and take corrective measures. If we had to use these frequencies in a disaster I know we would have a problem. During the summer the MARA club furnished communication for the Lonsjo Classic bike race. The Lonsjo race is internationally known by bicycle racing people. Gordon, K1MGO, entertained the attendees at the club meeting with a presentation of SSTV, PSK31 and various sound card modes that are available for digital operators. Norm, W1BYH, can be found on 60 meters and informed me that he is well on the way to WAS on that band. When propagation is good, European stations are workable. The City of Fitchburg has refurbished one of its older police cruisers and Bill, N1UZ and Charlie, KT1I, as well as other members of MARA have a Citizens Watch active. In the event of trouble they utilize their 2 meter equipment to pass reports to Police HQ via the W1GZ repeater autopatch. Just another way to utilize ham radio as well as help the public and law enforcement. Occasionally the clubs in the area, during the transfer of leadership, forget to send me their newsletters. I do not need hard copy. In fact, I really do not want hand copy. Send me a copy of your club monthly publication via e-mail. It's practical and reduce the cost to your organization. I want to encourage all members of WMA, especially the senior people (55+) to take the Amateur Radio Emergency Communication Course. First, it's free and second, you will know what to do in an emergency. I took the first two and when time permits I will enroll for the third. Too old, hell no, I'm pushing 73 and found out I can still learn. A great feeling! TRAFFIC: KD1DM 13, K1MTA 133, W1ZPB 70, WB1CHU 500, W1UD 391. 73 BILL!

Northwestern Division

Montana

Cool weather has given all of us a break from the fire seasons of the past few years. A welcome relief for sure. Several of our people are part of USFS comms teams and are working out of state on fires and other projects resulting from the month long Hurricane season in the SE part of the US. Another of our members has been working as a volunteer for Red Cross in the damaged Florida area assisting in disaster recovery. Our thanks go out to these unsung heroes doing their best to help out. As the destruction from past storms and the upcoming Ivan grows, the need for emergency comms and message handling out of the damaged area also increases. Keep an eye on the SATURN net on 14.265 and of course, the SE US Hurricane net on 14.325. Listen and be

prepared to help if needed, but keep unnecessary transmissions down. Thanks to all who have helped support the efforts at storm relief. IMN-WB5UYH, QNI 504, QTC 146 MTN-KD7HWV, QNI 2057, QTC 70 MSN-K7YD, 122 73 to all Doug, K7YD

Oregon

Oregon SM: Randy Stimson KZ7T. SEC: KK7TT. SCC: W7WZ. ACC: K7SQ. STM: W7IZ. OOC: AB7OC. PIC: W6ABM. TC: WB7UNU: SGL KA7KYQ. Here are some interesting items that I have found over the past few months with regards to BPL. The city of Manassas, Virginia, and broadband over power franchisee Prospect Street Broadband have parted company. The Progress Corporation says that as soon as they can move the BPL customers off of BPL they will do so. The Broadband Provider that has been testing BPL in the Village of Pen Tan, New York reportedly plans to move away from that technology. There is a ham that works for PGE and he reports that PGE has looked at BPL and will probably not pursue it. ARRL has asked the FCC to immediately shut down a Broadband field trial in the Cottonwood, Arizona area. With so much going on with BPL I think it is time to remind you that we need to write our Congressman to keep this in front of them. It couldn't hurt. Get on the ARRL web site and find ET Docket 03-104 & 04-37. When you are on that web page they have the information for writing Congressman. ARRL is working with the FCC to shut down companies that are using BPL and interfering with Ham radio. Cycle Oregon 17 will be done Saturday. This is my 16th year doing the communication. Just to fill you in, there are 2000 cyclists riding for 7 days. They ride from 60 miles to 100 miles per day. It is a town on the move. The food people prepare 6000+ meals a day. The water people have enough showers to individually and privately shower 40 people at a time. The trucking company has 3 tractors with double trailers hauling the riders gear. 90% of the riders sleep in tents. It is something to see 1500 tents, all different sizes, shapes and colors in one place. Radio is all simplex because we talk to 4 ambulances, 4 Oregon State Motorcycle Police, 15 commercial radio with 15 ham radio operators. We have 3 net controls, which we have used on the same day because of terrain. Normally one net control runs the operation alone. If you had 2 net controls in the same area they would cancel each other. We get up at 3:00AM, go to the mountain, set up the gear by 6:00 AM and run it until 6:00 PM. The next morning another net will do the same with the other nets to back him up. Clackamas ARES, better known as CARES, are out doing communications for the search and rescue for Clackamas County Sheriff. They had two for this month. One was August 8th with 7 Hams, 51 hours and 566 miles. On August 26 the second one was the one where the female hiker was found deceased on Mt Hood. She was hiking alone around Mt Hood. There was a bad rain storm, like 6 inches of rain. She fell in the creek because the trail was undercut from all of the water rushing down the creek. CARES provided 3 key and critical radio relay stations that provided a safety net for the searchers and assisted the SAR command element in operational needs as well as act as containment units at trail head. There were 4 hams, 60 hours and 422 miles. Congratulations Greg Phillips for passing EC-002. Finally Cheryl Seigal, Public Information Officer for Umatilla County, reports that they have started burning the chemical weapons stored in Umatilla Army Depot near Hermiston OR. The hams are involved in the emergency communication for this program and I will be getting updates. Traffic: N7YSS 227, W7IZ 220, N7CM 115, N7DRP 87,

KD7ZLF 61, KC7SRL 56, KC7SGM, W7RRC 18 and N7APE 5. PSHR; K7EAJ 177, KZ7T 166, KD5ONS 161, N7CM 110, KK7TN 110, N7YSS 110, KK1A 96, N7DRP 90, KL7OR 80, KD7ZLF 80 and KC7SGM 76.

Western Washington

SEC Jim K7CEX sends along the following link from Washington State Department of Emergency Management – and a reminder that we need to be prepared in Western Washington for any emergencies that will come our way. <http://emd.wa.gov/5-prep/trng/pubed/weather/wxradio-idx.htm> Don't forget the latest news and photos are available at www.arrl.org/sect/wwa District 1: SJCARS provided communications for the annual San Juan County 8.8 km run. Five stations were deployed with net-control at the SJ County Sheriff's office. Several potential safety problems with auto-traffic interacting with race participants were identified. This information will be incorporated in next-years planning for the event. A meeting of County ARES/RACES representatives, County DEM officials and Day Wireless was held to plan installation of the County EOC ARES/RACES antennas. Installation is expected to commence in the near future, but will probably not be completed in time for the October SET. Island County EOC now has full time packet running. K7ACT-13, on 145.630. Many thanks to Wayne Jeffers WJ7H, and Willie Oliver KA7RGP, for the time and work on the packet system. Group had one meeting this month, issues at taken up were packet operation and training, and talking about what training the group needs and how to go about getting it set up for everyone. The District/Region One EC Meeting scheduled for August has been rescheduled for September in Burlington. AEC Bob Roesner, WB7WOW will be holding a Message Handling Class in Everett with the Snohomish County ARES Team. Joint training between Skagit County and Snohomish County is progressing! Skagit County ARES/RACES Team members are now attending the C.E.R.T.S. class which will be held in Mount Vernon at Fire Station #2 for six weeks! 73 fto all from the Skagit Team. District 4: CLARK / SKAMANIA COUNTIES report that again Don, NX7J, Chip, WB7TFD, and Bob, K7YFJ, checked into the Cem net each Tuesday morning. Chip filled the roll 4 weeks and Don and Bob the last week. We had no team leaders meeting or regular meeting. We had a surprise call out Thursday, August 26th with 18 members checking in with the net control on 2-meters. 11 of those also checked on 440 and 10 checked in on 220. 4 members made contact on HF, 3.985 anf 4 sent packet messages. All of them said they would be available if this were a real emergency and most of them had either battery or generator back-up. Don, NX7J, and Bob, K7YFJ, met with the DEM group to plan an EOC exercise for September 29 that will include ARES/RACES. We plan to participate in the CRESA open house on 9/11 with a display for 10:00 am to 3:00 PM. 73, Bob K7YFJ Cowlitz / Wahkiakum Counties: August 04 to 08 – Cowlitz County Fair – Members of LCARA W7DG manned the Comm-Van during the fair and passed out amateur radio information. The hams also assist the Cowlitz County Dept. of Emergency Management, Cowlitz 911, and WSP with their information during their absence. The hams helped with the display from 9am to 9pm each of the 5 days. August 19 – Randy NU7D responded with the Comm-Van to assist with aircraft communications for a search involving two missing females. The females were located just as

Randy was arriving at SAR Base. August 21 – LCARA held their Ham Radio & Electronic Flea Market at the Castle Rock Fair Grounds. The club last year did not have the Flea Market because of the high price the Cowlitz County Fair Grounds was going to charge the club for the use of the building, tables and chairs. The attendance was down from the 2002 Flea Market by around 100 people. Plans are in the works for next year's event. August 25 – Randy NU7D attended a critique meeting for the Cowlitz County Fair. The Emergency Services Groups discuss the positive and negatives of the Emergency Services area. Randy, DEM and Sheriff's Office will meet with the Fair Grounds Manager to address the issues that arose. District 3: Lewis County ARES had a display at the Southwest Washington Fair as a special event. Pacific County ARES participated in Internat'l Lighthouse Weekend as a training exercise. Thurston County ARES participated with Thurston County SAR in a display at the Thurston County Fair and support the RAPSody Bicycle Ride. August Report de STM BILL W7ARC NET REPORTS NET QNI QTC SESSIONS Net Manger Call CCARES Net 126 2 5 ND7P ESTS 77 47 31 WB7WOW NOONTIME NET 11247 292 62 W7TVA NWSSB 779 37 31 N7YMY OARS 6 0 5 N7EIE PSTS 29 2 28 KA7TTY WARTS 3615 168 31 W7GB WCN 220 27 31 K7WCN WSN 995 211 93 W7QM AUGUST TOTALS 17094 786 317

Pacific Division

East Bay

Please extend a warm welcome to the Sections newest hams when you hear them on the air. Congratulations to: KG6VYO, Charles C, Scanlon; KG6WGB, Emily D. Burnham; KG6WFX, Daniel L. Moyer; KG6WGA, Mike, A, Dillard; KG6VVT, Michael, Gwathney; KG6WET, Bayan, L, Kihm; KG6VVU, Roop, L, Jindal; KG6WFY, Thomas H, Tretheway; KG6WEQ, Martin D, Heyman; KG6VXC, Robert A, Shusta KG6VWC, Olee R, Wade; KG6VVX, Tomio Nakadegawa. Well done! Section Club News. MT. Diablo ARC: Representative from SBC came to speak about the history of communications at the last meeting. Alameda Radio Club. ACRC is net control for Sept hospital net. The Club will be providing communication support for an upcoming street fair. Benicia ARC The Fire Chief of Benicia has committed funding to purchase a new Repeater to replace the current one. SM Ti Connelly provided video segment on disaster communications and briefed club member about upcoming league events. South Bay ARA The September meeting featured Donn Lee, W6FYI: IRLP - The Internet Radio Linking Project, The Raffle: Yaesu FT2800M 2M mobile transceiver Alameda County Sheriff's Communications Team. Team members Connelly, NJ6T, Anderson, K6JNW; Fullagar, K6NCX; Franklin, W6EW; Harnish, AD6ME, And Coordinator Jennings, KE6HYT; provided "eyes, ears and noses" patrol for the recent high fire danger.. "Red Flag Days" East Bay Amateur Radio Club Club meeting featured digital defined radios & digital controlled radios. Salvation Army: Salvation Army SATERN for this area is HQ out of Concord. They want an additional Radio facility running in West CC Co. A tower has been secured and working to schedule erection (likely after rains end). The radio room needs a little more work before it is operational. SATERN net runs on the 147.060 pl100 20:00 Monday nights. August Traffic activity report,

WB6UZX, Originated 0, Received 24, Sent 15, Delivered 3, Total 42 PSHR, WB6UZX, August, 2004: 1/40 2/39 3/10 4/10 Total 99 AK6DV Org/ 1, Rec / 597, Sent / 473, Del / 8, Total 1079 W6DOB Org / 4, Rec / 33, Sent / 34, Del / 8, Total 87.

Nevada

Greetings to everyone in the Nevada Section! Last week I received the very sad news that Harry Hampton N7MBO had become a Silent Key. Harry was a frequent and favorite instructor in all of our northern area classes over the years. Harry will always be remembered for his unlimited supply of jokes and the wonderful bag of tricks he would bring with him for "show and tell." To remember Harry is to smile inside. He will be missed as a friend, mentor and gentle soul. The section has had a very busy summer with major brush fires at both ends of the state. Northern District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) Don Carlson KQ6FM reported that the Waterfall Fire surrounding Carson City July 14-18 brought out immediate ARES mutual aid responses from Washoe and Douglas Counties. Thirty-six hams expended approximately two hundred fifty hours on behalf of the American Red Cross, providing communications between their Emergency Operations Center and two shelters. Bruce Wade, American Red Cross Disaster Relief Operation Director subsequently responded, "At all times your operators were on the ball and helped make the disaster relief operation go much smoother. Message handling was prompt and accurate. You were always at your post when needed. Because it took a long time to get cell phone to all our key people, many times you were the only link between the headquarters and the shelters." In the south Clark County Emergency Coordinator (EC) Charlie Kunz AA5QJ reported that RACES had been activated on Monday afternoon July 26 by the Clark County Office of Emergency Management to support the communications unit at the Robbers Fire on Mount Charleston. Thirty-two hams volunteered over three hundred hours at the Fire Command Post monitoring fire radios and programming, issuing, and receiving handhelds used by the firefighters. Twenty-nine of the hams participating were Clark County ARES/RACES members and three were Nye County ARES/RACES members working under a Mutual Aid Team agreement between their counties. Seven Nye County members had placed themselves on standby to assist with Clark County efforts. In addition, three Clark County members assisted, or were prepared to assist, the American Red Cross in food service and shelter operations. ARES/RACES support ended Saturday morning, July 31. As if July hadn't been busy enough, Charlie Kunz also reports that Vern Garman K0EGA Assistant Emergency Coordinator (AEC) Operations/Training, Glenn Hale KB7REO Southern DEC, Ken Johnson W7BES, Dudley Emer KK7IF, Bob Nelson WA3PAD, and Dan Starr AA7I AEC RACES/ECC assisted with a SBC telephone outage and resultant communications emergency in Hawthorne, Nevada, on August 15. Activities involved coordination between ARES/RACES, MARS, the SBC Emergency Communications Center in Sacramento, California, and hams in Tonopah and Hawthorn. I think Northern DEC Don Carlson KQ6FM summed things up pretty well when he said, "It is clear that training of ARES membership has paid off and continues to be a major factor toward the success of future events and incidents. All members are therefore encouraged to take ARRL's ARECC Level 1 and 2 courses as a minimum to assure that we continue with a standard of excellence." Speaking of Don Carlson KQ6FM, Don is sporting a brand new promotion! Effective September

10 Don has moved into the highest position of ARES leadership when he became Nevada Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC). Long-time SEC Dick Creley KJ7UK had requested a move into an Assistant SEC role due to some nagging health problems. The inevitable ripple effect sees Doug Abramson KA7FOO moving up into the position of Northern DEC, while Fred Hunt WA6GOG takes over the reins of Washoe County EC. Congratulations go out to the Frontier Amateur Radio Service (FARS) club in Las Vegas for their full-term renewal as an ARRL Special Services Club (SSC). FARS has a long history of service and is one of the very first clubs in the section to be honored with SSC status almost twenty years ago. Finally, to wrap up this already long report, August 28 saw the Carson Valley Radio Club hosting the annual ARRL Forum and Section Cabinet Meeting in Carson City. With ARRL Pacific Division Director Bob Vallio W6RGG in attendance along with section leaders traveling in from both Elko and Las Vegas, a lot of material was covered and everyone came away with an appreciation for the many roles ARRL plays within the local and regional amateur community. For a current list of all ARRL Nevada Section Field Appointments, you can always check <http://www.pdarrl.org/nevsec/officers.html>. Please send me your concerns, opinions, questions and newsletters. Until next month, 73, Dick K7VC Nevada Section Manager Newsletters: FARS, LVRAC, SIERA, RARA, SNARS

Sacramento Valley

FIRES: Just after I wrote the last month's column, the fires broke out. First was a fire near Oroville, that brought out ARES groups to help, and while fighting that fire, one started just east of Redding. Before the Redding fire could be contained a fire broke out west of Redding. There were ARES members from many of the section's counties that spend hours and days doing communication work at the fires. Also there were many standing by in case they were needed. The San Francisco section send help from Eureka, and the Nevada section sent help from the Reno area. We want to thank them for going out of their sections to help!! I also want to thank all of those hams that either put in time at the fires or stood by waiting to be called. A special thanks to our Section Emergency Coordinator, Dave Thorne, K6SOJ, who spent hours recruiting people to help out, keeping track of who was at the fires and sending out reports at least once each day by email. This was not a Simulated Emergency Test, This was the actual thing, and I think the section ARES groups can be proud of the job that was done. As the email I sent to Dave said; WELL DONE! CLASS: Casey, W7IB, and Rob, WW6G, will be running their Technician Class license class again. It will be held at the Auburn Veteran's Hall, East Street in Auburn, beginning Sunday, September 19th. The class runs for 7 weeks from Sept. 19th thru Oct. 31st. It runs from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm. The last class had 20 out of 21 pass. The course fee includes the book to be used. Contact Casey w7ib@arrl.net or Rob ww6g@arrl.net (or cell phone 916 276-8451) to register. They will also do a General Class this winter if there is interest. **PACIFICON:** The Pacific Division Convention will be held again at the San Ramon Marriot Hotel on October 15-17. There will be many forums on Saturday and Sunday, as well Exhibitors with the latest ham gear, books, parts, etc. Admission is \$10 in advance. The ARRL will have a booth and you will have a chance to speak with ARRL Officials, as well as the

Section Managers and others. The convention has been put on by the Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club (MDARC), for many years, and does an excellent job of it. For more information go to www.pacificon.org. See you there. W1AW: I will be at ARRL in Newington, CT. on September 17-19. I hope to spend some time operating W1AW on Friday and Saturday afternoon (EDT), I will be looking for SV stations. Try 15 meters CW and SSB. GOLDEN EMPIRE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY: GEARS celebrated their 65th Anniversary on August 20, with a pot luck dinner. Not only have they been a club for 65 years, they have been affiliated with the ARRL for 64 of those years. I attended their celebration and spoke with many old friends. New ham from their VEC exams is Randall, KG6VMO. GEARS reports that former member Scott Rogers, K6EVP, became a silent key on July 22. HAMFESTS: SHASTA CASCADE ARS will hold their annual Swap Meet at the Downtown Mall, in Redding, on September 25 – 10 am to 3 pm. Use the Yuba Street entrance. Vendor tables \$10 and setup is 9 am. For more info contact Jim KK6MM at 530 222-8001 or kk6mm@arrl.net. Their September meeting was at the County Comm Center and included a tour of the facilities. One of the most modern centers in California. It handles all communications for all agencies. At the meeting I spoke with Al Pena, KQ6YW, the EC who was involved in coordinating communications for the CDF and Red Cross during the two Redding fires. The cooperation between ARES groups was outstanding. RIVER CITY ARCS will hold a Swap Meet, also on September 25, at the Sutter Middle School in Sacramento. Vender slots are \$10. More info at www.n6na.org. YUBA SUTTER ARC: The ARES group provided communications and other activities during The Great American Car Race as it passed through Marysville. Nothing but a great job was heard from the organizers and the Marysville Police Department. They were thanked for their help and comments on how professional the group was. MOUNT SHASTA ARC: Vada Gipson, W6CEE, and friends presented an interesting program on YL's in amateur radio history to the club. More information on the YLRL can be found at www.ylrl.org. George, AB6UE, is organizing communication support for the Tinman Triathlon at the Lake Siskiyou boat ramp. TAHOE ARA: The annual TARA Steak B-B-Q will be held on Sept. 11 at the Zephyr Cove Library, Zephyr Cove, NV at noon to 3 pm. This is where they hold their monthly meetings. The club continues to update their mobile communication van. CLUBS: PLEASE NOTE!!! In checking through the list of section clubs, there are MANY that do not have the correct information, as some have not been up-dated in 2 or 3 years and may soon be taken off the active affiliated club list. The information should be up-dated each year. Any Officer, or member, can put in the current information. All changes can be made on the internet. Go to the ARRL home page, www.arrl.org. click on Clubs, click on SV Section, click on Show Clubs in Section. Scroll down to Club's Name and then to the bottom of the club's information. Click on Submit Update Data. Fill in or change information as needed. At bottom fill in Name, Call and Office held. Click on Submit Report. It only take a few minutes and helps the ARRL and myself – as well as other amateurs to find information about any club. BPL: The threat of the Broadband over Power Lines is still active. Please contact your Congressman and Senators about the problem of interference to HF communications from the BPL system. This possible interference is not just to amateurs, but to other services and HF Broadcasting. Your financial support to fight against BPL would be appreciated. SECTION NET: The Sacramento Valley Section Net meets twice on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The VHF session is at 7 pm on 146.085 MHz, PL 127.3 Hz, courtesy of the Yuba Sutter ARC's

repeater. The HF session starts at 7:30 pm on 3987 Khz. Each session lasts about ½ hour. There is roll call, then comments and questions. Here is your chance to comment or question some of things affecting amateur radio – ARRL, FCC, etc. MISC: Like most of the club bulletin editors, I am always looking for news to put in this monthly report. If you have an unusual contact, or qualify for an award, or a dxpedition, or whatever, send me an email explaining what you did. The other day I spoke with a member who was unhappy with the ARRL Licensing proposal. I ask him who he had complained too, besides me. If you have complaints, ideas, proposals, etc. send them to the Division Director, Bob Vallio, W6RGG, at w6rgg@arrl.org. He and 14 other Directors make the League policy. Take Care and Be Prepared. 73, Jettie W6RFF

San Joaquin Valley

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of August 2004: SM Charles McConnell, W6DPD- ASM K6YK, ACC W6DPD, SEC N6ZFN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC KE6IGJ, TC W6TE. Greetings from the ARRL San Joaquin Valley Section. The new Section Emergency Coordinator is Marie Thompson, N6ZFN. She has distinguished herself as the EC for W. Kern County for many years. Thanks to Kent, K6IN for his years of service as SEC, and good luck in your move to Nevada. Need to take an Amateur Exam? Exams are given on various times of each month throughout the San Joaquin Valley Section. Check the ARRL web page, www.arrl.org for the schedule by clicking on the Exams button in the upper left corner. You should be able to find an exam near you. You can also check your local radio club newsletter or web page for an exam schedule. Remember the General Class Exam changed on July 1, 2004. Make sure the study material for General has an effective date of July 1, 2004. Card Checking in the Section. You can get cards checked for awards within the section. W6XK and W6DPD can check your cards for DXCC in accordance with the rules for field checking. W6DPD can check cards for the CQ Awards, WAZ, DX, and Prefixes, and ARRL WAS and VUCC. Special Service Clubs may appoint a HF awards manager for WAS and a VHF Awards Manager for VUCC. The Western States Weak Signal Society (WSWSS) presents a Ham Radio VHF/UHF Conference on Saturday October 9, 2004. The conference will be at M2 Antenna Systems at 4402 N. Selland in Fresno. The conference cost is \$30. For registration information contact ki6ff@juno.com and the web page at www.wswss.org. The annual Turlock ARC Auction is Saturday October 16, 2004 in Turlock. Check www.w6bxn.org for information. Pacificon 04 is October 15-17, 2004 at the San Ramon Marriott. Check www.pacificon.org for information. This should be another fine show under the direction of the Mt. Diablo ARC. You can order tickets from the webpage. If you Work All States between April 1 and the end of 2004, you can apply for a WAS/90 certificate from ARRL. No QSL cards are needed, only log information. The cost is \$10. This is to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of ARRL. When your affiliated club elects officers for the next year, be sure to update your club's information on the affiliated club area of the ARRL web page. Emergency Coordinators are needed in Mono and Calaveras Counties. Contact N6ZFN (n6zfn@ares-races.net) 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. BPL. All Amateurs are urged to contact President Bush (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) for more information, sample letters and email addresses. The Northern California Net (NCN), the Section Traffic Net, meets nightly on 3.630 MHZ at 7 PM Pacific Time. The slow speed training session of the net meets nightly on 3.705 MHZ at 9 PM Pacific Time. Handling traffic on CW is a good way to improve your CW skills. It is my sad duty to report that KF6HNG has become a Silent Key. She will be missed. N6SUZ is an ORS. Six TCARES members participated in Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) training. The Red Cross has 9 Ford Excursions outfitted as ERVs. The nearest one is located in Sacramento. W6WTG presented a forum on internet remote bases at the ARRL SW Division Convention in Phoenix. Congratulations to AA6K, K6LLD, AD6NY, AJ6LS and W6VPS on completing the ARECC Level One course, and to WA6MFV on completing ARECC Level Two course. Sierra ARC members supported a Boy Scout Camp at Big Meadow near Kernville. They provided communications and taught the Radio Merit Badge. Five Scouts were able to earn the merit badge. WR6M placed first and W6TE placed second in the section in the 2004 ARRL SSB DX contest. N6HK was 5th as a single op 15 meter entry and N6EE was 6th as a single op 10 meter entry. There were 9 entries from the section in the SSB contest. K6OQ placed first and W6TE placed second in the section in the 2004 ARRL CW International DX Contest. There were 10 entries from the Section in the CW contest Traffic for August was 0. PSHR K6RAU 70.

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. From time to time we are reminded that hurricanes are not just a coastal phenomenon. Twice this month we have had remnants of hurricane activity affect the central and western parts of our state. Both Frances and Ivan spawned tornadoes and dumped considerable amounts of rain, causing flash floods. Shelters and EOCs, including the NCEM Western Branch Office, were activated in response to both, and amateur radio responded when asked. Many thanks to all those who helped. I live a mile from the Catawba river, and flash flood watches and warnings are issued frequently throughout the summer months. Tornado watches and warnings are also common in my area. I have found that having one of the newer SAME weather radios has been very helpful in letting me know about conditions in my area. SAME means Specific Area Message Encoding, and radios so equipped can sound both an audible and visual alarm indicating that a watch or warning has been issued in your area. The feature I like most is that the visual indicator remains active throughout the duration of the watch or warning, so if am away and miss the original announcement I still find out about it when I return home. These radios are not terribly expensive any more (as little as \$25) and can be especially useful to you if

you have an interest in SKYWARN. Radios such as these are carried in many places that carry consumer electronics. More information about weather radios, plus the SAME codes for each county, can be found at the National Weather Service's Weather Radio site: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/> If your club or ARES organization has done anything special to promote Amateur Radio Awareness Day, or any other promotion of Amateur Radio during Preparedness Month, please let me know, and let PIC Bill Morine, N2COP (n2cop@arrl.net) know about it also. The 20th Anniversary of the Charlotte Area Skywarn Net is being celebrated by a special event station on Saturday, October 9th from 12 PM to 6 PM. The Gaston County ARS will be operating from Lineberger Park in Gastonia and will be on the 145.35 repeater, 14.260 and 7.260 MHz, and possibly 75m as well. More information will soon be found on the club's web site, www.n4gas.org. Upcoming hamfests: Wilkesboro Saturday October 2nd, Maysville Sunday October 10th. We had some discussion at the NTS lunch in Shelby about the capabilities of WinLink 2000 and how it can be used to supplement our NTS and ARES capabilities. There are articles about WinLink 2000 in August and September QST which are well worth your effort to read. I do not believe the need for simple, point-to-point voice traffic and proficient radio operators will ever go away, but adding the capability to send computer data would be a great thing for us to be able to offer our communities. With the use of cell phone cameras becoming widely used, it won't be long before our served agencies will ask us when we will be able to send digital photos and other computer files during disasters. It uses an e-mail style interface, and will be easy to operate once it is set up. This program, or something like it, is something we should be thinking about testing in North Carolina. WinLink 2000 is being looked at as a national standard, and for that reason alone I think it's worth being familiar with it.

August Traffic: W4EAT 2163 (BPL), W4DAC 1226 (BPL), K4IWW 212, N4AF 178, W0UCE 175, WD4LSS 143, W4LN 118, K7UGT 72, AA4YW 71, AD4XV 66, KE4JHJ 64, W3HL 44, KG4OQA 34, KE4AHC 33, AG4ZB 24, KD4WAX 21, WA2EDN 10, W4IRE 8, K4BMH 7, W4IRE 6. August PSHR: W4EAT 130, W4DAC 130, KE4JHJ 130, K4IWW 120, AD4XV 120, W0UCE 110, W4LN 110, K4BMH 110, K7UGT 95, AG4ZB 92, KG4OQA 84, WD4LSS 81, AA4YW 80.

South Carolina

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators. This is Dr. Jim, N2ZZ with the September 2004 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! This has been an active hurricane season. I think that I have accessed the National Hurricane Center website more this year than any other! The South Carolina Coast was threatened by Hurricane Charlie on August 13th and 14th after causing widespread devastation in Florida. I received a report by John Welton N4SJW, DEC5 indicating that the Charleston area was prepared. The Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester, and Georgetown EOC's were manned with amateur radio operators. In addition, most area shelters, hospitals, Red Cross headquarters, and the National Weather Service office were manned and ready in the Tri-County area with amateur radio operators. The storm made landfall between Awendaw and McClellenville in North Charleston County causing sporadic damage,

power/phone outages, trees down, and debris. Hurricane Frances was next, and as I write this report, Hurricane Ivan is threatening Jamaica, Cuba and the Southeast United States. More now than ever, we are being acknowledged by the media for our work in Emergency Communications. I have heard numerous references to the Hurricane Watch Net on 14.325 MHz in the media, and even Mobile Radio Technology magazine discussed our Maritime Mobile Service Network on 14.300 MHz, and went on to say "...that amateur radio operators provide invaluable service in times of crisis and should be applauded." The National Weather Service gives us on-the-air thanks for our Skywarn efforts. I am pleased to see that the general public is being presented with information as to what our capabilities are, and where we "fit in" with emergency communications. With the current day spectrum auctions, and the threat of Broadband over Power Line (BPL), we need the general public to know what could be lost if our spectrum was either taken away or rendered unusable by man-made interference. Interesting note-For those who have moved to Satellite Radio, XM has just added an Emergency Channel, #247 (easy to remember-it is on 24-7!) that deals with disaster areas, and can be an additional resource for emergency information. Yes, they even mentioned amateur radio efforts! As I mentioned in my last report, there was a statewide emergency services exercise held in Charleston August 20th and 21st, and amateur radio was invited to participate. Our sponsor, the USC Center for Public Health Awareness, sponsored 20 hams from around the state to join the Charleston Area hams in a Weapons of Mass Destruction exercise scenario. Although I was not one of the sponsored individuals, I was asked to come along and participate. As I sat in the briefing auditorium, I saw virtually every emergency service available. Numerous Police and Fire Departments, EMS, SLED, Military, DHEC and other agencies were represented. The fact that we were present among all of these agencies was encouraging. Gaining the respect of other emergency agencies is key to having amateur radio accepted in mainstream emergency communication plans. I would like to encourage all those interested to sign up for the ARRL Emergency Communication Courses, levels I-III. We are in the final year of the three year grant to reimburse course fees for successful completion of each level. For ARRL members, the cost is \$45 up front for each course, which is reimbursed in full upon completion; so now is the time to take them, while funding is still available! South Carolina hams have been very accepting of the courses. As of this past week, 62 had completed Level I, 12 had completed Level II and 15 had completed Level III. The courses are internet based, and can be taken at your own pace. You are assigned a mentor who will assist you through the process. I completed all three levels, and had a great time learning the information available in those courses. If you have not availed yourself of these courses, please consider to do so! Please be sure to operate in the upcoming South Carolina QSO party! The Second Annual SC QSO Party will be sponsored by the Sumter Amateur Radio Association and will be held 1300Z September 18 to 2100Z September 19. Details, log and score sheets are available from the SARA website <http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/2695/sara.htm> or you may obtain them by mail by sending a SASE to Dave Jones, K4DLJ, PO Box 126, Darlington, SC 29540-0126. Plaques will be awarded for the highest scores in each category and certificates will be awarded to 2nd - 4th place in each category. September QST's "Contest Corral" by Ward Silver N0AX has the full contest rules. For further information, contact Dave Jones K4DLJ k4dlj@bellsouth.net or Perry Moses perryz@yahoo.com, President Sumter ARA! I had a great time at the Shelby Hamfest on

Labor Day Weekend. The weather could not have been better. No rain, warm but not oppressively hot temperatures contributed to an excellent turnout! The ARRL forum was at 10 am, held by Les Shattuck, K4NK. When it was my time to speak, I started by asking how many South Carolinians were in the audience. It looked like over two-thirds of the attendees were from South Carolina! I had the pleasure of presenting the ARRL Phillip J. McGan Silver Antenna Award for excellence in the Public Relations aspect of Amateur Radio to our Assistant PIC, Mike Duff KG4SLH! This is a national award given annually by the ARRL, and 2004 marks the 13th presentation of that award. The award is given in memory of Phillip J. McGan WA2MBQ (SK) who served as the first Chairman of the ARRL's Public Relations Committee, and who helped reinvigorate the League's commitment to Public Relations. I let all present know the great work that Mike has done in the field of Public Relations for amateur radio, and the fact that he sends me more information that I am able to report! Our next South Carolina hamfest will be the Rock Hill Hamfest which will be held on October 2nd. Please mark your calendars! Please check out the www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/ website for information. I hope to see everyone there! The PALSNET Picnic has been announced: The Fourth Annual Two Meter Ham Picnic will be held Sunday September 26th at 12 Noon at Cheraw State Park. Bring your favorite picnic dish. Come Early, Stay later. Have fun. Meet the Ham Operators you have been talking with! Bring your musical instruments! Further information can be found at: www.palsnet.com. We hope to see you there! The MS-150 Bike Ride is coming up later this month. Amateur Radio operators are still needed, the dates are Sept. 18th & 19th. You can find more information & signup at the MS-150 website www.ridemaps.com. You can also contact Kevin Wilhide, KE4ALL at ke4all@earthlink.net or Shawn Goodin, K4RSG at shawng@carolina.rr.com for more information. QCWA Palmetto Chapter #89 will meet for their annual meeting at the Hill Top Steak House on Saturday, September 25th, 2004. August 2004 National Traffic System Reports for South Carolina- reported by Peter KG4VDR, STM: Net Reports: [Net Name/Check Ins/Traffic/Sessions/Reported By] Anderson Radio Club 2M Net/1052/40/31/KD4HEY; BRARS 2 Meter Net/2119/58/31/K4SUG; Carolina's Net/417/107/63/K4IWW; Carolina Slow Net/130/21/31/W4EAT; Columbia ARC 2 Meter Net/187/7/7/K4RKC; Greater Pee Dee 2 Meter Net/1064/40/31/K4DTT; Greenwood ARS 2 Meter Net/108/6/4/W4DEW; Greenwood Friendly Net/605/34/31/W4JAK; Lancaster County 2 Meter Net/142/22/11/N4WMB; PALS Net/979/74/31/KG4KOE; SC Sandlapper 6 Meter Net/75/4/4/K4IRT; SC SSB Net/1429/87/31/WA4UGD; York Co. ARS 2 Meter Net/654/32/52/K4CON Station Activity Reports [Station/Sent/Received/Delivered/Originated/Total]: KA4LRM/2/14/1/0/17; KA4UIV/83/83/8/0/174; WA4UGD/0/28/0/0/28; KG4VDR/4/27/9/0/40 Public Service Honor Roll [Station/Cat. 1/Cat. 2/Cat. 3/Cat. 4/Cat. 5/Cat. 6/Total] KA4LRM/40/17/20/0/0/0/77; KA4UIV/40/40/30/0/0/0/100; N4VVX/40/5/20/0/10/0/75; KG4VDR/40/40/30/40/0/0/150. Thanks to all!! '73 de Dr. Jim N2ZZ, South Carolina Section Manager

Southeastern Division

Georgia

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Air) weekend is coming up next month, October 15th-17th, and this provides one of the best opportunities every year to wow Scouts with the fun of amateur radio. The Atlanta Area Council of the BSA will be holding their fall camporee that weekend at Bert Adams Scout Reservation on SR 36, south of Covington, and even though their rather appropriate theme this year is "Hurricanes!" three sessions will be offered to teach the requirements for the Radio Merit Badge, as well. With an expected attendance of 120-150 Scouts, and with each boy required to spend 10 minutes on the air to earn his Radio badge, there's a HUGE need for ham volunteers to assist in these efforts. Please contact TOM MADIGAN, K4TDM, at k4tdm@arrl.net if you can help in this worthwhile and fun event. Various modes of operation to highlight the wide diversity of communications available to us are wanted, as well. Please consider helping, if you can. (You'll love it!) Talking about Scouts, the Girl Scouts still need someone to coordinate an amateur radio station for their 50th Convention, to be held October 7-9, 2005, at the GA World Congress Center in Atlanta. No one has offered to head up this important activity for the girls yet, so I'll just continue to remind you (i.e. bug you) until someone does. Sadly, I have one SK to report: MATTHEW HARDISON, KC6HTE. Sincere condolences to his family and friends. Well, that's about it for now, fellow hams-ers. Hope some of you got to participate in the fun /135 event celebrating the anniversary of Hiram Percy Maxim's birth. I didn't get in there as much as I would've liked, but I sure had a blast with it. Until next time, this is AF4FO, signing clear. Take care of yourselves. And each other. 73, Susan QTC August: WB4GGS-763; (He's baaaaaack! with another BPL, that is... congratulations, Sid)K4FUM-345; AF4NS-149; K4BEH-44; W4WXA-37; K4ZC-33; W9NXC-25; K4BG-22; WB4BIK-22; K4WKT-21; KG4WBH-8; KR4JI-6; KG4FXG-5 +++ Cool Anagram: THE MORSE CODE= HERE COME DOTS de GERRY CHILDRESS W4KNA +++ +++ No trees were killed in the sending of this message, but a large number of electrons were terribly inconvenienced. +++

Southwestern Division

Arizona

“I TOLD YOU SO” For all your people who did not make it to the ARRL 2004 Southwestern Convention, you missed a great event. I told you this would be the event of the year, and I was right. The Central Arizona DX Association (CADXA) did an outstanding job hosting this event. Attendance was over 900, we had over 45 individual programs, the Friday night dinner, the Saturday night banquet, and the Sunday morning DX breakfast were all sold out. The resort convention center was outstanding and the only complaint was the lack of signs pointing to the convention area. This we had no control over because the resort would not allow us to put any direction signs. Dan Millers, K3UFG, emergency communications class had over 75 people and everyone went away with a better understanding on how to provide emergency communications to government and civilian agencies. We had several ARRL official to include Rod Stafford, W6ROD, International Affairs Vice President, and Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, Chief Executive Officer. Rod Stafford gave a talk on what is happening in world affairs and Dave Sumner talked about the BPL issue throughout the country. The above two- (2) pictures show the view from my

room. The room was very nice and well done by the Sheraton resort. The swimming pool and sauna were a nice touch for relaxing after all the programs. Arizona will not host another event like this for at least 4 years and I don't think we will ever get the \$89.00 room rate again for this quality of resort. The Kingman hamfest will be on September 18th at the Mohave Community College. This event will start at 0600 hrs (o-dark 30 for us military people) and will end about 1400 hrs. This is an annual event that is continuing to get larger each year. Talk-in will be on the 146.76-, PL 131.8, repeater. My present speaking schedule calls for me to be at the Lake Havasu ARC on the 16th of September just a few days prior to this hamfest. Old Pueblo Radio Club here in Tucson will hold their annual hamfest on 16 October at the Tucson Electric Park complex. Talk-in will be on 146.88 (-) (PL 110.9). The Fall hamfest is presently scheduled for December 4th at the Mesa Community College. The Yuma ARC is planning to sponsor their first Hamfest on the 19th of February at the Yuma Arizona fair grounds. Scheduled time is 0600-1500. I will provide more details as the time gets closer. My home telephone number is 520-744-9095, and I do have an answering machine. If I happen to miss your call, please leave me your name and telephone number and I will return the call as soon as possible. If you want this article sent to you by e-mail, just drop me a note and give me an address. 73's from Clifford Hauser, KD6XH; E-mail is kd6xh@arrl.org.

West Gulf Division

Oklahoma

The Hurricane Amateur Radio relief continues in Florida and other states, by now. Thanks to all, including many from the OK Section for their support in time, effort and equipment. Your efforts are so meaningful and important to so many. All the more reason to be prepared with equipment and training to respond. The Route 66 2004 project is now history but what a splendid time it was. Two sites in the Oklahoma Section were sponsored by the Western OK ARC(W0ARC) in Elk City and the OKC Autopatch Association. These were two of the 15 sites along Route 66 with all pertinent states except Kansas having host stations. The stations in OK totaled over 1500 contacts with different modes and mobile stations active putting Route 66 on the air. What a great time it was to help make contacts at both sites in OK. Thanks to Marv-KC5VF and Ted-AA5CK- WOARC President, for hosting the Elk City visit and supporting the effort. Now if we could convince Marv to put up a decent aerial perhaps contacts would come some easier....hi A productive afternoon was spent at the OKC Autopatch effort held at the Citadel. Neat station, as well. Dave-NE5S, Central OK Radio Amateurs President and Jim-N5OHL, Section Affiliated Club Coordinator were knocking down the contacts pretty regular. The nine day Route 66 event provided a good opportunity to build friendships and operating capability. Both imperative at time of emergency communication. On Saturday September 24 the Enid ARC will be hosting an ice cream social and flea market event. It will be held at the Red Cross Building in Enid. The day will be an opportunity to bid farewell to John-KA7GLA as he is moving out of the OK Section. Speaking of time to honor KA7GLA, past OK Emergency Coordinator, a super dinner was held in Enid on September 15 for that purpose. A great turnout

of John's friends was present to see John receive a sharp plaque recognizing his public service effort. It was enjoyable to have Eddie-K5EMS, Assistant SM, Lucien-KD5LPV Section EC and Dean-KL7MA Section Official Observer Coordinator in attendance. On Friday September 17 a group of Amateur Radio operators from the Shawnee area gathered for their weekly lunchtime. Goodness what a gathering of characters! Just glad Regina-KK5FX was on hand to keep the group under control. When Gil-W5NUT is around Regina may need some help. Clif-N5UW was given a certificate of merit from the Oklahoma Section for all he does and has done to support, encourage and role model healthy Amateur Radio operating. Thanks to Earnie-K5YKD for the fellowship and ride. The Tulsa Amateur Radio Club (TARC) will be celebrating their 80th anniversary on Saturday September 25. The event will be held at the neat setting of Chandler Park. TARC web site is <http://w5ias.com/> Looks like it will be a superb event with hearty congratulations to TARC! Gregg-W5GGW indicates the following about the event: I hope everyone that possibly can, will come out and celebrate with the other attendees. Bring your stuff for the tailgate swap too! We will setup starting at 9:00am, and start the activities around 10:00am, and go until about 4:00pm. The club will provide lunch for the first 100 or so members that show up or until the food is gone. We'll have hamburgers and hotdogs and brisket sandwiches. We'll also provide ice water. If you'd prefer a soda, or iced tea or something else non-alcoholic, you'll need to bring that with you. There will also be a birthday cake. We'll operate an HF station during the time we are out there, so if you'd like to help out with some of the operations, please come over to the trailer while you are out there. We'll try and work in as many people as possible. Red, W5UW is working on a nice card for us to send out to contacts that send us a card. The Tulsa Repeater Organization (TRO) has a great project underway. Club President Mark-N7XYO and Section Public Information Coordinator has an informative narrative about the project which reads as follows: The TRO has teamed up with BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT to support our troops. Amateur Radio operators know that, along with becoming a licensed Amateur Radio operator comes the duty to serve the public in times of need. Our troops do not need your support with communication, but they truly need your support. No matter what your view is on the current world events, we as Americans need to support our men and woman serving our nation around the world. All Amateur Radio operators are invited to donate the contents of FREEDOM BOXES or donate funds that are used to mail the Freedom Boxes to our troops overseas. For more information visit www.TulsaHamRadio.org or email Mark at n7xyo@arrl.net

Congratulations to the Ada ARC for getting recognition in the October QST (page 79). The club was cited in the Media Hits column and states the following: The Ada Evening News in Oklahoma ran a story July 14 entitled "Amateur Radio Saves the Day." The report described how five local hams who were assisting as a Fourth of July celebration suddenly shifted gears when a 3-year old child became lost. The hams, along with Kiwanis Club members, fanned out to cover the entire park and found the youngster within 5 minutes. Arlyn-KK5GY, Section Traffic Manager collates and provides the August traffic report: Public Service Honor Roll O. C. Elfers-WA5OUV, Tom Johnson-N5IKN, Arlyn Seidel-KK5GY, Sam Sitton-W5CU Net Managers Reporting WB5NKD, KC5SOU, N5WP, N5VEA, KM5GZ, KC5OKG, KD5FX, KC5PAC, KC5NWC, W5JPI, WA5OUV, NM5W, KB5BQB, W5GGW, WB5OSM, N5IKN Station Activity Reports (SAR) Cecil Carter-KI5LQ 95 O.C. Elfers-WA5OUV 136 Arley

Garvin-WB5NKC 1303 Pat Garvin-WB5KND 580 Tom Johnson-N5IKN 128 Arlyn Seidel-KK5GY 221 Sam Sitton-W5CU 64 Net Numbers Total Sessions-186, Total Checkins-1733, Traffic-952 Upcoming Events: October 16- OK DX Association Banquet in Broken Arrow. 6 pm Contact Bruce-K5PX@ cox.net October 29-30 Texoma Hamarama in Kingston, OK Contact Henry-texbug@ev1.net November 6-Enid Hamfest Enidhamfest@yahoo.com Worth Pondering- You make a living by what you get You make a life by what you give May God Bless You & Yours John-WB5SYT