

Section News for November 2004

Atlantic Division

Northern New York

We all have much to be Thankful for ... our families & loved ones here and a far, work for the soul and good health plus much much more. Its great to live in a Land that is Free. Where we have the priviledges that we do here. When you think back over that past year we can all find some one thing that we are most thankful. In NNY I am very thankful for all of the support that you have given me & our NNY-Section this past year. As your section Manager I will endeavor to do my best to reach out to all the clubs and assist them as well as our fine Field Services and Officers that have meant so much in making this NNY Section truely the best. The Contests, Demonstation Stations, Special Event Stations, SKYWARN Nets, Hamfest/Conv. Club Mtgs., Field Days, Public Services and Emergency Service Courses and activations I want to express my sincere thanks to all the Amateurs here in NNY, Vermont and Canada for helping to make last year so full. I look forward to the next two years as Section Manager and new challenges which we are sure to face, but I know that together we can continue to make this hobby and electronic experimentation even greater. There is always something that you have to share that means so much to each of us ... your time, your help your being there is really important to me that you care about Amateur Radio. KF2GC 73's and TNX

Southern New Jersey

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2004 SECTION MANAGER, KA2YKN This was a good year for SNJ. We had a wonderful Airshow, a new hamfest and many new hams as a result of several ham classes. We also had many people become more skilled in emergency work thru the EMCOM courses. Now, as the year winds down and we have the holidays we will be celebrating, we reflect on the good things that have taken place while we reflect on the lives of those who became silent keys. I am sad to report that OBARC has lost a member recently. Toby Spratt, KB2ZL, is now a silent. Toby, who was a member since the early days of the club and was a Trustee from 1990 to 1993 and also a member of the OBARC VE team passed away on Nov 30. I just received an email from the Section Manager in NNJ, Bill Hudzik, W2UDT. He tells me we now have a new PRB-1 bill in New Jersey for the 2004-2005 Legislative Session. Thanks to Assemblywoman Linda Stender (District 22) we now have a new Prime Sponsor and PRB-1 Bill. The Bill's number is A3641 and is essentially Matt Ahearn's old A3065 reintroduced under new sponsorship. Bob Bednard, KA8SAF helped coordinate the meeting with Assemblywoman Stender's office and worked with Bill in following up with their questions. We are back in business and need to work on developing co-sponsors and supporters. There is lots of work to do on this in the coming year so sharpen those pencils Look for the Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party. All modes will be operated. It is

sponsored by the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society. It will operate 0000Z Dec 18 to 2400Z Jan 2, 2005. Exchange sequential serial number or ARLHS member number or ARLHS Lighthouse number plus name and S/P/C. QSO points: 1pt per QSO, plus 2pts for ARLHS member, plus 3 pts for lighthouse. Score is QSO points. Stations activating light beacons multiply by 2. Special logging requirements apply. For more info <http://arths.com> or send SASE to ARLHS, Box 2178, Riverton, NJ 08077. Logs are due by Jan 31 to Dave Ruch, NF0J, Box 20696, Bloomington, MN 55420-0696. The work goes on at the Battleship New Jersey and I would like to give much credit to all the volunteers who, after nearly 4 years, are still dedicating several hours a week or even a month. Currently, work is expanded to the Combat Engagement Center. In the future an OE82 Antenna will be put up on the ship. This antenna is for Satellite work. Plans are already being discussed. Work is still being done in the transmitter room, and Joe Cramer is still visiting the various clubs in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He will even be giving a talk in Florida. Joe is one of those volunteers who have been tireless in getting the word out that she is restored and taking visitors. The ship will be closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in January and February. TRAFFIC REPORT STM, Dan K2UL SNJ/NNJ SECTION NET REPORTS QNI : NJM 63 N2GJ NJPN 181 W2CC NJSN 196 K2PB NJN(E) 223 AG2R NJN(L) 179 AG2R LOCAL NET REPORTS JSARS 380 W2HOG SJTN 62 KB2RTZ SJVN not report WB2UVB STATION ACTIVITY REPORTS (SAR) WA2CUW 90 K2UL 64 AA2SV 62 K2GW 44 KB2RTZ 43 N2VQA 34 KC2IYC 15 WA2NDA 12 KA2YKN4 N2ZMI 1 PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL (PSHR) reports N2HQL 167 K2UL 120 KA2YKN 111 K2GW 95 WA2CUW 90 N2VQA 82 WA2NDA 52 KC2IYC 45 This newsletter is shorter than usual. If you have something that is going to happen or something that has happened that you would like me to put, please send it to me. Keep in time that articles or information has to get to me with enough time for me to get it in and be timely to the people. I sent the column to the league by the 16th of the month. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday, Jean

Western New York

Western New York Section New for December 2004. Section Manager Scott W2LC. The Pioneer Radio Operators Society (PROS) newsletter reports that Cindy KC2MQU found the fox at the PROS Swap meet in October. Norm W2MH won a mobile radio as the door prize. Thanks to Linda KC2JTV and Joe K2LMH for help in the kitchen and Al WA2RKP for making the coffee. That coffee must have been good! Empire State Games Report (Binghamton NY): As reported by Paula N2FDA and Bob KD2IM Brackett. Ninety one (91) volunteers provided communications for the Empire State Games at various venues around the Binghamton area. Amateur radio operators from Buffalo to Long Island and Pennsylvania participated. Even two members of a Poughkeepsie club came to help. Thanks to Steve K2CDJ and Dorothy K2YEH the co-chairs who planned and scheduled volunteers and researched the venue locations for coverage. Erie County Fair Amateur Radio Exhibit: 115 hams signed the guest book at the Amateur Radio exhibit at this year's fair, from as far away as Florida, Nevada and Korea! Volunteers from various Buffalo area clubs, the NOAA Buffalo office and Erie county ARES/RACES provided a successful public exhibit. Jamboree On-The-Air: Reported by Andy KB2LUV in the Skyline Exchange (Skyline ARC). A group from SARC set up a station at the

First United Methodist Church in Cortland for scout troop from Moravia and Homer NY. They used a golf ball with a hole drilled through it to cast a line over the trees to hoist up dipole antennas for 40 and 20 meters. (sounds like a wedge shot). There was also an IRLP set-up that many JOTA operations around the country were also using. They made contacts with England and NB1CR on the USS Kennedy in Falls River MA. Thanks to Andy KB2LUV Cortland county EC, Dan N2MRE, Paul KC2DWW, Ray KC2GIL, John KC2FLO, Chris KB2FAF, Benny K2HQV and others for making it all happen! SM Note: Some golf balls have things inside that aren't too nice. So be careful. I have been using a softball, where I tie nylon string around the ball and throw it over tree limbs. This limits your height unless you have a good arm. Sling shots also work well, which would probably work well with golf balls. Make sure you tie it to the line securely and watch out for what might be in the line of flight. You wouldn't want a golf ball to get loose and go flying off into the neighborhood! I can picture that one! RARA Auction: The Rochester Amateur Radio Association holds its annual auction in November and took in around \$1800 for the club. Lots of fine radio equipment, transceivers, receivers, amplifiers, antennas, a tower and several HTs were offered up for sale. A Kenwood R1000 and Collins 75A2 were among the receivers for sale. A great time was had by all, and I even saw a couple people I haven't seen in years.

Central Division

Illinois

The Central Illinois Radio Club provided communications for the 16th annual Jingle Bell Run and Walk for the Arthritis Foundation on November 14th. Around 1300 people participated in the yearly event. Amateur operators assisting were: N9RZV, KB9IGT, WB9UWA, N9VXY, WD9HRU, and KB9NPH. This club also elected the following officers for 2005. President, Larry, KB9NPH, Vice President, Jerry KB9ZDY, Secretary, N9VXY and Treasurer, Jim, WB9UWA. From a Piatt County EC Report in November: Their local ESDA Coordinator obtained a grant for the purchase of equipment to set up a complete HF station at the Piatt County EOC. They have purchased an Icom 746 Pro with power supply and desk mike. They also installed a Kenwood G707A dual-band unit that was purchased with previous grant money. They had already installed a 5-band diode and a new dual-band vertical for UHF/VHF. They now have complete HF/VHF/UHF capability at the EOC, a VHF/UHF station at Kirby Hospital and VHF/UHF station in the MC-1 ESDA Mobile Command unit. They also have a dual bander in one of the Monticello police cruisers. The Kirby Ambulance service has requested training to get many of the local EMT's ham tickets. The plans are for this to happen over the winter. The Piatt County group worked Jamboree on the Air from the EOC with the new station rig and are were planning to work the NWS Special Event from the new HF station this month. The new W9ATN-Illinois repeater is now complete and installed on top of St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford. The repeater will have an input of 1250 MHz and an output of 421.25. In the future they are planning to put in 1.2GHz to 2.4 GHz links to widen the receive range beyond the Rockford area to better serve the surrounding communities. There have been some problems for

the group as in October the antenna blew down in some strong winds and then the modulator went down so a new one had to be purchased, but the group is still hanging in there and say that this is a true learning experience. The Big Bend Amateur Radio Club (BBARC) will be hosting its first ever hamfest and electronic show at the Hancock County 4-H Extension Center, just north of Intersection of RT 136 and 94, Carthage, IL. on Saturday December, 18th. There will also be VE testing at 10 AM, Saturday morning for persons wanting to get their ham license or to upgrade. For more information contact Brian Dougherty at bbarc2004@yahoo.com or visit react2u.com New officers of the Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club for 2005 are: President, John Coker, N9FAM, Vice President Mark Suhs, W9WGN, Secretary, John Hineman, N9SJZ, Treasurer, John Best, N9MSG, Directors, Dave Pearsall, KA9YSE, N9ZBE, and KE9WS. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many hams here in the section that have done a terrific job this year in so many areas that I cannot even remember them all. Also my section cabinet has done a great job and makes my job easy. To all of you here in Illinois my husband Gene, WB9MMM and I would like to wish you a very Happy Holiday season and a great 2005. October traffic: WB9TVD-9. November traffic: W9HLX-20; N9DT-5; KA9IMX 19; WB9TVD-6.

Wisconsin

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG, SEC: KB9ENO, STM: K9LGU, ACC: K9XB, SGL: AD9X, OOC: N9VE, PIC: KB9NUM. TC: K9GDF, BM: WB9NRK ASM: K9UTQ, W9RCW, W9DGI, N9VE. ** With regret I forward to you the passing of Wes Stonier, K1CLQ, 53. Don Liedl, WB9OQX, became a Silent Key. Don was a former member of the Four Lakes Amateur Radio Club. Sad to report that Charles "Charlie" Imbruglia, WA9CPE, long time member of the ORC passed away. Herb Christensen, WB9DRO, became a Silent Key. Herb was a member of ORC. ** A reminder to everyone to please notify me of a Silent Key. I need an official obituary notice (newspaper website or paper announcement) for posting in QST. ** The Ozaukee Radio Club has an active Mentor program.. It is expected that the "Mentor" establishes contact with an assigned new club member and make sure they are made to feel welcome at the meetings and encourage them to participate in the various activities of the club. I encourage other clubs to adopt a similar program!! Most of us recall that one special person who helped us in our early growth in the hobby. Perhaps, if it was not for that special amateur, you wouldn't be where you are today- professionally or in amateur radio. Now, it is time for you to step up and contribute your knowledge and time to help others. Become an Elmer! ** The Wisconsin Valley Radio Association's YL Net is now held on Sunday evenings at 8:00 p.m. local time on 147.135. Net Control, Trena Oestreich, KC9ASL, would like to get enough YL's consistently checking in to have a net control schedule so that everyone can get some experience in this amateur skill. ** STM NOVEMBER 2004 report from Denny, K9LGU: FAQ #35 - How can we improve the image of traffic handling in our section? Thank you for that insightful question. Yes, traffic handling is being done quite well in Wisconsin, but there's definitely room for improvement. We want all operators, agencies, and the public to know what we do. I would propose a four-point plan. (1) Get involved. Check into some section nets (listed on the Wisconsin page of the ARRL website). Listen carefully to the net protocol and copy along with the net control or with a

station receiving traffic. (2) Send and receive some formal traffic. Using Operating aid FSD-218 (the famous pink card), prepare and send some traffic. Need a card? Ask me or download it from <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/fsd218.html> . Offer to receive and deliver some traffic on a net. The best way to get comfortable with the process is to do it. (3) Offer your services as a net control or as a liaison station taking traffic to subsequent nets. You could, for example, take traffic from the Badger Emergency Net to the Wisconsin Side Band Net or from Late WIN to the Badger Weather Net or the BEN. You could go to or from the Ninth Region Net. (4) Finally, tell someone. Spread the word about what we do in handling traffic as part of the National Traffic System. Explain how the skills of handling messages transfer to ARES operations, dx-ing, contesting, and everyday operation. Mention traffic handling to licensing classes as a typical part of the public service we provide. Tell your friends and offer to send free radiograms anywhere in the U.S. and Canada. I'm your Section Traffic Manager, K9LGU, and I've approved this message.

73. MONTHLY SECTION NET ACTIVITY SUMMARY NOVEMBER 2004
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KE9VU WSBN 680 99 951 30 K9FHI WNN 155 15 306 26 KB9ROB WSSN 126 18 200 17
WA9ZTY WIN/E 186 39 291 27 WB9ICH WIN/L 148 58 317 28 W9UW WRACES 275 0 473
9 KB9ENO totals 3447 2102 5996 194 Happy Holidays. - K9LGU/STM ** Wisconsin
ARES/RACES is looking for a newsletter editor. Newsletters are posted on this website:
<http://www.wi-aresraces.org/Newsletter.htm> If you have experience in editing a newsletter and would like to edit this monthly newsletter, please contact Bill Niemuth, kb9eno@arrl.net ** T'is the season for having club Holiday Parties. These take a lot of work so volunteer to help your club get it organized!! It is, also, the time for most clubs to nominate the officers for next year. If you haven't held an office, this could be a good time to run for a position. Most clubs could use a breath of fresh air and new ideas. Step up to the plate and become active in your club as an officer or Board member! ** West Allis Radio Amateur Club again partnered with the Potawatomi Area Council, BSA, during JOTA. Ten Tiger Cub Scouts, ages seven and eight, and their seven adult leaders from Pack 260 learned about the fundamentals of radio and the history of amateur radio. Well done, WARAC! ** Congratulations to former Section Manager, Roy Pedersen. K9FHI. Roy celebrated his 80th birthday on November 13th and still very active on all the nets and in the RRRC!! ** I wish everyone Happy Holidays and best wishes for an active new year!! 73, Don, W9IXG

Dakota Division

Minnesota

MINNESOTA SECTION NOVEMBER SUMMARY TRAFFIC SUMMARY: NET FREQ
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MSSN MINNESOTA SECTION MSN/2 KC0HAW RN-10, C2, C4 NET (CW) 10:00P
MSPN/N PICONET ALLDAY PAW TRAF KA0IZA RN-10, C2 WATCH 3,148 98 90
MSPN/N/E MINNESOTA SECTION ARES REPORT AUMMARY - November 2004
Activations: 16 Public Service Events:7 Total ARES Members:508 *ARES members not
reported by all EC's. Not all Counties reported this month. Breakdown of ARES members by
District: Northern: 193 Central: 156 * Southern: 159 SEC Comments: * Minnesota ARES will
be Re-Districting on January 1st, 2005!! This will cause some changes to the current ARES
Leadership. And adds three new District EC positions. This action will allow for smaller
Districts and better management. And both the Section Manager, Skip Jackson KS0J and I
believe that now is the time for this change. As this action will bring us into line with the
Homeland Security Regions as you can see below. Rather than having districts covers two or
even 3 HSEM regions. This also allows us to add three new District Emergency Coordinator
(DEC) positions. Allowing more leadership voices to be heard. And so that the DEC's can get to
know, and more effectively manage, their districts, clients, clubs, and ARES groups better.
*District 1 Southeast Francine C. Franck KC0QVK Counties: · Blue Earth · Dodge · Goodhue ·
Faribault · Fillmore · Freeborn · Houston · Le Sueur · Mower · Nicollet · Olmstead · Rice · Steele
· Wabasha · Waseca · Winona *District 2 Northeast Jerry VanDervort WD0GUF Counties: ·
Aitkin · Carlton · Cass · Cook · Crow Wing · Itasca · Kanabec · Koochiching · Lake · Pine · St.
Louis *District 3 Northwest William (Bill) Maat W0WKM Counties: · Becker · Beltrami ·
Clearwater · Clay · Hubbard · Kittson · Lake of the Woods · Mahnomen · Marshall · Norman ·
Pennington · Polk · Red Lake · Roseau *District 4 West Central (open) Counties · Benton · Big
Stone · Douglas · Grant · Kandiyohi · Meeker · Mille Lacs · Morrison · Otter Tail · Pope ·
Stearns · Stevens · Swift · Todd · Traverse · Wadena · Wilkin · Wright *District 5 Southwest
(open) Counties · Brown · Chippewa · Cottonwood · Jackson · Lac Qui Parle · Lincoln · Lyon ·
McLeod · Martin · Murray · Nobles · Pipestone · Redwood · Renville · Rock · Sibley ·
Watsonwan · Yellow Medicine *District 6 Metro Richard L Roberts, N0UC Counties: · Anoka ·
Carver · Chisago · Dakota · Hennepin · Isanti · Ramsey · Scott · Sherburne · Washington
Respectfully submitted, Donald R. Franck, AD0F Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC)
Amateur Radio Emergency Service RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: SKIP JACKSON KS0J,
MINNESOTA SECTION MANAGER

North Dakota

NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Kent Olson, KAØLDG -Merry Christmas! I hope you get a chance to slow down during this busy season and spend time with the ones who count the most - your family and friends. Jim Kruft, NØTSZ, Cass County EC and myself ventured up to Grand Forks for the SKYWARN appreciation day that the National Weather Service and the FORX ARC held. We got to tour the facility and make a bunch of contacts. We also had a productive discussion with Greg Gust, KCØTIY, a NWS meteorologist regarding SKYWARN. This was the first year in many that the weather held up for us to travel north. The ARRL Sweepstakes contest was held in early November, and the FORX ARC was in the mix with the rest racking up the points. I'm sure they had lots of contacts with those needing North Dakota. BPL and the threat of spectrum pollution is still out there. With the recent FCC ruling finalized, power companies now have the green light to proceed, although with some restrictions. It's never too late to tell our US Congressmen just how we feel on the subject. This time of year, our Congressmen are home for the holidays, so if you have a chance to stop in and talk to them, PLEASE do. They need to hear the real truth from hams and not the greedy power companies wishing to line their pockets. Upcoming hamfests this winter: Grand Forks on February 5th, and Bismarck on February 26th. I hope to see you at one of these. Nine months till the Dakota Division Convention (Sept 9-11, 2005), an event that you won't want to miss. Please let the RRRA in Fargo know if you or your club would like to help. Section's web site at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~qtipf16/>. HF NM KØHDA net reports for November: Goose River Net, 3/40/1; WX Net 48/903/20; Data Net 29/818/13.

South Dakota

Mid December and no snow in Sioux Falls or much of anywhere else as I understand it. Does this mean we get dumped on later? Hmm one has to wonder. Update for the Hamfest coming soon. Forums are set, prizes are in the works and a lot of the admin things are gathered. Another loss to the ham community was Lloyd Duerre KAØACO - please keep his family in your thoughts. Mobridge: No News Reported Aberdeen: The club participated with the Santa Train in late November. The club is looking at running a "Winter Field Day and Special Event" With operations planned near Mina Lake and maybe a station on the ice for the brave at heart. The proposed dates are Feb 5th and 6th with operating on 20, 40, 80 IRLP etc. Some of the modes we are looking at are HF UHF, IRLP and CW. With about 2 to 3 stations going. Rolly and Harry have completed some testing on the "91" repeater and have determined that the apparent difficulties that individuals have been having on bringing up the auto patch has been with their keypads emitting a double tone. Also noted was that the phone number in the phone book for Aberdeen Amateur Radio Club is for connecting to the repeater for servicing work. At this time, it appears that the controller does not need to be replaced. It was brought up by J Arlt that he was in contact with the Aberdeen Area Model Aires about sharing space in the mall during their show in Feb or March at the mall The club also participated in the National Weather Service Sky warn Recognition Day (SRD) on Dec 3rd Lake Area: Every Saturday (Except Holidays) Members, guests, friends, and any interested persons are invited to Hy-Vee on HWY 212 at 9:30am for a casual gathering Huron: The club encouraged the members to participate in teh

Who's Who in SD Ham Radio project. Further discussion on non-profit status and alternative merger options were discussed. Pierre: The club completed most of the work on the interior of the trailer. The Snake Butte repeater ID has been turned off. It was decided to pick up the .94 batteries from Eldon, put a charge on them and store them in the CD 2 radio building until being reinstalled back at Reliance Prairie Dogs (Yankton/Vermillion): The PDARC Christmas Party will be on January 15th at 6 p.m. Food at about 6:30 p.m. The party will be at JoDean's as usual. Please RSVP either Marilyn (KAØWTY) mjstone@iw.net...or Al (NØIME) n0ime@hotmail.com. The Turkey Ridge Repeater is on Brian's bench. It will probably be a couple of weeks or so to make the repairs. SEARC: SEARC has been recognized as a ARRL Special Services Club and the certificate was presented to the club president Howard, KG0R at the November meeting. January events will include a tour of metro communications at the end of the month and the head of Metro Communications will be attending our January Business meeting so plan to attend! SEARC annual election and business meeting will be held January 4th in Sioux Falls, proposed constitutional changes will be voted on as well as dues and other items that will steer the club in the coming year. Skywarn Recognition Day was supported by the club with over 250 contacts made - many thanks to the folks at the National Weather Service for their participation. Hamfest planning meeting in Sioux Falls at the Emergency Management Building 4th Tuesday Dec 28th at 7pm will be held. Those wishing to help should attend. Current status of forums and prizes will be discussed as well as menu for the banquet will be decided. Contact N0PV@ARRL.NET for further information. Work party was beginning install of new tower on the club trailer. Last test session resulted in 1 new technician. So if you see a new face introduce yourself. Testing session for SEARC will now be held on the 2nd Tuesday 7pm at the Emergency Management Building. Deuel County: Net on 28.400 SSB and 29.600 FM on Thursdays at about 8:30pm. Northern Hill Participated in the National Weather Service SkyWarn Recognition Day. Jerry and John presented the results of the SD State Link two meter repeater system Working Committee meeting of November 13th in Chamberlain. Much work needs to be done to restore the system to full operation, and the BHARC and the NHARC committed to various projects to keep the Terry and Philip nodes in good repair. The Reliance node equipment is in the shop for repackaging prior to reinstallation at a new site, and once that is done, we should be able to reach East River. More details will be forthcoming as the various nodes are returned to service. Hot Springs: Helped with communications for the local triathlon which went well. The club also received a new trailer from Emergency Management, which they will be equipping with a tower and generator. They also performed some needed maintenance on our local repeater on Battle Mountain. Supported Mt Rushmore Marathon in conjunction with the other clubs. Crazy Horse No News Provided Black Hills AREA: On 11 November 2004 a hidden transmitter hunt was held in the Rapid City, SD area. The event was organized by Pennington County ARES coordinator Lew Rohrer KØLEW. The purpose of the training was to prepare members for an actual direction finding emergency such as locating an airplane crash ELT activation, identifying intentional interference with official communication services.

Delta Division

Arkansas

The BARC/NCAARS group came in first in Class 2A in Field Day! Using the call W5ZN and GOTA call NG5M, the clubs made 4424 contacts. There were 494 entries in Class 2A in Field Day, the largest class. It is also where the "serious" Field Day groups tend to concentrate. The amateur radio community honored the opening of the William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, Ark., by running special event station W5C. The station contacted over 600 hams from 48 states and several Canadian provinces. 25 Hams from the central Arkansas area set up at the Historic Arkansas Museum and participated in the event. The Arkansas Radio Emergency Services Club (ARES) from Little Rock provided the equipment, including a crank-up tower with Mosley beam and a trailer that has been equipped with radios and extra power for emergency ham radio use. The operators were thankful for the trailer, since the temperatures were in the 40's and the wind was blowing at 10 - 20 miles per hour most of the weekend! Many people contributed to the event, but special thanks go to Georgia, KB5VJA, for organizing operators and equipment, Lindy, WW5AA, of the Historic Arkansas Museum, for providing outstanding support, and Lorie Johnson, KE5BGS, for designing a beautiful certificate. Many others contributed to the success of the event, including N5TKG, K5VZ, N5LE, KC5NPU, WB5VGJ, AA5BE, AC5YM, WB5VUH, K5LJC, KB5PLQ, N5YLE, W5REH, WA5OFT, Mike Fuller, and others. Thanks to all the Arkansas hams for helping us enjoy this event and allowing it to be non-political. ARES/RACES was active for the Clinton Library opening. ADEM was activated and many hams stood by in case they were needed. W5AUU was able to send/receive emails from LR using HF Winlink, had packet going, monitored HF 3.987.5 and VHF 146.940. Others participating were: Garland County Mobile Command Trailer (WB5SPA): N5XFW, KB5FAS, KD5RQN Pulaski County EOC: KD5AIV Little Rock EOC: W5RXU Arkansas Department of Emergency Services, Conway: KB5WBH, KG5KS, N5GK, AE5EE, WB0NGN In addition to all the other activities connected with the opening of the library, the CAREN club provided support for the Presidential 5K race. ADXA held it's December meeting in Hot Springs and enjoyed a very nice program by Rick, AI5P, on DXpeditions to Costa Rica and Guadelupe. ADXA has a new web site, www.adxa.org The site is under development, but if you're interested in DX, check it out. The ARKAN club enjoyed a program on regenerative receivers presented by NR5Q. K5ZXH was named "Ham of the Year" by the Lawrence County ARC. Congratulations to Paul, W5ZK, who passed course EC001. Also, congratulations to John, N5VGJ, who passed the EMI course IS-240 entitled "Leadership & Influence". David, K5DFO reports that the Fort Smith Area Amateur Radio Club helped with the Christmas Parade. In years past, the Jaycees have had problems getting enough volunteers to keep the parade spaced properly. To confound the problem, their communications abilities were limited to only eight business band radios. By assigning one ham to work with a Jaycee, better communications was developed. Hams were able to assist in keeping the gaps to a minimum. They could also relay information from the police department to the Jaycees and to the parade's announcer. The participating hams also became extra eyes and ears for the police department. One officer had the ability to relay communications between both groups. Hams could report problems with traffic in and around the parade. They could also report medical problems, dangerous situations, or other "people problems" within the crowd. The information was easily passed to Fort Smith

bicycle officers for a quick response. The police department could also let hams know what was going on. At one point the just as the parade began, an ambulance needed to reach an area hospital. Since the streets around the parade route were congested, the quickest path for the ambulance to travel was along the parade route. To add to the problem, a large group of spectators had edged into the street to get a first glimpse of the parade. The police department was able relay this information to hams who in turn assisted the police in asking the crowd to move back and clear a path for the ambulance. Both the Fort Smith Police Department and the Jaycees were very appreciative of the efforts of the Fort Smith Area Amateur Radio Club. Hopefully this effort by hams will lead to other partnerships with these and other Fort Smith area groups and agencies in the future. Public Service Honor Roll: KB5ILY 201 November net reports from STM WB5HIL Net Managers report some nets had to be cancelled because of very bad local propagation this month.... Arkansas Phone Net: QNI 425, Traffic 26, Manager W5SXV Mockingbird Net: QNI 524, Traffic 8, Manager WB5YLI Razorback Net: QNI 2094, Traffic 69, Manager K5BOC OZK QNI 21, Traffic 11, Manager WA5JAN November traffic: K5BOC 29, K7ZQR 14, WB5HIL 12, KB5ILY 6

Louisiana

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS – NOVEMBER 2004 Congratulations to the Twin City Ham Club (W5EA) and the Thibodaux ARC (W5YL) for winning the LA Section Top Club Award in the large club and small club categories, respectively, for Field Day 2004! Plaques were presented to representatives of the two clubs during the ARRL Forum at the Monroe Hamfest. Operating in the 3A category, W5EA improved on its 2003 score by a considerable margin and came in tenth place nationally in its category, in addition to winning the large club plaque for the second straight year. The competition this year for the Top Club Award among the section's 1A/2A entries was particularly keen; in fact, the average score per transmitter for the Central LA ARC was only about two percent less than that of W5YL, which operated in the 1A category. For its outstanding performance in the 2A category, the Central LA ARC was also presented a plaque. In addition to the three plaque winners, the following clubs were active during this year's FD: Baton Rouge ARC, Minden ARA, Springhill ARC, Southwest LA Repeater Club, Gulf South RC, Acadiana ARA, Atchafalaya Amateur DX Association, Jefferson ARC, Union Parish ARES, Opelousas Area ARC, West Central LA ARC, and Southeast LA ARC. Congratulations to all and good luck next year! W5WZ reports that a number of logs submitted for the 2003 LA QSO Party were lost for over a year and were only very recently received from the post office! Scott has processed these newly delivered logs and the final LA Section winners for last year's QSO Party are as follows: W5OT (Single Op/Low Power/CW) W5EW (Single Op/Low Power/Mixed Mode) N5YE (Single Op/Low Power/Phone) AF5P (Single Op/High Power/Phone). ARRL Headquarters has announced that the Minden ARA has officially been renewed as a Special Service Club for two more years in recognition of its continued efforts on behalf of Amateur Radio and services to its community. On behalf of the section, I want to thank all of the club's officers and members for their dedication and hard work. Our new District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) for Southwest LA is WA5LQZ. K5GLS and I both really

appreciate Alan volunteering to serve the section again in a prominent ARES leadership position. Angela KC5IOD has been recognized for her ARES efforts by being appointed Official Emergency Station. Commissions to affiliated clubs that administer ARRL membership renewals have now been reinstated. For the past couple of years, clubs have earned \$15 commissions for new memberships only. Effective immediately, clubs will also earn \$2 for each renewal they turn in. The program applies to regular and senior membership dues. Check out the League's website at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/forms/club-commission-program.html> for more details. A number of SKYWARN operators and ARES groups in central and north LA were active during the severe weather outbreak around Thanksgiving. Members of the Central LA ARC were recognized for their public service work (storm spotting) in a very nice newspaper article in the Alexandria Town Talk. KC5LFB (LA PIC/NE DEC) is now W5DSG. Congratulations, David, on the new call! Upcoming hamfests include Minden on December 18 and Hammond on January 15. Traffic totals: K5MC 315 (BPL), K5DPG 251, NF5B 75, W4DLZ 67, N5KWB 47, W5PY 16, AE5V 16. Public Service Honor Roll: K5DPG 165, KD5ITA 122, N5KWB 110, W5DSG 110, K5MC 110, NF5B 110, W5PY 101, AE5V 87, W4DLZ 74, K5ER 72, KB5UHH 34. Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 30/306/111. Louisiana CW Net: 28/112/48. Louisiana ARES Net: 3/61/0. Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. AARA Net: 5/182/0. ARES reports: parish/EC. Allen/KA5NXT, Avoyelles/KD5IGG, Cameron/AF5AA, Claiborne/KD5JJP, Franklin/N5ASA, Iberville/W5OVV, Ouachita/K5ER, Richland/KC5RJY, St. Bernard/KD5BPW, Terrebonne/KB5UOO, Union/KA5JNL, Vernon/KB5JZQ, Webster/KB5WFE. 73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Manager Email: k5mc@arrl.org LA Section Website: www.laarrl.org/

Mississippi

Mississippi Section Report for November 2004 SM: Malcolm Keown, W5XX. Mississippi Section Web Page at arrlmiss@org. Web Master W5KWB at w5kwb@arrl.net. STM: AD5IS. NM: WB5ZED, K5NRK, KB5W, WY5S, W5NCK, W3TWD, KM5UH, and N5LAJ. During the past two legislative sessions PRB-1 bills were introduced, but died in committee. Several attempts were made to contact the various committee chairmen to find out why the bills did not come out of committee, but with no success. The suspected problem was that specific tower heights were mentioned in the bills that would restrict the authority of the cities and counties. The Section Legislative Committee met in September and crafted new wording which would not include specific tower heights. Using this wording, Representatives Dr. Chester Masterson (District 54 Issaquena, Sharkey, and Warren Counties) and Dr. Sidney Bondurant (District 24 Calhoun, Grenada, and Yalobusha Counties) have prefiled a bill for the 2005 Session. Although the bill will not be assigned a number or committee until the beginning of the session, it is not too early to begin talking with your legislators regarding support for this initiative. Plans are in motion to prefile an identical bill in the Senate. Thanks to the Jackson County ARA (JCARA) for hosting another successful Ocean Springs Hamfest. Chairman KB5FHX reports that the St. Martin Community Center was almost standing room only. All of the tables were sold out and six major dealers were in attendance. KB5FC was the big prize winner. Don wishes to thank

WM5W, NN5AF, KB5ZIA, KB5ZIB, AB5ES, N5RPV, and AC5GX for their assistance in conducting the Hamfest. In addition to the Hamfest the JCARA has been collecting toys for Project White Dove. These toys are to be sent to Central Florida for children who have been displaced by the hurricanes. Chairman N5RPV reports that one box was sent to Florida before the Hamfest. During the Hamfest a large box was placed in the lobby next to the registration table. By the end of the Hamfest another 50 toys had been collected. Thanks to JCARA for helping with Project White Dove. DEC W4WLF reports that in the early morning of November 24th a tornado struck the Orange Grove Community just north of Gulfport resulting in significant damage. ARES was activated to assist the Red Cross and the Harrison County EOC. Those participating were W4WLF, WB5WB, W5OXI, KC5IF, KD5ZSM, KB0MLY, WB8BIE, WA4TWE, KA2KMU, KA5AIS, N5UDU, KD5FOM, and KC5RJV. The Vicksburg ARC again assisted the City Planning Committee with the Annual Christmas Parade by lining up units and providing communications along the parade route. Those helping were K5NRK, KB5YEE, KD5WCT, KD5ZIB, N5JGK, W5XX, KC5QZW, W5WAF, and KJ5RC. DEC WA5TMC reports that a new tower has been installed at the Tippah County EOC and that antennas will soon follow. In addition, though the efforts of N5TBB, President of the Tippah ARA, and KD5SBC, EOC Director, Tippah County is now certified as a Storm Ready Community. I trust everyone will have a GREAT Holiday Season and have an opportunity to help with the Christmas Parades and attend a few club Christmas Parties. And for all the deserving, I hope Santa Clause will bring you that new mobile rig, linear, VU4, HF transceiver, etc. that you have been looking for. Lastly, don't forget the Annual New Year's Eve Party on 3862 beginning at 11 PM local time. In addition to dancing girls, Master of Ceremonies AD5IS promises plenty of surprises for all. Welcome to new Mississippi Hams: KE5CUS, Hildreth – Pascagoula; KE5CWG, Kristopher – Starkville; KE5CWH, Jarrod – Starkville; KE5CWI, George – West Point; KE5DFU, Christopher – Starkville; KE5DFV, Tara – Starkville; and KE5DFW, Daniel - Starkville. Also welcome to new ARRL Members: KA5WGF, KD5VHX, KC5RFL, KB5KKI, and N5TOG. Congratulations to N5GH for making the DXCC Honor Roll, to W0XV for working VU4 to put him at the "Top of the Honor Roll," to KB0ZTX, KD5VBU, and N5XQQ on their license upgrades, to W5XX for completing ECC-002, and to W4WLF for being appointed Disaster Services Coordinator for the Gulf Coast Red Cross Chapter. Welcome to N5JGK as Section Technical Coordinator and KD5QQG as Affiliated Club Coordinator; also welcome to KC5EAK as EC for Pearl River County and to K5MCW and WV5V as Asst. ECs for Jones County. Regret to report the passing of W4HRO of Walls. DEC/EC Reports: WB5CON, KD5CKP, KD5CQT, WV5D, KC5EAK, KD5GWM, W5LMW, AC5SU, WA5TMC, KU5W, KB0ZTX OBS Report: W5KWB OO Report: K5XQ Net reports: session/QNI/QTC (Net Manager) MSPN 30/3072/55 (K5NRK) MS TFC Net 30/110/11 (KB5W) Magnolia Section Net 30/1206/5 (WY5S) Pine Belt Rpt Assc 30/575/0 (W5NCK) Jackson Co ARES 30/379/5 (KD5CQT) MS Slow Net 22/80/2 (W3TWD) Miss/Lou WX Net 6/77/2 (N5JGK) South Central WX Net 5/69/0 (AA5SG) NE MS ARES 5/78/0 (KD5RTF) Monroe Co ARC Net 5/52/0 (AD5DO) Meridian Area EN 5/57/0 (KD5GWM) Metro Jackson ARES 4/67/0 (AC5SU) Jackson ARC EN 4/53/0 (AB5WF) MS Baptist Hams Net 4/46/0 (WF5F) SW MS ARES 4/59/0 (N5ZNT) Itawamba Co ARES 4/56/0 (AD5IS) PSHR: WB5ZED 160, AC5SU 133, AD5IS 110, W5XX 89. Traffic: WB5ZED 1976 (BPL), W5XX 15, W5LEW

Great Lakes Division

Michigan

December 15, 2004 May the riches of this wonderful Holiday Season and the New Year bring the best to you and your families. We all can be thankful for the blessings of living in a great country, enjoying the benefits of freedom, and sharing a bright future. 2004 brought a few staff changes to our Section, as we welcomed Dan Romanchik KB6NU as our new Area Club Coordinator. Dan assisted Sandy KG8HM for several months before transitioning into the position. Long time DEC Paul Reissmann WD8MWT turned the reigns of District 5 over to the capable hands of Charlie Chapman KB8SFR. Now, as we begin 2005, your Section Staff will meet for our annual Planning Session to review 2004's objectives and set the plans and pace for the coming year. You have a wonderful team of dedicated volunteers assisting with many aspects of our hobby. I can't thank them enough for their tireless efforts in keeping us on the straight and narrow. ARRL MICHIGAN SECTION STAFF Assistant Section Managers: WB8WJV, N8ZE, AB8CB, and N8EXV Area Club Coordinator: KB6NU Official Observer Coordinator: N8NJE Public Information Coordinator: KC8QMH Section Emergency Coordinator: KB8VNI Section Traffic Manager: K8CQF State Government Liaison: WA8QJE Technical Coordinator: KE8HR Please take the opportunity to send them each a thank-you radiogram or email. My personal thanks go to each of you for sharing your concerns, help, guidance and involvement during 2004. It is this team effort that makes amateur radio strong, visible and viable in Michigan. And with your continued support, it's going to get even better. We do face some challenges this coming year with the advent of some BPL implementation and the need to complete our work on the antenna legislation. New club officers are announced. For the Genesee County RC: Pres KB8ZB, Treas K8VW, Sec K8LJG, Trustee K8LJG, Editor KA8NOG, Membership Dir WB8RJW. For the Grand Rapids ARA: Pres AD8BC, VP KF8QL, Sec KC8NKA, Treas KC8WBR Directors KC8MR, N9DGD, KC8YIP, ARC Liaison KB8QAQ. For the Lapeer ARA: Pres. W8RAE, VP KC8PEZ, Sec KC8ZCF, Treas KC8VP, Trustee KD8YX. Congratulations to all as they assume these positions of leadership. Is your local VHF net reporting its monthly activities to the Section Traffic Manager? Check the web page listing of VHF nets. There are about 30 listed but many more are active in the Section. Reporting your net's activity help us track the extent Michigan hams participate in public service to further justify the value ham radio is to the citizens of our state. There appears to be a lot of operator-hours unaccounted for in this vast resource. Please consider submitting a regular monthly report for your net. SARs For November: KB8ZYY 312, WB8RCR 243, K8AE 170, VE3EUI 161, K8LJG 125, WD8USA 114, KA9EIZ 70, WR8F 61, KC8MLD 33, K8UPE 28, K8ZJU 25, WI8K 25, K8AMR 23, N8UN 18, WB8YPG 15, KK5KZ 22, WA8EFK 12, WB8TKL 8, KC8UKM 5, KC8TRW 2. SARs are the combination of originations, receipts, and delivery of radiograms handled by your station during the month. Please forward them to me for inclusion in the Section News column. The deadline is the 8th of each month. 73, Dale

WA8EFK

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. As the Section Alert Message says we have another Antenna Support Structure Bill in the New Jersey Assembly. Its number is A-3641 and the sponsor is Assemblywoman Linda Stender (District 22). Our PRB-1 group will be getting ready to meet with Legislators when the 2005 Session resumes in mid-January. Please remember, the Bill's passage is not a "given" and we all must continue to put amateur radio in the best possible light (as many clubs did during this past Field Day) whenever we can. And, there will continue to be opposition from local governments who may view the Bill as a threat to "home rule". Please continue to check our section webpage (see the header) for future updates. A number of clubs have already elected new officers for the coming year. These include the Bergen ARA whose 2005 officers are: Pres.-NS2K, Vice Pres.-N2WAA, Sec.-WB2AIV, Treas.-K2AMI and KO2FB as Trustee. The New Providence ARA elected: N2AL – Pres., N2VI- vice Pres., KC2RLM-Sec., and K2JV- Treasurer. Raritan Valley RC's new officers for 2005 are: KB2VRM-Pres., W2SJV- vice Pres., W2OU- Sec., and WA2C as Treasurer. Garden State ARA elected the following: Pres.-N2LXM, Vice Pres.-N2GT, Sec.-W2OD, Treas.-W2XYZ and WN2DX as Chief Engineer. The North Jersey DX Association's 2005 officers are: Pres.-K2WR, Vice Pres.-KB2ENF, Sec.-KF2TI, and N2BIM returning as Treasurer. At its annual dinner the NJDXA honored out-going Bureau Manager Ron Levy-K2CO for over 23 years of service and leadership to the W2 QSL Bureau. According to Martin Cook-N1FOC, the ARRL QSL Service's supervisor only one other Bureau manager has served longer than K2CO. What a testament to Ron's dedication to amateur radio! The new W2 QSL Bureau Manager is Doug Rue-W2EN who pledged to maintain the Bureau's high standards of service developed by his predecessor. In other club activities the Sussex County ARC participated in the annual JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) weekend scouting event with the Franklin-Sussex District Cub Scouts. SCARC members helping make the Camp Allamuchy station a success was: N2WM, KC2MCN, N2ZVT and N2NHN. Also Morris RC members Hank-W2LOP (the Hudson Division Grand Ole Ham for 2004) and Bill- K2WP helped ready the station for the scouts. SCARC has a weekly net which meets each Tuesday at 8PM on the 147.300 Sussex County Repeater (151.4 Hz tone). Anyone is welcome to check-in. My thanks, again, to all the clubs who continue to send me news of their activities. N2WZB, our webmaster, and I also welcome clubs to post news of their meetings, activities and future VE sessions on our Section Web Page which is another source for more NNJ news. GSARA Past President and long time QCWA member, Jerry Havel, W2RRX became a Silent Key last month. Jerry was licensed for over 70 years and will be remembered by his many friends. Finally, I would like to extend

my thanks to all the Section appointees and volunteers for another year of dedicated work. Without your support my job would be a lot harder! On that note, the W2UDT family would like to wish everyone Season's Greetings and the Best of Luck in the New Year! 73, Bill Hudzik, W2UDT SECTION TRAFFIC Nov-04 NORTHERN NJ PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL
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Midwest Division

Kansas

Kansas Section News Summary- November 2004 SM, Ron Cowan, KB0DTI-- SEC/OOC: Robert Summers,K0BXF ASM: Orlan Cook,W0OYH SGL: Steve Hamilton, KB0JYL WØJZN-Bob Larwood of Osage City is now a Silent Key. The year is beginning to wind down now. Thank you to all of the Kansas operators that made things happen. It was good to have everyone together at the convention. It gave us an opportunity to swap stories and share some laughs. I enjoyed meeting you during Field Day this year. We have a brand new year ahead of us and new opportunities. I hope you will take advantage of them. Happy Holidays ! Pilot Knob ARC has produced 8 new licensees as a result of their fall ham class. Douglas County ARC has donated their 220 repeater to KU ARC. DCARC held a project night for their program. There were many club members that showed off their work. WARC's repeater system is back on the air. The .82 repeater is located on a TV broadcast tower East of Hutchinson and offers good coverage of that part of the state with the antennas mounted over a thousand feet up. The club is soliciting signal reports. Replacing the old antennas took a great deal of time and patience. WARC thanks all those that contributed to the effort. WARC participated with the KAKE TV/Wichita Marathon in October providing communications support for the event. The club anticipates that the number of operators needed for the event next year will be increased. Brian Short-KCØBS has been appointed Emergency Coordinator for Johnson Co. June has been re-elected President of Metropolitan Emergency Coordinating Council (MECC)for 2005. She will continue working with S.A.T.E.R.N. and become our state liaison to that organization, so we won't be losing her experience or enthusiasm. Thank you June for all of the time and effort you put into the A.R.E.S in your county Mike-WDØESF has come back to QKS-SS. Mike was an NCS years ago and is now back with us on Wednesday nites. Kansas Slow Speed Net Monday and Wednesday at 7:32 PM on 3710 KHz. Feel free to stop by and say hi. ----- From the desk of KØBXF ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator Activity for Oct. 2004: Totals: Zones 16,

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Missouri

DECEMBER 2004 MISSOURI SECTION NEWS I want to wish every one in the Missouri Section the Happiest of Holidays and a wonderful New Year. I hope that Santa puts a nice Amateur Radio accessory under every good Amateur's tree. I promised that I would give my best guess about the upcoming MO Section Hamfests schedule for 2005 and it will be located under Website on the MO Section portion of the ARRL Website. You could go to <http://www.qsl.net/k0ky/hamfst99.html> and view the latest updated version. I have indicated those that have ARRL Sanctioning with an * and as clubs get their Hamfests sanctioned and/or the date changes, I will make the necessary changes. To get a Hamfest sanctioned on line, go to <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/hamfests/> and follow the simple instructions. It was good to see Mel Whitten, KØPFX, of St. Louis area in almost every Amateur Radio Magazine. Mel is always on the cutting edge of Radio Technology and has always been generous in sharing his knowledge with Radio Clubs and at Hamfests. I've attended his demonstration of the ARO's ARD9800 and was very impressed with the quality of the communication. Congratulations Mel and thanks for being a great representative for Amateur Radio. Wayland "Mac" McKenzie, W4CHS, the Section Technical Coordinator announced that Michael Rains, KØRFI, has been appointed as a Technical Specialist for the Section. Michael has an extra class license and 5 years of experience in two-way radio systems service as well as many other qualifications. He is from Republic, MO, is an officer in the Southwest Missouri ARC and has a fondness for vacuum tube gear. CONVENTIONS & HAMFESTS January 2005 will be an exciting time for Hamfest goers all over Missouri. If you are near St. Joseph, MO, St. Louis, MO and in the Southwest area of the State there will be opportunities to enjoy a Hamfest. The first Hamfest in Missouri will be held in Willard on Jan. 8, 2005 Willard is located a few miles Northwest of Springfield, MO on Missouri Highway 160. Michael Blake, NØNQW, and the rest of the 145.49ers repeater club always have a nice Hamfest with lots of quality Flea Market goodies to buy. The Recreation Center in Willard City Park is an excellent site of a Hamfest. Admission is \$3.00 and tables go for \$8.00 each. For more info, contact Mike Blake, NØNQW at n0nqw@arrl.net, Skip Crane, AKØC at acrane@axs.net or Richard Wood, KBØMPO at rlwood@email.com. If you're in the area you should plan to attend this fun event. The 15th annual Northwest Missouri Winter Hamfest, sponsored by the Missouri Valley ARC and the Ray-Clay ARC, will be held January 15, 2005 at the Ramada Inn in St. Joseph, MO. To get to the Hamfest, take exit 47 off I-29 and go west to the Ramada Inn. Parking is limited at the

motel, but there is a very efficient shuttle bus that will transport folks from the Parking lot near Sears in the East Hills Mall. Advanced Admission will be \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00. At the door the admission is \$3.50 each or 2 for \$6.00. Tables with two chairs are \$15.00 each. There is a limited number of tables with electricity available, so it is important to reserve a table early. For Advanced tickets and tables, send your request to the Northwest MO Winter Hamfest P.O. Box 1533 St. Joseph, MO 64502. If you need more info, feel free to contact Neal Makawski, WBØHNO or Carlene Makawski, KAØIKS by phone at (816) 279-3406 or e-mail nem3238@ccp.com . There will be License Exams at 10:00 a.m. and as in the past expect to have the opportunity to attend some interesting forums. Winterfest 2005 sponsored by the St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club, Inc. will be held January 22, 2005 in the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville, Illinois. The suggested route to get to the Hamfest is to go 11 miles east of the St. Louis Arch and go south at Exit #11 from I-55 / I-70 east. There are 300 exhibitor tables with new and used Ham gear, Computers and Software. Tables will cost \$20.00 without electricity and \$25.00 with electricity, while advanced tickets are \$5.00 each (\$6.00 at the door.) For more information about the Winterfest, contact Jim Glascock at his e-mail address wØff@sbcglobal.net or by phone at (636) 584-8888. You can Mail for information to St. Louis & Suburban Radio Club P.O. Box 51 Union, MO 63084. Winterfest is one of the largest Hamfest held in the St. Louis area, so it's always worth the effort to attend. AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS: KEITH HAYE, WEØG, ACC The Heart of America Radio Club is looking for a new Webmaster for their internet WebPages. John Chevalier, WØJRC, the current Webmaster, finds it necessary to step down because other demands on his time. I know that HARC appreciates John's efforts and understand how important a good website is to their club. Volunteers can contact Dennis Crawford at nØuyn@swbell.net . The St. Charles ARC has announced the winner of this year's Home Brew contest. Art Goodall, KCØKNU, has built a complete emergency station constructed on a dedicated trailer. The emergency radio station operates on battery power and includes a gasoline generator and antenna system. The system is not only efficient, but looks great. Congratulations to Art and the SCARC for a great effort. On November 20, 2004, the Joplin ARC held a special event in honor the Legacy of Letha Dangerfield, WØOUD. Letha who passed away in 2003 became blind in the 1930s but earned her Amateur Radio license, served as a Wartime Telegraph operator, earned certification as a cryptographer and handled traffic on CW into Joplin for over 50 years. The Callaway Amateur Radio League's repeater is functioning great and they thank Bill Hall, KBØNXX, and Ron Erxleben, WØIFL, for maintaining the equipment. Also, Tom Wetherell, NØVGW, has been keeping the site and road mowed. CARL is sponsoring a Red Cross Certification course for its membership. They will be viewing the Red Cross tapes at their meeting. Amateurs that wish to be certified by the Red Cross for disaster relief must view this tape and take an open book examination. Al Schulman, WØDRT, has had three great years as the President of the Mississippi Valley DX and Contest Club. During his tenure he has lead the club to triple its membership and the meetings have had good presentations that were of interest to Amateur Radio Operators. There are lots more that Al and MVDXCC has accomplished, but space is limited. Stepping forward to take on the leadership roles at MVDXCC are incoming President: Joe Duerbusch, KØBX, Vice-Pres.: Paul Haefner, KØJPL and Treasurer: Jim Wellinghoff, KØSBH. This is a great leadership team for the club. SECTION ARES REPORT FOR

NOVEMBER 2004 DON MOORE, KMØR SEC Total # of ARES members: 881 Change since last month: +21 Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 108 Man hours: 990 Number of public service events this month: 3 Man hours: 45 Number of emergency operations this month: 4 Man hours: 16 Total number of ARES operations this month: 115 Total Man hours: 1051 Comments: 6 of 9 districts reporting. The ARES® Winlink PMBO in Central Missouri now has HF access on 80 meters along with the VHF and UHF access that was already available. I am working on getting an individual to promote the Winlink system across the section and hope to have that setup by year end. SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER 2004 DALE HUFFINGTON, AEØS, STM MO Phone Sessions 30 QNI 599 QTC 79 NM KØDAT MESN Sessions 5 QNI 155 QTC 2 NM AEØS

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; Section Traffic Manager K1HEJ; Technical Coordinator N1KHB. The entire Section cabinet and I wish you a peaceful and happy holiday season and a safe, happy New Year. Thank you for your support and all you do for Amateur Radio in CT. As I reflect on the activities of this year, I am heartened by the willingness of so many to take up the challenge and become leaders. Because of your encouragement and your insistence on moving forward technologically and in areas of service, I have had to add to the leadership staff. Happily, I was able to recruit some super leaders. Now we have the CT ARES Leadership Council (which I affectionately call the CALC) consisting of ASMs/ASECs W1AGP, N1FNE, K1BRF and N1YAE with SEC AB1CR its chairperson and leader. Our Technical Coordinator Joe, N1KHB reports that there are approximately 15 people registered for the "How to do stuff" course. There may still be slots available so contact Joe asap if you are interested. Email: n1knb@aol.com. Several of you are writing letters to your legislators encouraging them to support our effort at a PRB-1 bill in CT. SGL Mike, K1MK and I have been heartened by your enthusiasm, interest, quality letters and thoughtful suggestions and questions for us. This is all good because when you interact with the Section, we become a better team. During December, my cabinet members collectively visited the Candlewood Amateur Radio Assn., The Meriden Amateur Radio Club, The Valley Amateur Radio Association, the Chippens Repeater Club/Bristol Amateur Radio Club, and the Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club along with a talk by the SEC at the Newington Amateur Radio League in November. I can't help but publicly thank The Meriden Amateur Radio Club for presenting me with a wonderfully-worded framed certificate complimenting my leadership and service to this Section for almost 15 years. I am deeply touched by their thoughtfulness and mean to celebrate it with the leadership because it is their work and all of your encouragement, support and volunteer time that make this Section as successful as it is. Thank you all. Our State Nutmeg Ham Fest had an excellent turnout this year—I know that many of you look forward to coming

out to Wallingford. It has become quite well known and an effort I encouraged a few years after I took office. The Newington Amateur Radio League expanded its ham fest to two days—that effort, too, was quite successful and a lot of fun. I know that the plan is to add to the ham fest next year so we can all look forward to that. All of the ham fests in the Section were well attended which is good news. Our Simulated Emergency Test drew a large participation: approximately half of all registered ARES members participated in the test; the national average is about 25 percent. Many more EOC's were on the air as well as the American Red Cross station in Farmington. This successful effort is due to the excellent work done by the Ecs DEC's and the net managers. Happily, we have a full complement of DEC's and net managers. On behalf of the Section, I extend our sympathy to DEC Sky Warn Phil, WX1CT on the death of his mother and just three weeks later, the death of his father Sol, KA1ZBL. You can email Phil with your comments of concern and support at wx1ct@arrl.net. Pete KZ1Z told me that Sol was his mentor when he did his student teaching in Greenwich! See you next month—peace to you all.
Vy 73, Betsey, K1EIC SM CT

Eastern Massachusetts

As most of you no doubt know, I've decided to take a break in my Section Manager duties and not seek re-election for a third term. Mike Neilsen, W1MPN who currently serves as Section Emergency Coordinator, ran unopposed for the two-year, 2005-2006 term of office for SM. I know that Mike will make a wonderful Section Manager! I hope that everyone in the section will give W1MPN their unqualified support as he takes over the reigns on January 1, 2005. I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of my staff who so aptly assisted me with the conducting the business of the section. They've done a great job of making me "look good." In alphabetical order by appointment, they are: ASM - Elaine Chase, N1GTB; ASM - Stan Laine, WA1ECF; ASM - Bob Salow, WA1IDA; ACC - Frank Murphy, N1DHW; BM - Mike Ardai, N1IST; OOC - Mike Goldberg, K1LJN; PIC - Jim Duarte, N1IV; SEC - Mike Neilsen, W1MPN; STM - Jim Ward, N1LKJ; SGL - Shawn O'Donnell, K3HI; TC - Ed Parish, K1EP President George W. Bush has emphasized the volunteer spirit of Americans helping Americans. In his inaugural speech, he said, "I have spoken of a Thousand Points of Light, of all the community organizations that are spread like stars throughout the Nation, doing good. We will work hand in hand, encouraging, sometimes leading, sometimes being led, rewarding." I'd like to use my last Monthly Summary column to underscore the accomplishments of a few of our "Points of Light"—deserving amateurs and ham radio organizations in EMA who have made lasting contributions to our hobby-service and to their communities. On Cape Cod, Frank O'Laughlin, WQ1O has served admirably as the area's District Emergency Coordinator. Frank has spent countless hours training others in emergency communications skills, and in planning and conducting exercises and simulated emergency tests for the Cape and Islands. I'm especially impressed by the community service shown by the Nashoba Valley ARC. Its dedicated members have participated in numerous public service events, including "Adopt-A-Highway" projects in which they've cleaned up debris along local roads and highways. Pepperell, Groton and other adjacent towns hold Amateur Radio in high regard, thanks to the efforts of NVARC. J.C. Cunningham, W1AI, "Pi" Pugh, K1RV, and other volunteers in the USS Salem ARC have a

winning formula for introducing youngsters to ham radio. The club conducts regular tours of the museum ship's radio rooms. They provide live ham radio contacts on HF, VHF and IRLP. J.C., Pi and company have provided literally thousands of impressionable youths with their first contact to our wonderful hobby. The USS Salem group is always looking for new volunteers from the amateur community to assist with this exciting project. Framingham Amateur Radio Association member Donna La Roche, a first-grade teacher at the Winn Brook elementary school in Belmont, has accomplished great things in weaving ham radio into her daily classroom curriculum. La Roche has implemented a "Big Project" almost on her own. She's received valuable assistance from other FARA members; in particular, Martin Bayes, AA1ON. One of our section's "unsung heroes" is Bob Zeida, N1BLF, of North Dartmouth. Zeida continues his selfless work in the production of audio materials for visually impaired and blind amateurs across the country on behalf of the Courage Center Handiham program in Golden Valley, Minnesota. Bob records material from QST and WorldRadio, as well as many ARRL publications like the ARRL Emergency Communications Course manual. Zeida has recorded tens of thousands of hours of materials for others. Boston Amateur Radio Club member Frank Murphy, N1DHW, of Cambridge, is to be commended for his devotion in the area of emergency communications and disaster relief. Murphy truly epitomizes the idea that "there is no greater reward than that of helping a person in need." N1DHW heads up Boston Salvation Army SATERN. He is also responsible for SATERN activities over a multi-state area. Murphy has organized numerous emergency exercises; he's also played a key role in setting up the Salvation Army's Emergency Operations Center in Boston, along with their mobile communications van. Members of the Marconi Radio Club have done yeomen's work over the years in promoting the life and accomplishments of the hobby's "first" amateur: Guglielmo Marconi. Through several spectacular events and displays, the Marconi club, led by Bob "Whitey" Doherty, K1VV has created wonderful public relations opportunities for Amateur Radio. They've opened the eyes of the general public to this great radio pioneer's accomplishments, and to our hobby. The Billerica Amateur Radio Society's Bruce Anderson, W1LUS, has given selflessly of his time year after year in teaching ham radio classes and in participating in Amateur Radio volunteer exams. Many an amateur radio operator in the Merrimack Valley owes his or her ticket to Bruce's patient and dedicated role as a teacher and mentor. Last year, W1LUS was a nominee for the prestigious Herb. S. Brier Instructor of the Year award. It's unfortunate that the ARRL awards the Brier prize to only one deserving recipient. Another local amateur from EMA was the winner of the national prize in 2003: Ed Weiss, W1NXC, of the Framingham Amateur Radio Association. In a touching display of love and admiration, the FARA club honored Ed at a special banquet. New England Division Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI and I were on hand to award the plaque to W1NXC. Ed has touched so many lives of folks in the FARA community. A show of hands indicated that the vast majority of members received their licenses, or had upgraded as a result of Ed Weiss' efforts as teacher and Elmer. A consistent leader (cheerleader? ;-)) of the SKYWARN program in Southern New England is Rob Macedo, KD1CY of New Bedford. A member of the Southeastern MA Amateur Radio Association, Rob has dedicated incredible amounts of time and energy to ensure that the National Weather Service has hundreds of extra "eyes and ears" providing ground truth during severe weather outbreaks. Over the years, Rob has traveled throughout a four-state area to provide training seminars and coordination for

individuals and nets. Last year, KD1CY was awarded one of only 36 nation-wide NOAA Environmental Hero Awards for Earth Day. These are just a few of the Thousand Points of Light that shine brightly in our Eastern Massachusetts section. I know that I've failed to mention many other deserving individuals and groups. For this, I apologize. But it's been an honor to know these Points of Light and to report on their activities over the past four years. It's been a humbling experience for me. It's made me feel proud to call myself an Amateur Radio operator. Perhaps most of all, it serves as a valuable reminder that--regardless of how new or how old we are, whether we're experienced or inexperienced amateurs—through our actions, we can make a huge difference in the lives of others. Thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve as your Section Manager. Very 73, K9HI CL

Rhode Island

Greetings fellow Rhode Islanders: This season of Hanukkah and Christmas is a busy time for all of us. There's not enough time to do everything we have to do. As of the time I'm preparing this report, we're in the midst of the season with a little less than two weeks until Christmas. Duffy Egan, KB1EJB has completed his Level III Advanced Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course (EC-003) course. That makes him only the fourth RI graduate at this top level. Noteworthy is the fact that one of these four, N1NVE now lives in Massachusetts, leaving only three top grads in the Ocean State. Other than Duffy as Level III graduates, we have Matt Hackmann KB1FUP and Kevin O'Connor WJ1H. A fairly elite club, for sure. Our up and growing ARES family can use skills such as these as it continues to grow under the watchful eye of our SEC, KE1EH. The total number of RI grads still living in RI stands now at 28. Another elite group we have in our state just grew a bit this month. The A-1 Operator Club in RI is in process of gaining two new members. I prefer not to name them here in the event they haven't received the news through official channels yet, but I'm so very pleased that I wanted to report the event to our RI League members. What is the A-1 Operator Club? Far too many ARRL members in the country don't know that answer. Simply, it is the top peer recognition of excellence as an Amateur that an individual Amateur can receive. It is considered the most meaningful to the recipient because this award cannot be requested or applied for. Amateurs deserving membership must be recognized without request, by existing A-1 Ops in the country who observe the candidate on the air and go to the trouble of nominating the operator. Fewer than 4500 hams living or SK have ever been recognized by being offered this special membership. We only have a handful of living A-1 Ops in RI and I feel we deserve many more, especially after listening to the sharp techniques I've observed in recent contests. Read full details about the A-1 Operator Club on the ARRL website at <http://www.arrl.org/awards/a1-op/>. Only three months after being appointed SEC, Sean Brennan KE1AB has submitted his first draft of the RI Emergency Communications Plan to me for my review. From a cold start, this is remarkable and I'd like to publicly acknowledge Sean's astounding level of commitment and his hard work. Thanks Sean. RI ARES has you to thank for the fact that it's coming back, bigger and better than ever. Sean is continuing to recruit ARES members and is especially looking for leadership candidates such as the advanced ARECC graduates this report referred to earlier.

ARES membership in general is continuing to grow. Please download an fsd-98 ARES application from the ARRL website by clicking on fsd-98 and after filling it out, send it to Sean electronically or if you insist, by US Postal service. His full contact information is on our RI website <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=RI> as well as the entire ARRL team in Rhode Island. As far as I can tell, the national ARRL Holiday Toy program will finish up being a great success. Toys and games continued arriving well past the Nov 25th stated end date and are probably still arriving by box even truck full. It's safe to say that more than 2000 items have been delivered to the White Dove warehouse for distribution to the children in Florida who will be forced into spending Hanukkah or Christmas in a shelter or other temporary home following the loss of their homes. I can tell you that this number FAR exceeds the most generous guess officials of the White Dove program had estimated. Congratulations and thanks to the kind and thoughtful leaders at ARRL who launched this timely humanitarian effort as well as the many donors. It proves that hams are generous folks and can do what needs to be done, not only push a PTT button on a radio. Refurbishing work will soon be underway to our RI ARRL website, www.ri.arrl.org. There have been some problems that are now being addressed. Once these issues are worked out, we all should see our website regain current status. I wish I could promise a date but believe me, several interested parties and strong shoulders are leaning on the wheel, so I can assure you that progress will not become bogged down. All of our clubs are holding their holiday parties throughout December. I wish I could attend every one of them. Honestly, I do. However, the practicalities of life limit the number for me to two this year. Last Saturday, I had the great pleasure of being part of Fidelity ARC's party hosted by Pete W1LAB and Marshall Lawson. My own club's (BVARC) party is Dec 27th. Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all my fellow Rhode Islanders and please remain safe as you enjoy bringing in the year 2005. 73 from all of your ARRL Section Staff, Bob Beudet, W1YRC Section Manager

Northwestern Division

Oregon

Oregon SM: Randy Stimson KZ7T. SEC: KK7TT. SCC: W7WZ. ACC: K7SQ. STM: W7IZ. OOC: AB7OC. PIC: W6ABM. TC: WB7UNU: SGL KA7KYQ. This being Christmas time I feel that a request for your help would be appropriate. Sharon Kennedy, AC7UK (Emergency Manager for Hillsboro) wrote the following article. This will be a tight situation but I will give it a try. You can get on the web and help someone else. "Dear CERT and ARES Members: The Hillsboro Fire Department's physician advisor, Dr. Mike Shertz, has cancer; and he is in need of a bone marrow transplant. To assist in that effort, there will be a bone marrow drive at St. Vincent Hospital's Emergency Department on: ~ Wednesday, December 8th (tomorrow!), 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. ~ Wednesday, December 15th, 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. There is a fee to the donor. For this drive, it is \$65, which pays for the necessary lab work. However, there is a grant to pay the first \$40 per person, so the cost to each donor will be \$25. Although the chances of anyone local being a perfect match for Dr. Shertz are small, participation by other people just like you in similar drives around the county will help to find him a match somewhere. Please consider

joining the bone marrow registry. You can read all about it at the National Marrow Donor Program website: <http://www.marrow.org/>. The website contains information about the bone marrow donation program, as well as stories of lives that have been saved. The website also tells you exactly what you're in for when you show up to the bone marrow drive and if you are later found to be a potential match for someone who needs a transplant. Check it out to see what is involved: http://www.marrow.org/DONOR/steps_of_donation.html. Thanks for listening!

Sharon P.S. I'd say I'll see you there, but I'm already on the registry. We did a similar drive for one of our firefighters a few years ago. Sharon Kennedy, AC7UK City of Hillsboro Emergency Manager” I just found out that the grant will pay all expenses We have new officers for the Oregon Tualatin Valley ARC (OTVARC). They are Don Stettler, KK7TN President, Everett Curry, W6ABM Vice President, Dick Rutledge KE7BOS Secretary and Alvin Carlson KB7VHI Treasurer. Pat Roberson sent me a very complete report as to the East Multnomah County ARES group. Thank you Pat I have a lot of ARECC graduates. Some of them were earlier this year but I am going to list them all by first name and call. ARECC level #1 John KA7BRZ, Rick KD7THV, Patrick KC7TOA, Hal KC7ZZB, Howard KD7ZLF, Richard KE7BOS, Joel KE7ANV, ED KC7ZBI, Ben N7OGM, Bill KD7EFP, Chick KD7KSD, Wayne K7EX, Dick WA2KGB, Phil WA6ZLV, Dick K7OER, Don KK7TN, Paul KC7PMU, Brenden KD7LAH, Eric KD7DNM. ARECC level #2 Howard KD7ZLF, Don KK7TN, Phil WA6ZLV, Kevin NB7O. Stephen K7SLL passed ARECC level #3 Kevin KD7ONS and Patricia KD7PZO have been Certified as mentors for ARECC levels 1-2-3 Traffic; W7IZ 303, N7YSS 190, N7CM 137, KC7SRL 48, KD7ZLF 45, KC7SGM 36, W7VSE 35 and N7APE 12 PSHR; KZ7T 170, KD7ZLF 165, KD5ONS 164, N7CM 110, N7YSS 110, N7EAJ 102, KC7SGM 86, KK7TN 84, W7VSE 84 and KL7OR 80 I have a Web Site and it is kz7t-oregonsm.org. Take a look. It is in transition and will be changing as time goes on.

Western Washington

SEC Jim, K7CEX reports that the first gathering of folks interested in helping develop and deploy a digital network for emergency communications, state wide, was very successful. There were over 25 participants with lots of ideas and discussions. The meeting was facilitated by SM Ed Bruette, at Camp Murray. A group has been formed under the direction of Bill Vodall WA7NWP to coordinate and steer the planning of such a network. Stand by for more information next year, we are going to need lots of help. Speaking of next year; may you all have a great holiday season with your families and friends. Maybe Santa will bring you a new rig to ring in the new year with. District 1: Snohomish County: November was a month of little activity due to the change leadership. The leadership change has been well received with members expressing the highest respect for Ed, WA7ETH and gratitude for his leadership and service. Since we have already held our December meeting I will provide information about the meeting and results as well. We are beginning to communicate closely with several of the hospitals as we move toward installation of new emergency communications equipment. I will keep you posted on the progress of this project. We can anticipate installations to begin in December. Island County: ARES/RACES meeting held on 10 November. Next meeting to be held on 12 January 2005. John Acton K7ACT, John Bolte W0QJM, and Bob Roesner

WB7WOW attended the EC meeting on 13 November at the HamFest. A lot of work has been done on the EOC in Coupeville this Month. John Acton K7ACT and Frank Hammonds N7UEW, attended the Island County TableTop exercise held on 30 November 2004. SkyWarn Class are coming up on 9 December and will be held at the County Annex building in Coupeville. Skagit County: EC-RO Ken Koster, N7IPB/AEC Bob Roesner, WB7WOW and AEC Craig Peterson, N7UQA attended the District EC Conference at the Mount Baker Flea Market/Hamfair on 13 Nov. . Skagit ARES/RACES is planning another Team wide meeting in Mount Vernon for 11 December at the County E911 Center in Mount Vernon. Again, seasons greeting to all from the Skagit Team and 73! District 2 Jefferson County has now moved into their new EOC with more than double the room and facilities. ARES/RACES volunteers assisted in the move and set up operations. District 3 Lewis County ARES was called out to provide communication support for a search. Mason County hosted a Medical Services Team training session for the District. Team members from Thurston County participated in the annual Olympia Holiday Parade. District 4 COWLITZ County: November 3 – Nominations for LCARA 2005 Club Officers were opened as well as the committee met to select the Ham of the Year. The announcement of the Officers and Ham of the Year will be at the Christmas Dinner in December Note from the DEC # 4, Randy NU7D: I am looking for anyone who would be interested in being EC for Wahkiakum County and for Skamania County. The person must be a member of ARRL and it would be helpful to have Internet capability. Contact me at 360-425-9184 or nu7d@arrl.net. District M The training meeting in Mason Co on MST Procedures & Forms was well attended; King Co training meeting was on Pandemic Influenza, plus an excellent video called "Cascadia: Hidden Fire". DEC Marina began new position as Communications Specialist for WA. St Dept. of Health on 12/1, to oversee installing amateur radios in all hospitals in the state. She will be in a position to coordinate hospital communications throughout the state and is looking forward to meeting with the local team leaders in the various counties. STM Report November proved to be an unusual month. We had more traffic handled by individual stations than were handled on Washington State Section and local nets. Numbers of check-ins (QNI) were up but the amount of traffic handled (QTC) slipped just a little from the previous month. All stations reporting had good numbers but there were a few stations that either aren't reporting this month or are late with their reports. We had two stations qualify for Brass Pounders League this past month. Congratulations to Jere Felten, W7TVA and Bill Frazier, W7ARC. Both had out standing numbers for the month of November. December is here and all of us should be thinking about sending Season's Greetings to our friends and loved ones. Why not send a radiogram also? It's good practice and they can be sent on any of the traffic nets. I'm sure you can think of someone who would like to get a personal greeting via ham radio, as well as a card to wish them the best of the holiday season and a prosperous New Year. Wishing you all the very best of Season Greetings, Bill Frazier, W7ARC

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Pacific Division

East Bay

Season Greeting to all. Amateur Radio Club of Alameda (ARCA) ARCA meets on the fourth Friday of the month at 7:00 pm in 522 W. Midway Ave., on Alameda Point, Alameda, CA. ARCA participated in its fourth ARRL contest weekend during the first weekend of December. This was the first use of the club's new call sign, KG6WJF. Most members had never made a contact on 160 meters so this early December contest was just the chance to break-in the far lefthand position of the bandswitch. We strung a half wave dipole up as high as we could get it and fed it with several sections of coax. With a little judicious tuning, the antenna came into resonance at 1.845 KHz. This was frequency was right in the middle of the contest activity. The bandwidth of this antenna was narrower than expected (about 85 KHz between 2:1 SWR points) but the rigs didn't seem to have trouble coupling power to the line. The top band seemed to come alive right in sync with the setting sun. There were plenty of signals to be heard all during the dark hours. This is definitely a night time contest. It was great fun experiencing the similarities to other bands as well as the differences. We didn't work any DX stations but did work 41 different ARRL sections. Those multipliers sure do help the points add up. The next planned multi-operator club contest activity is the International DX phone contest in March 5-6, 2005. Alameda County Sheriff's Comm Team (ACSCT) (Bob Vallio, W6RGG) November turned out to be a rather interesting month. Our Team meeting featured the FCC District Director giving us a demonstration of the latest in direction-finding technology, and explaining the mission and methodology of today's FCC. Fortunately we had good weather for the event. The Team was called out to Union City, to assist the ALCO SAR unit in the search for a missing fifteen-year-old boy. Team members who responded included Gene Alga, KA6FIY; Marcus Bell, KE6LEV; Ti Connelly, NJ6T; Steve Hawes, WB6UZX; David Harnish, AD6ME; and Bob Vallio, W6RGG. The young man was discovered at the San Francisco TransBay Terminal, and everyone was quite happy to hear that good news. There is no Team membership meeting on December 1, as we are holding our annual Holiday Dinner on that night. I hope to see you there. The next regularly scheduled Team meeting will be on the first Wednesday of 2005, January 5. I hope to see everyone there. Bring a prospective new member. A little news blurb from KY6R: I started DX-ing 3 years ago, and have earned 8BDXCC (12M endorsement just being applied for - the last band I needed for 80 - 10M), DXCC Challenge and have 291 confirmed entities. I did this using 200 watts or less and wire antennas. Speaking of antennas, I gave a presentation at Pacificon called "DX-ing With Wire" both during Fridays Antenna Forum as well as during Saturday's presentations. It went over so well that I have been invited to give it again at 3 Bay Area ham radio club meetings. When I saw the original list of presentations I thought "Where's the DX presentations?". So I put one together and I am very glad that I did. I normally wouldn't toot my own horn, but these accomplishments are the biggest I have made in my 32 years as a Ham. Mt Diablo ARC Trevor Hall, WA6JAU Yes, the holiday season has started. We just celebrated Thanksgiving, and I want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. We have a lot to be thankful for at MDARC. We had a very memorable PACIFICON, the ATV repeater is

running great again, and the new ATV controller is well on its way to being in service. Thank you everyone on the technical committee that has donated their time and effort to making our systems the best in the Bay area. Thank you everyone that attended the tech committee meeting at the repeater site, and special thanks to Keith, N6PMF, Howard, KE6PTT, Trevor, KG6MDW, for all the extra trips you made to complete needed repairs. If you have not attended a tech meeting yet, mark your calendar on the first Saturday of the month and try to attend. There should not be a meeting, though, on January 1. December is the month for celebration and the Holiday party will be held on December 17th. Santa will be attending, so please contact Janice Fujii, KG6VTD. Thanks to Pete Slagle's help, we mailed the 2005 ballots. Thanks Pete for your help on such short notice. If you cannot come to the Holiday party on December 17th, please mail your completed ballot to the club mailbox before the party. I have many volunteers to thank this year, without your help it would be impossible to have a club. We had four people volunteer to run for the position of director. That commitment is greatly appreciated. Thank you Jerry Gardner, W6UV, for all the Carriers you have created. NTS report November 2004 Steve Hawes, WB6UZX Orig 0 Recd 28 / Sent 16 Deld 9 TOT 53 PSHR: 1/40 2/40 3/10 4/10 5/20
Total 120

Nevada

Greetings to everyone in the Nevada Section! I am saddened to report that ARRL and the entire amateur community have lost another great supporter. Al Walker KD7MXR passed away Saturday, November 27, after being diagnosed with terminal spinal cancer. Al held an appointment as an Official Emergency Station (OES) and was one of the mainstays of the Douglas County Amateur Radio Team (ARES/RACES). Whenever the call went out for volunteers, Al was always one of the first to respond. We all learned a great deal from Al and will miss him greatly. Assistant Section Manager (ASM) Gary Hartman KK7LV seems to be slowing down in his old age. He only participated in seven amateur radio events in November, including three club meetings, two planning sessions, a two-day bike race and Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting. I am sure once he retires, however, he will be able to get more involved. As always, my hat is off to Gary for all his hard work. On Friday and Saturday, December 4th and 5th, amateur radio stations and operators throughout the country participated in SKYWARN Recognition Day activities and Nevada was no exception. Amateur radio stations were brought online at National Weather Service offices in Reno, Elko and Las Vegas, resulting in hundreds of contacts around the country and around the world. For more information on SKYWARN Recognition Day, check out <http://hamradio.noaa.gov/> December 11th saw an EMCOMMWEST 2005 planning meeting in Reno followed by a quarterly Washoe County ARES meeting. EMCOMMWEST 2005 is being planned to be a major event to be held May 14-15 at the Reno Holiday Inn. Mark Spencer WA8SME will be flying out from ARRL Headquarters to present our Keynote Address and our Banquet speaker will be Gordon West WB6NOA. With a parking lot swap meet on Saturday, it will be an event you won't want to miss. Check <http://emcommwest.org/> for more information. Southern District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) Glenn Hale KB7REO reports additions and changes in his district. The biggest news was the appointment of Ron Payne WB5KLJ of Goldfield as the Esmeralda

County Emergency Coordinator (EC). Betty Field AB7LJ of Pahrump has stepped down as South Nye County EC due to personal reasons and Jerry Fuge KC6ILH will be the new EC. Fred Jones KE7APH will be the area's new RACES Officer and Assistant EC. Clark County EC Charlie Kunz AB5QJ reports that of the thirty-two hams who supported communications for the MS150 Bike Ride, twenty-nine were ARES/RACES members. The ride went from the Las Vegas Speedway to Mesquite through the Valley of Fire on Saturday, November 6, and the return ride went from Mesquite to the Speedway along I-15 the following day. Thanks to the Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club for the use of the Communications Trailer for the MS150 Command Post. Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) Don Carlson KQ6FM reports that his organization recently set up a Saturday morning ARES Leadership Net via IRLP in order to provide better dialogue and communication between all areas of the state, especially between Northern and Southern DECs. Their first attempt was a good one with SEC and both DECs having a good conversation. For more information on IRLP see <http://www.irlp.net/> or contact Section Technical Coordinator Kent Johnson W7AOR . As we enter the final holiday season for 2004, I would like to thank all members of the ARRL Field Organization for their hard work and support. Without their commitment to improving the ARRL and the amateur community, many of the technical advancements and emergency responses we tend to take for granted would never happen. I also wish all ARRL members health and happiness for the New Year. Never forget it is your support of ARRL that keeps the amateur radio service moving forward. 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, WADG, SNARS

Sacramento Valley

Well, we are finally on the last lap of the year 2004. It has been an interesting year for amateur radio. The threat of Broadband Over the Power Line (BPL) does not seem to go away. The FCC has approved it, with some limitations, but several of the tests by power companies have been dropped, so there is hope that it will eventually go away. There are so many other means of broadband internet access that are more efficient, but the FCC is being pushed by the White House to develop BPL. In the section, several large fires kept the ARES groups busy. They did an outstanding job supporting the Red Cross, Salvation Army and Government agencies. Let us hope that this winter will not bring floods or extra heavy snow fall, so that the ARES groups can rest and train for the next year's emergencies. HAMFEST: The Three Rivers Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club will host a Winter Communications Weekend and Winter Hamfest, complete with emergency communications-related forums, workshops and exhibits on Saturday, February 5, beginning at 0800, and a swapmeet/fleamarket on February 6, 0800 – 1200. Indoor/outdoor tables and tailgate spaces are \$10 for sellers, no fee for buyers. Location is 2125 E. Onstott Rd. (eastside frontage on Hwy 99), Yuba City. Talk-in on 146.085+, WD6AXM/R, Contact Mike, W6CUJ at 530-632-8080 or 530-673-1460. Web site: <http://threerivers.redcross.org/hamfest/>. There will be an open-house

for the regional communication center. **ARRL MEMBERSHIP:** The League has announced membership awards as follows: Gary Stilwell, KI6T, of Fair Oaks, for 50 years of ARRL membership. Jettie Hill, W6RFF, of Roseville, for 60 years of membership. Membership in the League is important in the fight to retain the frequencies and rights of the Radio Amateur Operator. Many dollars and time is being expended to work with the FCC, Congress and Government Agencies – also with the International Telecommunications Union. Although the amateur population has increased over the years, the ARRL membership has not kept pace with the increase. The League is the only recognized voice for all amateurs in the United States. **SECTION REPORT:** I am running late this month, with this section news. The furnace in my house went out, and I had to get a new one. The furnace is in the attic and the access is through a closet in the shack, so many years of accumulation of junk and stuff is stacked around the rig and computer. Heat is on, but the building inspector wrote up 3 things wrong with the installation, so am waiting for them to return to make the changes and then again for the inspector!! **DIVISION DIRECTORS MEETING:** Director, W6RGG, called a meeting of Section Manager, Assistant Directors and Club Officers. Several subjects were discussed and suggestions made for the Director to take to the ARRL Board meeting in January. If you have suggestions, complaints, ideas, etc, then contact W6RGG and explain your wishes to him, for possible presentation to the BOD. Sent to w6rgg@arrl.org. **YUBA SUTTER ARC:** The club will be holding Technician classes in January and February 2005. They also will be holding classes for those that would like to be a Volunteer Examiner. The club provided communications for the annual Veteran's Day parade – seven hams helped out. **BERRYESSA ARK:** The club reports that their repeater escaped damage during the fire on Berryessa Peak. Approximately 40,000 acres were burnt. Power was lost to the site, but the 2 meter repeater continued to operate on battery power. **HOLIDAYS:** The end of the year is with us again and clubs are holding Parties, Electing club officers, etc. This is a good time to put something back into amateur radio by becoming a club officer or committee chair or member. The clubs are only as good as the effort that is put into them by the members and officers. **CLUB OFFICERS:** Please go to the ARRL web page and click on clubs, find your clubs information and update it for the officers of 2005. The League needs this information to be able to refer hams to your club's meetings etc. Also please keep the club web page up to date, this helps me as well as HQ. **MISC:** I want to thank all of those appointees and volunteers that have put in many hours during the year to help amateur radio and public service. The ARES groups can be proud of their actions during the year. Each club can be proud of their club, officers and members. I want to wish every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope to see you in 2005. 73, Jettie

San Joaquin Valley

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of November 2004: SM Charles McConnell, W6DPD- ASMs K6YK and W6FRH, ACC W6DPD, SEC N6ZFN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC KE6IGJ, TC W6TE. Greetings from the ARRL San Joaquin Valley Section. Happy Holidays to all!! Emergency Coordinators are needed in Mono and Calaveras Counties. Contact N6ZFN (n6zfn@ares-races.net) or W6DPD (w6dpd@arrl.org) if you can help. W6FRH

is as Assistant SM. N6RDY is the new EC for Mariposa County. Mark your calendars. The International DX Convention (Visalia) is April 15-17, 2005. EMCOMM West will be 13-15, 2005 in Reno. Pacificon 05 will be October 14-16, 2005 at the San Ramon Marriott. 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. Need to take an Amateur exam? Check the ARRL web page, www.arrl.org for exam information. 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. The Daytime Region 6 Traffic Net meets daily at 3:30 pacific time on or near 7.275 MHZ. It is my sad duty to report that W6JOD, N6NMM and W7FMD have become a Silent Keys. They will be missed. Congratulations to the following on completing the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Courses: Level One: AE6GY: Level Two: W6DWF: Level Three: KO6UW The Sierra ARC, WA6YBN, was fourth in the nation in 2004 FD 3A battery. Way to go!! The Kern County Central Valley ARC manned the road and weather net on their repeaters during the Thanksgiving weekend. The Mountain ARC provided communications for the Mountain Heritage Days Parade. The officers for 2005 are pres WA6ONA, vp WA6LTO, sec W6LSU, and treas W6NDR. The club meets the 4th Thursday in Oakhurst. The web page is located at www.w6bw.org. The officers for the Stockton-Delta ARC for 2005 are pres WB6NVB, VP W6INP, sec KG6EFD, and treas N6LHL The club meets the second Thursday in Stockton. The web page is located at <http://home.comcast.net/~jjkester>. The Clovis Amateur Pioneers participated in the White Dove project to send toys to Florida. The San Joaquin Valley ARS is a new club in Fresno. WS6X operated from KP4US during the CQ WW CW Contest. W6XK has 2 elements on 80 meters. Traffic for November was K6RAU 10 and N6SUZ 14 for a total of 24. PSHR K6RAU 63 and N6SUZ 51.

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. Several times in the last month I have been asked by club officers if other clubs are experiencing a decline in membership, and if I have any suggestions about what can they do to perk up their club. I do, and I hope you will forgive me for being long-winded this month. Some of these clubs have even considered going from monthly to quarterly meetings. While I realize for some regional and specialty clubs quarterly meetings might make sense, in my opinion this is not a good idea for a regular local club. Local clubs that switch to quarterly meetings will only accelerate the exodus from their clubs. Less personal contact with other members means less personal interest, and it won't be long after that before many members stop attending or paying dues altogether. Missing only one quarterly meeting means that a member won't see other members for half a year! Keep monthly meetings going even if the attendance is not as large as

you would like it to be. It is not numbers that make a good club, it's the quality of the experience. There are three main reasons people join organizations: to socialize, to learn from others, and to be of service to others. Each person's dominant reason will change over time, and family, career and medical matters will affect their ability to participate also. So, members will naturally come and go, but our clubs will remain viable if they can meet those three reasons for most of their members. Clubs of all types, not just amateur radio, are experiencing a decline in membership. This is a national trend, and the reasons for this are beyond the scope of my column, but it appears that amateur radio is not alone with this problem. Some civic organizations are reporting they have less than half of the members they did thirty years ago. One encouraging sign for us is that the latest generation of young people and adults seem to be more interested in volunteering and joining organizations than their recent predecessors. We need to make this trend work for us, and I will discuss that in more detail next month. As for things you can do now to improve interest in your club, there are several things that I discussed at a hamfest forum a few years ago which I have included here below. It's not comprehensive, and it won't work for all clubs, but I offer it here as "food for thought." I hope you find something helpful. Many of these suggestions can apply to ARES groups, too.

Top Ten Things A Good Club Should Have:

10. Interesting meetings. If you only have boring business meetings, then people will stop coming to your meetings. Make sure that you have an interesting program as a part of most meetings. If you must discuss a lot of business during certain meetings, consider playing a short 10-15 minute videotape program, such as those from the ARRL Video collection (<http://www.arrl.org/ead/videos.html>)
9. Welcoming committee. Make sure that any guests are made to feel welcome. This could be as simple as having someone look for newcomers and making an effort to shake hands and talk to them. Introduce guests during your meetings so everyone will know who to greet after the meeting.
8. Social Activities. A club should have some activities where the whole point is for the members to get to know each other better. If your members become friends, then it is more likely they will continue to come to your meetings and volunteer for the club. If there is no opportunity for members of your club to socialize, then your club will be filled with strangers who won't feel a bond to the club, and probably won't participate in your activities or run for club office.
7. Operating Events (both Public Service and Amateur-only events). Clubs should provide a variety of opportunities for members to get on the air. This will enrich the Amateur experience of your members, and make your club an asset to your community.
6. Personal Contact with its Members. Make sure that you make some personal contact with all of your members, especially if they do not attend meetings regularly. Newsletters are important, but there is nothing that will motivate your membership more than personal contact. If you haven't seen a member lately, call them on the phone and see how they're doing!
5. Informative, Timely Newsletter. Although not as effective as personal contact, a newsletter is still the most important way that information about your club and its activities is communicated to its members. Most clubs are lucky to have 1/3 of their paid membership at each meeting, so you must keep the other 2/3 informed, or they will drop out. Make sure it comes out on time, so people won't hear about events after they happen. E-mail newsletters make this fairly easy to do.
4. Educational Activities. Whether working their way up the licensing ladder, or just learning about new techniques, most club members want to learn something new about ham radio. Make sure you have educational meeting programs for your

members and license classes for newcomers and upgrades (these newcomers are also potential members; make sure you invite them to the club meetings while they are studying!). 3. Family Involvement. Make sure that families are involved in your club. Social events are great ways for families to see what the club is all about. Besides, family members can be prospective hams! 2. Good Public Relations. Each club should have a good public relations program. Make sure the public knows the good things you are doing. This will make it easier to recruit new hams, and will help if you need to challenge or avoid antenna ordinances. It will also help you fill license classes and get new members. 1. DON'T FORGET TO HAVE FUN! Ham radio is both a service and a hobby. It is easy to get bogged down in the details of running a club, but don't forget that people want to have fun too. If they don't, you won't have much of a club. January hamfest: Winston-Salem swapfest Saturday January 8. Hope to see you there. November Traffic: W4EAT 3110 (BPL), W4DAC 1247 (BPL), W4UEF 424, K4IWW 236, KF4OCU 183, W0UCE 123, K7UGT 105, KE4JHJ 65, AA4YW 62, W3HL 58, W4DNA 55, AD4XV 51, W4EHF 47, KE4AHC 43, K4RLD 42, WD4LSS 41, KG4OQA 37, KI4YV 27, W4TTO 26, W4IRE 18, WA2EDN 13, WA4SRD 3, KE5BAT 2. November PSHR: W4DAC 140, KE4JHJ 140, W4EAT 130, K4RLD 125, K4IWW 120, AD4XV 120, K7UGT 110, W0UCE 110, W4DNA 90, KG4OQA 87, WD4LSS 84, KF4OCU 80, AA4YW 80, KI4YV 77.

South Carolina

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators. This is Dr. Jim, N2ZZ with the December 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! It was announced on the South Carolina SSB net on November 16th that Miss Emmie KA4LRM suffered a fall and broke her hip and a wrist. She underwent corrective surgery and is now undergoing physical therapy. Please take time to send Miss Emmie a card. Her address is: KA4LRM, Emmie Patience, 332 Haynie Mill Road, Belton, SC 29627-8420. Miss Emmie, we hope to have you back on the SC SSB Net soon! Earlier, I posted a request for antenna help from Kirk Morrison, KA4KXM of Liberty Hill, SC. Thanks go to Marc Tarplee N4UFP, TC for volunteering to assist Kirk in raising his antennas! Here is the report I received: Mr. Kirk Morrison, KA4KXM, of Liberty Hill, SC contacted SC Section Manager Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, asking for help re-erecting his antennas, which had come down during a recent hurricane. Kirk, who is handicapped, was not able to do the job himself. Jim passed the request to SC Section Technical Coordinator Marc Tarplee, N4UFP. Marc visited Kirk on 20 November and put up two antennas: a 75 meter dipole and a half-size G5RV. No major problems cropped up, although Marc, while working on the northeastern support for the dipole, accidentally invaded the territory of Kirk's pet goat, who became a bit perturbed. A warning from Kirk and a hasty retreat by Marc ended the encounter without incident. Kirk is now back on the air and has already made some HF contacts with the new antennas. I attended the second annual Digital Seminar in Florence on December 4th, and had a great time! Lloyd KD4HTW presented a program on APRS, and the use of the UI-View software. He went on to show a working demo of APRS later in his presentation. Lloyd did have a few APRS Gurus in the audience who added a number of comments and provided great information. Following

lunch was the PSK-31 presentation by Bob Austin K7DVB. Bob started out the presentation by showing an ARRL video on digital modes narrated by his dad, now a silent key. The video showed the progression of digital modes from CW to packet radio. Bob then followed the video with his computer to computer demonstration of PSK-31 using DigiPan as the software medium. He also showed us his interface box, built in an Altoid candy tin. The message was that you don't need a fancy interface for PSK-31-you can build one yourself for just pennies. Wow! I don't know about that Florence club-I think they are outdoing each other with the Altoid tin box projects. Earlier this year, Jack N4JJ showed me a 250 mW HF transmitter that he built into an Altoid candy tin-and Yes, he did make a number of cross-country contacts (CW, of course)! Thanks go to Lloyd KD4HTW, Bob K7DVB, Bobby KG4BZK for arranging the presentation and the Florence Amateur Radio Club members for assistance with setup and talk-in. Now to find some time to investigate these modes! Skywarn Recognition day was held on December 4th, and I hope those who participated had a great time! Tom K2PJ announced that he linked the KD4TMW 147.24 Myrtle Beach repeater to the Nationwide Network of Internet connected Weather Related amateur stations via Echolink. This provided coverage along the SC coast, with excellent results! News from Allen Kennemore W4JAK, EC Greenwood County, is that the Greenwood County Emergency Group has just signed a memorandum of understanding with Greenwood County. Charlie AE4UX, SEC was present at the signing. Congratulations to all that made this possible! I have received a number of newsletters announcing the holiday meetings of SC clubs across the state. I hope everyone has a great holiday season! One last note-If you are the person that never gets invited to New Year's Eve parties (like me!), stay off the roads, turn on the rig, and participate in Straight Key Night, sponsored by the ARRL. The contest runs from 7 pm EST December 31 to 7 pm EST January 1. The purpose of this activity is enjoy some old fashioned CW fun! Dust off that straight key or bug, and have at it! Again, happy holidays to all, and to all, a HAPPY NEW YEAR! November 2004 National Traffic System Report for South Carolina-Peter KG4VDR, STM: Net Reports [Net Name/Check Ins/Traffic/Sessions/Reported By] Anderson Radio Club 2M Net/835/49/30/KD4HEY BRARS 2 Meter Net/1768/74/30/K4SUG Carolina's Net/378/115/60/K4IWW Columbia ARC 2 Meter Net/145/8/8/K4RKC Greater Pee Dee 2 Meter Net/1053/72/30/K4DTT Greenwood ARS 2 Meter Net/95/7/4/W4DEW Greenwood Friendly Net/548/39/30/W4JAK Lancaster County 2 Meter Net/130/32/12/N4WMB PALS Net/956/101/30/KG4KOE SC Sandlapper 6 Meter Net/102/4/4/K4IRT SC SSB Net/1276/107/30/WA4UGD York Co. ARS 2 Meter Net/693/30/50/K4CON Station Activity Reports [Station/Sent/Received/Delivered/Originated/Total] K3LM/7/9/2/1/19 KA4UIV/134/150/15/0/299 WA4UGD/0/36/2/0/38 W4NVO/1/7/0/0/15 KG4VDR/17/41/23/0/81 Public Service Honor Roll [Station/Cat. 1/Cat. 2/Cat. 3/Cat. 4/Cat. 5/Cat. 6/Total] KA4UIV/40/40/20/0/0/0/100 KG4VDR/40/40/20/10/0/0/110 Thanks for a great year! '73 de Dr. Jim N2ZZ ARRL Section Manager South Carolina Section Visit our website: www.qsl.net/arrl-sc/

Southeastern Division

Georgia

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ARES group in Glynn county, marked his 60th year as a member of the ARRL. Both of them waxed poetic about what their years in amateur radio meant to them. And I know that you'll join me in wishing them both many more years of enjoyment in the hobby. Huge KUDOS go out to Alderman TIM RICHARDSON, W4IOU, of the lucky city of Acworth, who, I'm sure, had "something" to do with the recent legislation that passed in that fair city that precludes new CC&Rs to be enacted that infringe on the rights of hams to erect their antennas. (Three cheers for the city of Acworth!) For more info, see the story at www.arrl-ga.org Upcoming events: January 15th is the statewide ARES meeting, from one until four PM in the auditorium of the State Training Facility in Forsyth. (details at www.gaares.org) Hope to see LOTS of you there. And if you haven't already sent your input on who should be the ARES Ham of the Year, don't forget to send a note to JIM COTE, N4PJR, our fine SEC. It's a beautiful award; all it needs is that "special name"... January 22nd is Tech Fest, in Lawrenceville. For more info, see www.gars.org and if you have something that you'd like to demonstrate or "show off", send a note to RAY BACK, at ki4grj@arrl.net Looking for some help preparing to pass your extra class exam? If you're lucky enough to live in north GA, have I got a deal for you! AL WESTBROOK, KT4VP, reports that a series of classes for just that purpose will be held at the Blackshear Place Library in Hall county, beginning on January 10, and running for about seven consecutive weeks. (and just \$10 for all!) If you're interested, please contact Al at kt4vp@arrl.net by December 31st. Sadly, a couple of SKs to report: TOMMY TERRELL, KF4FNT, and ELIOT (EL) HARRIS, KE7S. Sincere condolences to the families and friends of both of these fine men. OK, this mid-monthly report may be a little shorter than usual, but there's another club party tonight, and I need to get myself in gear and into the kitchen to rustle up some goodies for the occasion. So, until next time, this is AF4FO signing clear. Take care of yourselves. And each other. 73, Susan November QTC: **K4FUM-570**;; WB4GGS-422; KB4LA-114; AF4NS-95; K4BEH-56; K4WKT-56; WB4BIK-43; WJ4SR-14; K4BG-13; KG4WBH-3; KR4JI-2
CONGRATULATIONS to JERE SANDIDGE for another BPL!! * "God bless us, every one." TINY TIM ***

Southern Florida

I hope that everyone's holiday season is restful and festive so far. May your fun and festivities continue. Also, I hope everyone is managing repairs to home and businesses. We made it through another hurricane season and it was one that none of us wishes to repeat. Please advise our Affiliated Club Coordinator Jeff, WA4AW of your new officers. (wa4aw@juno.com). Also, be sure to update your club listing. Club Presidents: ask yourself if the club contact listed on the website is an active and concerned member of the club because many of these listings are outdated. If you want your club to grow you have to be able to make contact with prospective members. From time to time I hear and read things that cause me to step onto my soapbox. During the past few months I have definitely had items for the soapbox. So, in no particular order of importance: Don't intimidate or lay a guilt trip on your fellow volunteers. Thank your volunteers. Ham radio has something for everyone and we all have different tastes. That is why we have lots of radio clubs. Some clubs involve ARES® as part of their club, other clubs

sponsor public service events, other clubs do no public service or emergency communications and leave that to ARES, still other clubs are ARES only. Learn and respect the differences. Please volunteer if you are able. If you are homebound and can help with typing and mailing and phone calls let folks know. Your help IS needed and we want you to be part of the club. If you need a ride to club events, speak up. If something “needs fixing” and you have a suggestion, offer it. If a suggestion is offered to you, consider the suggestion and don’t tell the person making the suggestion that it’s none of their business. Leave your “I got 20 WPM” ego at the door. ENOUGH of my soapbox. _____ Ideas for club newsletters and web sites Appeal to various age groups by not using “dated” slang. Avoid politics and religion. Embrace ALL holidays. Add a column called “News You Can Use” and include related information that all family members can use. Topics can include International holidays and customs, battery charging, and personal safety tips. Include postal and e-mail addresses of legislators. Include puzzles, riddles, jokes and poems about ham radio.

_____ Please check www.arrl.org often. The main page has the latest news in the world of amateur radio and often there are items that affect YOU. Also, visit www.arrl.org/section/SFL.html for the latest news and photos about events in our section. (There’s no schedule or rhyme or reason for when I update that page. I do it as time permits). Don’t forget the section web site for information about ARES, clubs, and items of interest to south Florida: www.sflarrl.org Attn ARES ECs, newsletter editors, publicity chairpersons, and webmasters: A White Paper regarding the use of ARES® can be found at: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/ARES-Registered-Trademark.pdf> This is required reading and compliance is necessary. Making the symbol is easy if you use MSWord: alt+control+R. Please be sure your brochures, web sites, and news releases are in compliance.

_____ November 2004 Reports ECs reporting: N4LEM, KG4CHW, N5KFR, WA4ASJ, WA4GUK, N1XC, and AD4RZ Station Activity Report --WA9VND 318, KA4FZI 309, K4FQU 156, KE4UOF 149, KD4GR 131, WA4EIC 103, WA2YL 79, AA4BN 53, KG4MLD 30, KG4ILJ 27, KG4MLC 27, KG4EQY 11, W4WYR 10, W4YTF 8, KB0DKD 5, K0TIW 5 Public Service Honor Roll -- KE4UOF 150, KA4FZI 120, K4FQU 118, KD4GR 110, WA2YL 100, WA4EIC 100, AA4BN 82, KG4MLC 52, KG4ILJ 44, W4YTF 17 _____ This is the last news

summary you’ll receive in 2004. It’s been an interesting year for all of us. I’m looking forward to new ideas and activities (hopefully the activities will not include storms) in 2005. The section staff will be planning some training events and I’ll be contacting all appointees in the next few months. If you are an appointee please be certain I have your personal e-mail address. This e-mail comes to you via a remailer at ARRL HQ. If you know of a fellow appointee who did not receive this e-mail please advise him or her to register at the ARRL members only site to receive section and division e-mails. Lastly, Thank You for all of your volunteer efforts during 2004. Thanks for your support, well wishes, and suggestions during the year. 73 and Peace, Sherri, W4STB

Southwestern Division

Arizona

The end of the year is here whether we want it or not. January 15th 2005 is the Westfest hosted by the Thunderbird Amateur Radio Club. This event will take place at Glendale Community College north parking lot with the hours of operation between 0600AM and 1400 PM. Admission cost will be \$2.00 per person. 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. Contact Scott Seamans, W7RFI, at 928-627-9269 (e-mail: w7rfi@beamspeed.net), for all the details. The spring hamfest is planned for March 12th at Scottsdale community college. Don't forget that the Williams ARRL State convention will be July 8-10, 2005. This is the weekend after the 4th. The West Valley ARC is planning a big equipment auction for February 07, 2005. This event will take place at the St. Clement Parish hall at 15800 Del Webb Blvd, sun City Arizona. No admission cost is required and Edson Campbell, AA7U (623-975-0646), can give you a lot more information. Many clubs will be having Holiday parties so please be safe. There is not much more to report but with the coming of the year each club will be changing officers and point of contact. Please make sure myself or the state club coordinator, Bruce Makas (K1MY@arrl.net), gets all the updated information. This is very important because I still get calls from people asking for names, dates, and locations of various club meetings. For some reason a lot of the existing information (POC, club meeting place, club meeting times, etc) is not very current. It would be very helpful if you just send the info even if nothing is changing. This way we can check and verify all is OK. 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 I don't return your call within a few days then please call back. My son sometimes erases my messages. 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

Merry Christmas Oklahoma Section! Exciting News from Mark Conklin-N7XYO, Section Public Information Coordinator! Tulsa Kids to talk Directly to Space Station Astronauts The Tulsa Air and Space Museum (TASM) aspires to inspire possibilities by stimulating imaginations while valuing knowledge. With the help of Amateur Radio Clubs and ham radio operators, area youth will be inspired on Wednesday, December 22, 2004. Students from the museum's aerospace camp will ask questions of the Expedition 10 astronauts on the International Space Station. USA astronaut Leroy Chieo KE5BRW will speak to ten students while circling the earth every 90 minutes from 250 miles above the earth. The actual audio link will last approximately ten minutes and will begin at 10:12AM CST. More information is available at www.TulsaHamRadio.org. Oklahoma Section club visits Christmas 2004 A wonderful time unfolded in visiting many clubs this Christmas season. It is joyful to spend time

with many of the great Amateur Radio operators and their families. Clubs in Woodward, Edmond, Norman and Ardmore were most hospitable and festive. Santa Claus's presence was clear at all sites as was the blessings we have as Amateur Radio operators. To join club members in singing Christmas melodies was pretty neat. We will not discuss the quality, or lack thereof, of our voices. More clubs to be visited during this holiday season including Tulsa ARC and the Choctaw ARC. The Oklahoma City Autopatch Association will have their Christmas gathering in the form of a potluck dinner. It will be on Tuesday December 21 at the Salvation Army Citadel. The Tulsa Repeater Organization (TRO) on Tuesday December 28 will have their gathering at Ryan's Steakhouse on East 21st. Southern Oklahoma ARES & Scientific Society Congratulations to this Ardmore based club for two accomplishments. One is becoming a Special Service Club. A very active club with near continual licensing classes, strong public service, active publicity and a robust relationship with their served agencies. Kevin-N0IRW Club Public Information Officer advises the club: came together and worked hard to achieve much, learned alot and are having fun. The second status achieved is the OK Section Club of the Year for 2004! This for its outstanding activity and community impact. Thanks to Jim-N5OHL, Section Affiliated Club Coordinator for presenting the Special Service Club certificate to this club and assistance in picking the club of the year. Altus Area ARA (AAARA)News. Ron Roman-KD5CYW, Club President sends this to the OK Section: In SW Oklahoma the holiday season has been busy for most folks, but there are some who have found the time to provide something for the Ham activity. On November 20, the Lawton/Ft Sill ARC (LFSARC) needed help with the Boulevard of Lights Parade. The AAARA gave assistance to them. Dale Town N5VX, and Bob Casey N5KQ, headed up a group for the event. The event went well with the help of all the hams who were there working as a team. In turn, LFSARC headed on over to Altus to assist us with the Altus Christmas Parade on Dec 5. The AAARA/Red Cross Mobile Communications Center Van was being driven in the parade. The LFSARC group hooked up their mobile trailer and came to Altus to set up the AAARA Command Post. We have done this for sometime now between the two clubs, and have thought it was one of the better ways to test our mobility to assist others away from our normal areas. Maybe this Motto can work for all of us... "Let's Strive in '05, by keeping it Alive!" 4 easy rules of the Ham... 1. This a hobby, if it is not as fun as it was, then it is not a hobby anymore. 2. Never forget during an emergency, Our Toys become our Tools. 3. If you can't Repeater it... Keep it Simple, Keep it Simplex. 4. You are always an elmer to someone, and someone is always an elmer to You. God Bless the USA and the OK Hams Tulsa Amateur Radio Club (TARC) From Club President Gregg Wonderly, W5GGW comes the following update: The TARC will hold its end of the year party at the Holiday Inn Select at I-44 and Yale in Tulsa OK on the 21st of December. There will be a buffet meal at \$16.00 per person. We'll have various entertainment there and we'll have a silent auction of some equipment that was donated to the club after the death of W5UIP, Heinz Browleit. We'll also have some drawings for some gifts that various members are bringing, and we'll also be giving away a dual band mobile radio as well. The Tulsa Amatuer Radio club elected a new board of officers for the 2005 year as follows: President: AD5PE - Jay Eimer 1st Vice President: KD5NJR - Scott Haley 2nd Vice President: KD5GUU - John Green Secretary: W5UW - Red Brungardt Treasurer: KF5RD - Pete Mann November Traffic Report prepared by Arlyn Seidel-KK5GY: Public Service Honor Roll O.C. Elfers-WA5OUV Arley Garvin-WB5NKC Pat Garvin-

WB5NKD Arlyn Seidel-KK5GY Sam Sitton-W5CU Monthly Net Totals Sessions-183
Checkins-1908 Traffic-828 Station Activity Reports Cecil Carter-KI5LQ O.C. Elfers-WA5OUV
Arley Garvin-WB5NKC Pat Garvin-WB5NKD Pete Mann-KF5RD Arlyn Seidel-KK5GY Sam
Sitton-W5CU Net managers reporting: WB5NKD, KC5ZQQ, KF5RD, N5VEA, KM5GZ,
KC5OKG, KD5FX, AC5JV, KC5NWC, W5JPI, WA5OUV, KD5NAQ, NM5W, KB5BQB,
W5GGW, WB5OSM, N5IKN. Thank you net managers! Have a blessed Christmas season as we
remember the reason for the season. 73, John Thomason-WB5SYT Oklahoma Section Manager
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